

Comic strip storyboard – Year 6

Software - Resources

PC with suitable multimedia presentation software such as *Powerpoint*.

Context

The children were asked to create comic strip storyboards of plays they had written using a digital camera to create backgrounds and adding speech bubbles to create a sequence of *Powerpoint* slides.

Organisation

Whole class introduction, children then working in mixed ability groups planning and creating the presentation.

Activity

Previously the children had worked in groups planning and writing a short play with a theme of bullying or racism in schools. The teacher prepared a simple example of the type of storyboard the children were to create. They then discussed in groups how transform their play scripts into this format. They storyboarded the slides deciding on the picture that would be needed as a background and writing the speech that would be used for each slide. When they were happy with their plans, they began to input them into the computer. The teacher ensured that all the children in the groups had opportunities to contribute at every stage. Some children used the same picture with *Microsoft word* to create a comic strip using callouts and inserting text.

Conclusion – Extension work

The children could record the speech needed for each slide and add it to their presentations.

Curriculum links

English - Writing

Children should be given opportunities to write for varied purposes. Pupils should be taught the characteristics of different kinds of writing. They should be taught to use features of layout and presentation.

Pupils should be taught to write in response to more demanding tasks. Pupils should be given opportunities to plan, draft and improve their work on paper and on screen and to evaluate and discuss their own and others' writing.

ICT curriculum link

Communicating and Handling Information

Use ICT equipment to communicate, share and exchange ideas and information in a variety of forms incorporating text, graphics, pictures and sound.

Use ICT equipment and software to organise, re-organise and analyse ideas and information

Teacher comments

Another wonderful application of *Powerpoint* and *Word* which the children enjoyed and found highly motivating. They particularly liked adding the speech and thought bubbles.

The children came up with lots more ideas, some of which I am sure we will follow up later in the year.