

Case Study

Dr Thomlinson Middle School, Northumberland



Inspiring creativity and excellence through ICT

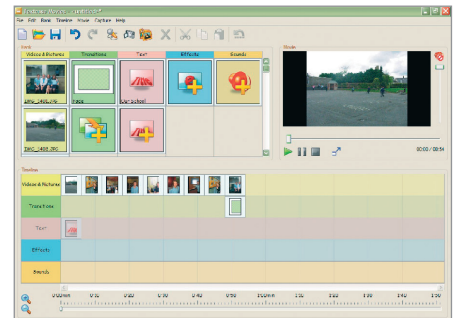
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Throughout the project the children were involved in many varied activities using the ICT tools found in Textease Studio CT. This helped them learn to use software appropriate for the tasks in hand, for example:

- **Textease Paint CT** - Enhancing a series of digital photographs.
- **Textease CT, Textease Movies CT** - Recording memories in text, audio and video form.



Dr Thomlinson Middle School strike gold with Textease Studio CT

To celebrate the launch of Textease Studio CT, Softease ran a website treasure hunt competition with thousands of pounds worth of software up for grabs.

One of the lucky winners was Maureen Kristen, ICT Coordinator at Dr Thomlinson Middle School in Morpeth, Northumberland who won a 12 user copy of Textease Studio CT - The Ultimate in Classroom Tools. This is an integrated set of NINE core ICT tools designed to ensure seamless embedding of ICT throughout the curriculum for KS1 - 3.

The school caters for pupils with ages ranging from 9 to 13 years old and Maureen told us, "I'd looked at Textease software in the past but always thought it was too primary orientated for us, so when I won a 12 user copy of Textease Studio CT, at first I was apprehensive but after taking a look at the suite of ICT tools, I was surprised and delighted with what I found. I could immediately see the real potential that the software offered to our school. When I showed it to my colleagues in school they immediately requested further copies for use in their lessons too!"

"At Dr Thomlinson Middle School we aim to give pupil choice with a range of different resources and there is so much in Textease Studio CT that we have now decided to expand the resource right across our network."

"This software is so user friendly; the children love the colourful, integrated user interface; they are more likely to click on an icon (rather than a word) to see what it does. Using Textease Studio CT our children have no sense of failure and are keen to develop their ICT skills working independently."

Textease Studio CT shines in Master Class 2006 project

Maureen has developed a KS3 ICT project using many of the ICT tools contained within Textease Studio CT.

The aim of the project was to produce a memories disk for Year 8 pupils.

The childrens' objectives were to work together as a team, producing the disk on a commercial basis within specific time constraints.

- **Textease CT, Textease Draw CT** - Producing marketing materials such as letters, posters and flyers to sell the disk.
- **Textease CT** - Producing an order form for the sale of the disk.
- **Textease Spreadsheet CT** - Handling money from the sale and producing accounts for the business.

Maureen concluded, "Undertaking the Master Class project using Textease Studio CT really opened up the childrens' eyes to things that are outside Microsoft Office! I believe this is important as otherwise we will have a generation of children growing up blinkered, losing experimentation. If we limit the resources that the children are exposed to we are limiting the expansive nature of their education."

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