Innovate and Create with Technology

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If you would like an info session on any of these, or other tools or sites, please send me an email.

Lesson Breaks

Interesting websites to help with quick transitions, starting conversations and building general knowledge.

World History   How ears work

The Breathing Earth   Herman and Rosie eBook

Emaze

No more boring PowerPoints with every animation ever invented.

No more Prezis making you seasick.

Try Emaze for easy new annotated presentations

Voki

Type in your text and choose an animated avatar to read it back. Have a look at the sample Voki on their home page.

For K – 6.

Voki has changed a little since Checka first told us about her punctuation lessons in early 2011.

The text-to-speech has improved, as has the quality of animation and avatar creation. Voki has been streamlined to allow better access for students and classes.

Try it out for an engaging take on writing, punctuation and presentation.

Let's get creative

Creative writing prompts and starters

Thinglink

Easily create interactive images

This blog post has 70+ ideas for using Thinglink in the classroom

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Don't forget!

Before you plan a lesson with a new web tool or site, check if it's blocked or allowed.

The Internet Filtering Tool is your best friend.

Add the button to your portal homepage.

Cube Creator

Create online cubes   like a dice with information or prompts on each side.

Free eBooks

Add a bit of variety to your reading program, or find unit-relevant resources to display on your IWB.

STORYLINE ONLINE
STORY HOME
WE GIVE BOOKS
STORYBOOKS
STORYNORY
OXFORD OWL

Moreofit

Paste in the URL of your favourite website and Moreofit will give you a list of similar sites. Cuts down on Google search time.

Again, but slower

This website gives you the original and a modified passage on the topic you search. Perfect for differentiating.

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iPad

Puppet Pals– (K–6, free, 99c upgrades)

Students need very little help to use this animated puppet show app. Animate and record in real time.

Strip Designer– (K–6, $2.99)

Take photos on the ipad, add them to the app and create comics strips.