

Using ICT in Writing: A Newspaper Story

Target Group:

KS2 (SEN underachievers group)

Learning Outcome s:

- Pupils will compose a piece of writing with some independence, which shows structure appropriate to chosen form.
- The writing will include sufficient detail to make meaning clear to the reader.
- Pupils will spell correctly familiar words and use basic punctuation accurately.
- Pupils will create a piece of work involving text and graphics. They will modify it by changing, inserting and deleting.
- Pupils will use ICT to develop and present ideas.

Materials: Stories of superheroes, (these can be taken from articles or made up previously). Task sheet. Newspapers. Template for newspaper. Microsoft Word

Activity:

Introduction: Read descriptions of Superheroes and discuss the kind of adventures they were involved in. Read the task outline sheet together. Discuss the role of a reporter.

Main Session:

Look at and discuss newspaper layout. Consider language, photographs, reporters' pictures etc. Discuss the writing technique. On board draw an outline of how a newspaper front page might look.

Working in pairs more able pupils should be able to set up a newspaper template themselves using text and picture boxes in Desktop Publishing package or using Word. They will be able to then insert appropriate text and graphics and compose their story. If computer not available they can draw template and complete.

SEN children, working with teacher or classroom assistant need to access the newspaper template. Together discuss and decide on title for newspaper, headline, story details etc. Use clipart or a scanned drawing to illustrate story. Children should use spellcheck facility to correct spellings. Discuss with teacher and re-draft. Use digital camera to take photographs of each other and insert them into spaces.

Task Outline

You are a Newspaper Reporter at the scene of action in your Superhero story.

- Your task is to write a newspaper article reporting on what you saw at the scene.

You should:

Try to write only the facts,
not your opinion.

- 1) Make up a title for your newspaper.
- 2) Write a headline for your article.
- 3) Write in columns (see format sheet.)

- Afterwards you will sketch a scene and scan it onto your work.
- You will be given help to use a digital camera to place your photograph onto your report.

Superheroes

Date

Price

Newspaper Title

Top Story Title

Your report

Advertisement

Reporter's Picture

Your report continued

A scanned picture of the scene