



Interactive Wall 2 IT10003

Read about how Corngreaves Academy used the Interactive Wall to encourage independent writing and support children with new vocabulary.

“This resource is very useful in supporting independent learning across the curriculum.”

At Corngreaves Academy, we were very aware that during child-initiated learning, though the majority of children were focused, sustained and challenged in their learning, due to the carefully selected provision, few of them were engaging with the writing opportunities which were threaded throughout provision. Children were happy to write when encouraged to do so by an adult, but lacked the motivation, and often the ideas, to write independently. As this was having an impact on children’s progress in writing, we decided that we needed to promote weekly writing challenges in a way that was appealing to the children and that supported them with ideas of what to write about, without being prompted by an adult.

How we used the resource

We introduced the Interactive Wall as a means of sharing writing opportunities with the children. Photos of an area of learning, were accompanied by a recorded message giving a writing prompt or challenge. Some examples of these being:

- ‘In the discovery area, write a list of all the different mini-beasts that you can see in the Curiosity Cube.’
- ‘In the construction area, write a sentence to tell your friends which of the London monuments you have built.’

As the Interactive Wall Chart is weather-proof, we were able to use it both indoors and outdoors.

-Thanks to the teachers and children at Corngreaves Academy for testing and trialling this resource.