

USING ICT TO ENCOURAGE CREATIVE WRITING

Outline Classroom Activity

ICT Resources: Digital Camera / Write Away!

Brief Description of the Activity

The children will have been looking at the character cards for Wellington Square characters from their reading material. They will make their own personal character card using the camera and the word processing programme.

Organisation

The children, after having drafted a copy of their writing in their workbooks, will use the computer individually or in pairs (for support) to word process their personal descriptions.

After some discussion I will take photographs of the children in whichever area of the room they choose to compliment their written work.

Instructions needed

I will instruct the children through a modelled writing session using the whiteboard and then the computer software. I will print out my character description too!

Materials to be prepared

A word bank will be created specifically to support the pupils and character cards will be on hand for the children to refer to.

New vocabulary

The children will use words such as spacebar, delete, keyboard, save, print, digital camera, viewer, floppy disk, download.

Learning Objectives in Language

The children will construct simple sentences with appropriate use of spacing and basic punctuation. They will work with some independence with the aid of a word bank. They will be involved in decision-making.

Learning Objectives for ICT

The children will become more familiar with the keyboard layout. They will have the opportunity to use a spell checker to check their final draft. They will be motivated by the presentation of their work and the visual images provided by the digital camera. They will learn that the digital camera can enable us to view images and delete unwanted ones.

Expectations for most children

The more able children should be able to construct a short paragraph with some help from the teacher – using the word bank to speed up the typing process.

Expectations for less able

The less able may need help reading some of the words and will need some help to correct basic punctuation