

ICT Contact – Reflective Journal 2009

Timaru Christian School – Honouring God in all we Do

Term 3 -PowerPoint Presentations – Digital Literacy

Aim/Purpose: What was the purpose of this learning?
What new skills and strategies were implemented?
What theories/pedagogy was implemented?

The purpose was to present our information of our Growth Unit in a power point using lots of photos, digital literacy and sound.

Specific Learning Outcomes:

- To teach children how to use photos for visual impact on computers.
- To give students opportunities to insert photos into our class power point.
- To teach students the differences of colour and font size in digital literacy.
- To record special events by using cameras and filing them on Picas.
- Use clip art, graphs and using our voices to record our information.

Learning Experiences:

- *Understanding digital photography*
- *Creating different slides for each part of our unit*
- *Discussing and sharing ideas*
- *Inserting graphs, clip art and photos*
- *Recording voice over for slides*
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The children were shown an example of a PowerPoint and we discussed our ideas. As our unit on growth progressed through the term we took photos of our visit to a plant centre and botanical gardens. One of the photos that we took at the gardens was of the children lying down on a hill but in the shadow of a huge tree. The children were amazed how effective the photo turned out. Junior children love having their photos taken so there was never any shortage of participants.



We had lots of fun taking lots of photos to complete our Power Point and the children all had turns in small groups to work on it with the teacher. For our graphs on our measuring ourselves we inserted graphs and identified photos to match up. The children loved this activity.

As part of our growth unit we also learnt about our own personal growth and how we grow as Christians.

As our presentation was near completion we inserted voices to read out the words for the slides. This was a great opportunity for clear speaking delivery.

Reflective comment: *Using the camera more often and downloading the photos has also given us a record of learning experiences and some fun pictures for portfolios. Using ICT tools has created some very good classroom presentations. The children have discussed and shared some good ideas about our topic and the different tools and ways you can present information. The students worked well together and respected each others ideas. I enjoyed the whole experience about using power point more and I am sure I will get more confident the more I use some of these tools with the children.*

One of the negative points of using ICT in the classroom was that time is short and sometimes we just don't have enough hours in the day to do everything.

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