

Resource Centre

Newsletter / Summer Term 2013

This term has been busy and vibrant with new as well as seasoned resource centre visitors. Some of this has been the follow-on effect from school settings or teams attending induction and planning sessions in the Resource Centre.



Wherever possible we support our training and trainers by providing appropriate materials to enhance and compliment the subject. These materials are then available for loan. A typical example of this was the 'Shakespeare for Primary', an excellent event that ran at the beginning of June. The trainer Miles Tandy (Head of Education at RSC) recommended several items that he has found very useful for primary teachers which are now available from the resource centre.

As part of the package of support on offer at the Resource Centre we often arrange exhibitions, demonstrations and short training events with publishers. These after school sessions give school staff an opportunity to view resources, talk to resource experts and meet with other teachers. The added bonus are special discounted offers, free samples and of course tea & cake!

Some of the events will be advertised in the Learn & Develop Training Programme next to the Learn & Develop Resource Centre page. The new programme will be with you at the beginning of September or available to view on-line at www.iwight.com/trainingcourses

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Resource Centre Induction Sessions

Late afternoon sessions to refresh or induct new staff are always available to book. Visitors have found this facility very useful for Lesson Planning and getting new inspiration.

A separate room is available with refreshments, to enable you to incorporate a staff meeting, if you would like to combine the two. There is also a small study area with PCs which can be booked for research, study and planning purposes.

Induction and Study Sessions must be booked and are only available to subscribing organisations.

Let's Focus on Festivals

Celebrating Faiths and Festivals is a great way to bring diversity and respect for other people's customs and beliefs into the school ethos. This can be achieved through cross-curricular activities including music and art.

The resource centre has extensive materials to bring creativity and understanding of religions into the classroom, from Reception class through to Year 6.



Let's Focus on Reflective Practice and Professional Identity

Reflective Practice is something that we should all be aware of to develop learning and good practice.

In October Siobhan Maclean will be the trainer for two courses on 'Reflective Practice' and 'Professional Identity'. Siobhan has written and published extensively in the area of Social Care.

The resource centre stocks the majority of her books which are available for loan.



Let's Focus on Farms

Farms and farming is a good way for Early Years Settings to introduce the outdoors, nature, animals and food production to small children.

The use of Storysacks, DVDs, Big Books and Puppets will help to make this an extensive, exciting topic for staff and children alike.



New Arrivals

- Storysacks – new titles
- Nursery Rhymes – come alive resource packs
- WW2 Evacuee teaching resource pack
- Dinosaur Fossil Replicas
- Shakespeare for Primary materials
- Safeguarding publications (new Editions)

The resource centre is open during the Summer break, this is an ideal time (especially on a rainy day!) to call in and get ahead with your planning.

We can usually find you a quiet space to work, research or plan, whether you want to pop in for five minutes or most of the day (there is a café at the rear of the building), you will be very welcome.

To ensure there is room, please call 520104 to check.

Resources at your fingertips

To search our resources online visit www.iwight.com and follow the directions below:

Residents > Libraries Cultural and Heritage > Library Online > Library Catalogue