ICT Club -

Teacher Notes

An ICT Club can be a daunting task for even the most hardened ICT fanatic. The children will come with high expectations of *whizzy gadgetry*, *super-duper graphics* and *techno-wizardry*, the like of which only to be found at *Hogwarts*.
In actual fact, the club should be about having fun and learning things you couldn't normally do in the classroom with everything else you have to do - but even this can be a tricky one.

With this in mind, here are a few tasks to get your ICT club off the ground. They require the Internet and a decent desktop publisher.

When children surf the Internet it is imperative that they are closely supervised and all steps are taken to prevent them from viewing inappropriate material. Even some advertising or certain sites can lead to areas not suitable for children.
We recommend the use of the Yahooligans search engine - www.yahooligans.com. This is closely monitored and designed specifically for children to surf safely.

In addition, we advise that your Internet policy be up to date (an example policy can be found in the Internet section of the7sisters' Members' Site) and that the children have been educated in how to stay safe on the web - perhaps through PSHE lessons.

We hope you and you club enjoy these tasks.

Task 1 : Let's Get Away!
Objectives :
To use images copied from the web in a desktop publisher.
To use text boxes to orgainse information.

Let's Get Away!

Task:
You work for a Travel Agent called 'Better Get Aways'.
During the week, 4 groups of people ask you to arrange their holiday for them. Each has a budget of £1000.
You must find the right holiday for each group and create a brochure of the break to tell them about it.

The groups are:

A Young Couple:
(enjoy eating out, nightlife, daytime activities.)

A Family of 4 (1boy & 1girl):
(Peaceful evenings, daytime activities, convenience)

A Retired Couple:
(need easy transport to attractions, good food, peaceful location)

A Single Backpacker:
(wants to travel, nightlife, meet other people)

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This requires some examples of published holiday brochures and a decent Holiday Website: *www.lastminute.com* or *www.bbc.co.uk/holiday* are good examples, but be careful of inappropriate advertising on the more commercial sites.

Here the children can research different types of holidays and then use the desktop publisher to produce a holiday brochure. By 'right-clicking' over a picture (Internet Explorer), children can 'copy' the image and then use (MS Word's) 'paste' function to set the image into their brochure.

Additionally, the use of text boxes can help produce professional looking results.

Task 2 : Backgammon Rules!
Objectives :
To use an Internet search engine to locate information.
To manipulate font styles for effect.

Backgammon Rules!

Backgammon is a traditional board game. It has been around for many years, but few people seem to know the rules.

Task:
To use the Internet to find out how to play Backgammon, then to create a game card explaining the rules of the game.

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Task 2 requires a good search engine, or a set of Websites that the teacher has previewed. www.yahooligans.com provides a safe search engine designed for children and the search engine found at www.the7sisters.co.uk is powered by Yahooligans. Although this produces a restricted search, it encourages the children to focus on their search criteria and only offers safe results.

Once the rules of the game have been ascertained, a rule card can be written in your chosen desktop publisher.

Tasks 3 and 3b : The 7 Wonders of the World!

Objectives :

To refine a search using an Internet search engine or CDROM to locate information.

To manipulate images in a desktop publisher.

Tasks 3 and 3b again require a safe search engine, or a set of previewed websites. The children could carry out research to discover the 7 Wonders of the World, or the teacher could provide them with a list outlining them.

The children require access to the Internet or CDROM to allow them to search for photos and information about the locations (again a safe search engine is recommended) and can use the 'copy & paste' functions of the computer to import them to your preferred desktop publisher. Encourage the children to use the 'Line' and 'Border' tools to create an imaginative display of their findings.

Useful Websites.

Site name	Task Relevence	Description
www.yahooligans.com	1	Child-friendly Search Engine.
www.bbc.co.uk/holiday	1	Adult orientated site giving information on holidays all over the Globe. Contains message board.
www.lastminute.com	1	Simialar to above.
www.mastersgames.com	2	Includes pub games, but will tell you about Backgammon.
www.tradgames.org.uk	2	Similar to above.
http://ce.eng.usf.edu/pharos/wonders	3a	List the Wonders with some further information