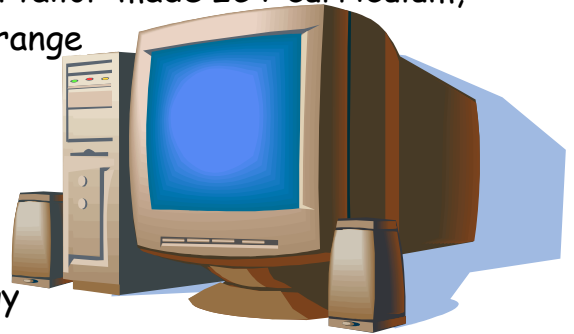


INCREDIBLE ICT

As you may be aware, Michael Gove has criticised schools for becoming too pedestrian in the way that they teach ICT. I would like to assure you that this could not be further from the truth at Bransgore Primary School. We believe that ICT is now such a fundamental part of our lives that we have developed our own tailor-made ICT curriculum, ensuring that children experience a wide range of exciting technology and essential skills right from the Foundation Stage up until they leave for secondary school.



We have also been investing in new technology to enrich children's experiences of ICT. For example, thanks to money raised



Pro-Bot

by the BSA, we have been able to purchase new control units for KS2 children, including a class set of Pro-Bots for Years 3/4 and a class set of Egg-boxes for Years 5/6.



Egg Box

These units allow children to get hands on and explore simple programming and control and apply these to real life situations. We have also taken advantage of your help in collecting Tesco's schools vouchers to purchase additional visualisers for classrooms, which have a huge impact on teaching and learning.

ICT is not however just based on the computer. Here at Bransgore children use digital video cameras to create movies and adverts or simply to capture and share their learning across the curriculum in a unique and exciting way. We have voice recorders that are used in many subjects. For example, children in Mars class have been using microphones to record short stories to share with the Lions and Tigers. They had to think carefully about the storylines and add appropriate sound effects and jingles to create a more exciting story experience!

Here is a snapshot of the ICT related learning that has been happening at Bransgore recently:

Lights, Camera, ACTION!

Year 5/6 pupils have been busy directing their very own adverts. After designing and storyboarding adverts for a new theme park in the local area, they explored how they can create different effects with use of advanced camera techniques,



including pan, zoom and tracking. Once filmed and uploaded the children used a range of different editing tools to sequence their clips, adding transitions, subtitles and voiceovers to produce a final, polished advert to share with the rest of the class. The end products were absolutely stunning. You can also view some incredible ICT

learning from Year 5/6 pupils in the front entrance to the school!

Party Planners

In Years 3/4, children have been learning how to create spreadsheets using Microsoft Excel in real life scenarios. Working to a strict £50 party budget, they learnt to navigate cells, input prices of their favourite party food and discover how formulas can be used to make totals. They then had to adjust their shopping lists and formulas to cater for unexpected new guests, whilst sticking to their original budgets!



Laying Foundations

In Years 1/2, pupils have been busy learning vital word-processing skills. They have been consolidating basic skills, such as opening, closing and saving documents and refining their mouse control. They have also been learning new skills, including: touch-typing, changing fonts and using copy and paste functions to move images and text around the page. They have also been experimenting with different tools found in graphic design packages to create works of art.

Mr Smith
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