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Halloween Fun!

"My daughter wanted to look at Halloween things online the other day. She wanted to get straight on to my laptop and do an internet search on Halloween costumes, type in words like 'zombie', 'ghost', or 'werewolf!'"

"At first I just said no, I just imagined all the unsuitable things that might come up in the results, I was worried about the kind of images or videos that might be shown.

It seemed easier not to."

"But then I thought about it and knew that if we used some of the things we have learned about online safety that we would be able to make it safer and have fun doing it.

We had a quick chat about why we would need to think carefully about the kind of words we were using to search – how something that is fun to search could also bring up scarier results.

Then we made sure we used a search engine especially for kids."

"That worked alright, but then I decided that going straight to a safe and reputable website can be better than just searches of images and videos …..Because we would know that anything we searched for within that specific website would be OK.

So I selected a list of online shops and websites I know and have used before and then clicked on their Halloween section – that actually worked a lot better, because I was more relaxed about the search results and she could exercise a bit more independence.

She ended up writing a list of ideas for Halloween decorations and games and really enjoyed the inspiration she got online!

…..I am glad that we did it".