WHAT DO SCHOOLS THINK ABOUT SWITCHED ON ICT?

EMMA DAWSON
Trinity CE Lower School, Kettering

‘Our ICT is taught in discrete lessons but usually linked to our topic. We have been using the Switched on ICT scheme as the basis of all our ICT planning in Year 4 this term and the Assessment Foci to develop a whole school APP-style tracking system for ICT. The children have been really engaged in the topic, creating travel shows about Africa (we didn’t go on a trip there so had to adapt the unit slightly but it’s great as it’s flexible enough to do this) and the children love the little booklets that go with each unit and they help them to self-assess and see what they need to do next.

The service offered by Rising Stars has been fantastic, they have been very helpful. So far the resources I’ve used couldn’t be faulted so I can’t yet suggest any improvements.’

IAIN GUNN
Head Teacher, St Peter’s CE Primary School

Switched on ICT was an answer to our prayers. We have been putting off updating our ICT curriculum for the past two years because of a lack of time and expertise. Then Switched on ICT came into school. It was just what we needed.

As an outstanding school we were keen that any new curriculum kept our children up-to-date with the latest programmes and also recognise the fact that children are now better at ICT than they were 5 years ago. We used to be able to wow Year 6 with PowerPoint but now Year 3 is using it easily.

The media elements of the scheme are a particular favourite. This was something that we really wanted our children to learn, however we did not have the expertise to plan a scheme. The teachers love the simplicity of the scheme. They can literally pick it up and know what to teach and, more importantly, where to find the resources. Even our most IT-phobic teachers love it!

I cannot recommend this scheme enough to any school.’
FIONA DENHAM  
Learning Consultant, Kirklees LA

‘This ICT scheme is exactly what is needed at this point in time, when schools have a need to update their ICT curriculum and use the most up-to-date technologies effectively across the curriculum. It is cost effective for schools when compared with the time which would be necessary for individual ICT Co-ordinators to update the curriculum. It is also very supportive for teachers who are less confident with ICT and new technologies.’

TRACY PHILLIPS-DUDZIEC  
Hilddene Primary School, Romford

‘We have been using the Comic Book Writers unit in Year 3 and the children are really enjoying it. They have worked together to plan their comic, and to storyboard, and in our next session they will be familiarising themselves with Publisher before going off to take their photographs. Last session I showed the children how to dress up their superheroes by painting over the photos in Paint – they were very excited and are looking forward to getting to that stage themselves.’

KEN THOMPSON  
Head Teacher, Signhills Academy, Cleethorpes

‘At Signhills Academy we have recently introduced Switched on ICT as an integral part of our ICT curriculum. We have quickly found it to be a very good vehicle for nurturing the computer skills our children need to become engaged and independent learners. We would recommend the product very highly.

Our use of the units, We are musicians, We are architects and We are game developers have captured our children’s imagination and encouraged them in absorbing the skills in a context which is both relevant and exciting to them. The teachers have found the units of work easy to use and have enjoyed working alongside the children as they progress through the different projects. The readily available links to resources is a great strength of the programme for the staff.

Our school has a curriculum based on developing the concepts of collaboration, communication and self-motivation and Switched on ICT has actively supported the achieving of these goals with our children.

We thoroughly recommend this product as a must for ICT.’

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