

Letters to Santa– Year 1

Software - Resources

Internet access to www.northpole.com and printer.

Context

With Christmas 'taking over' in school, this activity added to the excitement of the already excitable children. They usually write letters to Father Christmas but this year they did this using the Internet - **and** they had replies!

Organisation

The children were supervised at the computer as they completed the Internet form answering the questions individually. They collected their replies in small groups and printed them out.

Activity

With supervision, the children logged onto the North Pole site and completed a form on line giving their personal details and a little note saying what they hoped to have for Christmas. They were told they were writing to Father Christmas and they then received a reply from Bif, the Mailroom Elf who gave them a password and told that Father Christmas would reply to them in two days time because he was very busy getting ready for Christmas. Two days later they used their password and received their letter from Santa which had been personalised just for them. These were printed out.

Conclusion – Extension work

After Christmas the children visited the Site and read about Santa who was taking a well earned rest after his busy time over Christmas

Curriculum links

English

Pupils should be given opportunities to write in a range of forms and identify the purpose for which they write and write for a range of readers.

They should be given opportunities to use the materials read and discussed to stimulate their imagination and enthusiasm and to read information both in print and on screen.

ICT curriculum link

Communicating and Handling

Pupils should be taught to generate and communicate their ideas in different forms.

Pupils should be given opportunities to use information from a variety of sources, use a variety of ICT equipment and software and examine and discuss their experience of ICT and look at the use of ICT in the outside world.

Teacher comments

The children truly believe they are getting a letter from Santa and the letters are personalised to include the present that they have especially asked for. A good introduction to the Internet.