

Forest Giants slideshow – Specialist Speech and language class

Software - Resources

PowerPoint was used to create the Story, Illuminatus could also be used.

Context

The class had been reading The Forest Giant as their focused text for the Literacy hour activities.

Organisation

The work was organised in two sections. Firstly whole class discussion then individual teaching.

Activity

Pupils had already created their own 'giants' using "Dazzle" and had discussed their choices. The teacher prompted the class for their own version of the story after giving them starting points. The rough draft was written on the board, ready for transformation into a 'Moving Story'. Each child worked on a slide on a one to one basis with the NNEB. They were encouraged to discuss and make their own choices. They had to decide what they would like record into the PC, they loved hearing their own voices and became very excited. The whole version was played to the class and also to the Headteacher. A hard copy was printed for display.

Conclusion – Extension work

Initially the Class Teacher thought the children would be concerned about talking into the PC. This was unfounded. They were very excited about choosing their own characters and special effects and wanted to show their work to everyone!

Curriculum links

Drama, Speaking and Listening, Art and Design

ICT curriculum link

The information around us

Making a talking book

Writing stories:

Communicating information using text.

Teacher comments

The NNEB was amazed at how involved the children were in making their own choices and excited about talking into the PC. They were not at all reserved about others hearing their voices. A real confidence boost!