



Ed Books

Ed Books is for young people to write and publish their own books either in school as part of their curriculum subjects or in their own time. The young people are involved in all aspects of the publishing process. All books published are available on the Ed Creates website.

www.edcreates.org.uk

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Key Objectives

Ed Books establishes a link between enterprise, economic well-being and literacy. It provides a vehicle for writing that motivates young people and leads to a sustainable route to market for creative literacy.

Crossley Hall Primary was the first ever school to engage in the world of publishing, since then over 60 schools have participated in the Big Book Story. The various projects have given hundreds of pupils, real experiences in work related learning and enterprise.

Process

Negotiation with the school will establish the "learning" and curriculum "targets" with the context of the book set by the school or in some cases external sponsors.

Pupils will be provided with an induction and use their creativity to brainstorm ideas, create content, storyboard, write and illustrate their book. The development of a book usually takes place in small teams with the final copy being proof read and published on line or in print. A celebration event is usually organised where the pupils engage in public reading of their stories with accompanying drama or performance.

Books can focus on factual or fictional story lines and in many cases become an educational resource for other pupils.

Topics undertaken include: -

Crime, punishment and society, environment including mini beasts, horror story, creative writing, problem solving through detective stories, health wellbeing, economic wellbeing and citizenship books and many more.

Impact

Evidence and analysis on attainment and achievement data available for the schools that participated in the project show that;

Trend for progress of the schools at English Level 4+ increasing above the rate of the local average.

Improvement slightly above the local average for 2 levels of progress in both English and Maths.

Analysis of the teacher feedback shows that the project is 100% successful in meeting the objectives and adding value to the learners' experiences.

Learning has improved for both boy and girl learners at KS 2 in a number of areas including:

- Speaking and Listening
- Enterprise and Critical thinking skills
- Enquiry skills
- Enhanced understanding of jobs in creative media industries

"Children have been prepared to explore new vocabulary, speak confidently and be assertive without being confrontational when expressing their opinions and views."

Head teacher

Conclusion

Ed Books is an innovative and creative way of motivating young people to write and develop their literacy skills. It provides a unique creative curriculum approach in raising achievement and attainment through adopting real and dynamic contexts for learning.