

Lesson Plan KS2



COMPUTING - Blogging that!

Lesson Objective

To design and create a blog by collecting, evaluating and presenting information.

Starter	Main Teaching	Resources
The children create a mind map of how they can communicate on the internet. If available, children could complete their mind map on an iPad using Popplet. If not, complete in pencil on Blogging That! Worksheet Starter Activity.	Activity 1 - Define it Introduce the idea of blogging. Children discuss with their partner what blogging is, note taking thoughts on Blogging That Worksheet A1, and share as a class. Write a class definition. Blogging: (Web - logging) A personal website/webpage on which an individual records opinions, links to other sites etc. on a regular basis. Activity 2 - Find it Children suggest ways to find a website (e.g. search engine), and locate Music For All @ SMSG website. Once on the website, elicit from the children how to find a specific page using the drop down tabs. Children find the History Blog page and open the blog titled <i>A Trip to the Organ Builder's Workshop</i> from January 2015. Children record their pathway to the blog on Blogging That Worksheet A2. Activity 3 - Read it As a class, read through the blog, summarising the content and identifying the purpose of each paragraph. Children tick the boxes on their Blogging That Worksheet A3, to identify what features are included in the blog. In class discussion, evaluate the effectiveness of the blog and what improvements could be made. At this point you could compare to other blogs. Activity 4 - Create it Children design and create their own blog about their trip to SMSG Church, including photographs taken during their visit. Children use the tick list on the previous activity as a guide of what to include. If available, children could write their blogs on a blogging site, such as WordPress.org or Blogger. Alternatively, it could be written on a word document. At a later point, children share their blogs with each other and give feedback to one another.	PRIOR TO SESSION: During children's visit to SMSG church, allow children to photograph key events to include in their blog. Blogging That! Worksheet Computers <i>A Trip to the Organ Builder's Workshop</i> blog, found at: http://www.musicforallmsg.org/a-trip-to-the-organ-builders-workshop/ Optional: iPads Popplet app WordPress.org or Blogger.