

Using the Interactive Whiteboard to teach Primary Languages

The Creative Use of Powerpoint

1. Slow reveal activities.
Cover an object with rectangles and slowly reveal
2. Use appropriate sounds and animations to introduce vocabulary.
3. Colour code words according to gender.
4. For vocabulary practice activities use 'flash once' and 'beat the image'.
5. Use the freeform motion paths in custom animation to make objects 'fly' around the screen.
6. Use speech bubbles which are blank at first to encourage children to guess what the character is saying.

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1. Use 'rub out to reveal' activities to encourage children to guess which picture or text is underneath.
2. Set the text properties to the front or back to make correct or incorrect words move in front of or behind a shape.
3. Use the 'magic box' to bring objects into a box and see how to spell the word.
4. Have pictures on the screen with words that need to be matched to them. Make sure the words are colour-coded according to gender.
5. Use sound effectively, for example by asking pupils to match a word to a sound (rather than a picture).
6. Use the ready-made resources/ gallery to create well-known stories such as Red Riding Hood and Goldilocks in the foreign language.

Some useful websites

www.tre.ngfl.gov.uk the Teacher Resource Exchange. As Modern Languages Moderator for this site, I have put a lot of resources on here, many of them for primary

www.trainingforlearning.co.uk My own site: download handouts and resources

www.nacell.org.uk The Early Language learning site

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