



Specialist Schools Trust: 2Simple Software Joint Project

Developing Learning Resources to support the work of the National Strategies

Name of school	Balsall Common Primary School
Address	Balsall Street East, Balsall Common, West Midlands, CV7 7FS
Title of unit	Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you hear?
Year group and term	Year 1 Summer Term
Curriculum areas covered by work	Literacy - Fiction Texts with a patterned structure, ICT, Science
Main learning outcomes of unit of work	To use question marks to demarcate questions. To use adjectives and adverbs in writing simple sentences. To use interesting words for said.
Description of work	The pupils worked in a small group with a learning support worker using the interactive whiteboard. Pupils shared the task of writing and adding illustrations.
Brief description of how the ICT was embedded in the teaching of the unit	In preparation for their work on this book, pupils used 2Connect to create mind maps collating their ideas about the kinds of sounds they hear and where they hear these sounds. The pupils then worked in a small group with a learning support worker to produce their presentation, crafting their work on the computer enabling continuous editing. This links to their ICT learning in which they have been entering words and beginning to learn the various functions of the keyboard.
How did the use of ICT help the child's learning?	The children were able to spend time discussing and developing their ideas orally before noting them down in a written format. Adding illustrations first gave the pupils an opportunity to visualise their ideas before incorporating descriptive language. Pupils were highly motivated by their learning and this software worked well on interactive whiteboard to allow collaborative work.
Would you do anything differently next time?	Use a graphics tablet for the illustrations.
Other supporting resources	2Connect