



SAMSUNG VISUAL PRESENTER® TRANSFORMS TEACHING AT CHRISTCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

To improve the learning environment at Christchurch C.E Primary School in Stoke-on-Trent, the school opted for proven presentation technology from Samsung in a trial lead by Science teacher and Year 4 class teacher Karen Hodgkinson.

"I am passionate about harnessing ICT to improve standards and for the last few months have been trialling the Samsung UF-80," As Karen explains: "We are really benefiting from the visual presenter and it is now well and truly embedded into our lessons and works fantastically with the interactive whiteboard.

"It has transformed my teaching practice and is improving the children's attainment."

Karen started using the visual presenter in her science lessons and is now extending its use, integrating it into her Year 4 lessons as well. It is now used in most subjects of the primary curriculum. Karen offers the following examples of its use, so far:

"The zoom facility allows excellent demonstrations of close observations, so makes the study of mini beasts much more engaging."

"When it comes to literacy work the visual presenter allows the class to share texts, which not only widens the use of the text but also helps to incite the class. Children appear to enjoy sharing the text on large screen and so it motivates them to take turns with reading. When it comes to teaching them about punctuation and grammar we can zoom in on specific words or punctuation helping the children to see exactly what we are discussing."

"The visual presenter is very useful in all areas of primary curriculum and is excellent for modelling how to complete written work, especially in comparison to normal whiteboard modelling which children sometimes find difficult to transfer from the demonstration on the board to their paper. Now I can actually demonstrate in a book and this is much easier for the children to transfer into their own workbooks."

"We've also very successfully made use of the visual presenters' real motion video capabilities for a moving storybook in art and DT. The children were able to video each of the pages moving and this was then published onto the school website."

Whilst Karen uses it frequently in her teaching she also encourages the children to use it and the aim is for the children to take independent control of the presenter wherever possible.

"It is a fantastic resource and the more we use it, the more ways we find to use it," Karen continues. "It also saves a considerable amount of preparation time for the teacher and provides a visual stimulus for the children, which is always on hand."

Karen is so pleased with the impact that the visual presenter is having on her teaching and the children's learning that she has taken part in a number of conferences and events to demonstrate the capabilities and potential of the presenter to the other teachers at her local City Learning Centre. She also participated in a science and technology celebration day at Staffordshire University, where she was joined by some of her pupils to demonstrate the visual presenters' capabilities.

The Samsung UF-80 has a powerful zoom lens and auto focus feature producing vivid high quality images. It can be integrated with a PC, laptop, or any other Audio Visual kit, making classroom teaching more dynamic, more involving and fundamentally more interesting when the need to keep people engaged is probably at its most important.

This smart device delivers sharp images quickly, enabling the teacher to create their own multi-media presentations with greater ease and flexibility. Digital Imaging Effect Processing (DIEP) means it can also display real motion pictures at up to 20 frames per second, and a 14X Optical Zoom and 3X Seamless Digital Zoom gives the user plenty of scope for creative presentations, making even small features easy to magnify.

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