

General ideas for all challenges



I've been teaching for more than twenty years. I have had the privilege of working in over 150 schools with teachers and pupils alike, both all over the UK and internationally. Although each set of resources on this website may have specific outcomes, that does not mean that you can't use them for a range of other outcomes.

You can develop a range of skills from one stimulus and I have included some ideas below. Most are digital (and free) but I've included other ideas to get away from looking at screens all the time. Having said that take advantage of the thousands of online tutorials that are available for learning everything from drawing to speaking Klingon!

Design skills

Being able to present ideas in a way that appeals to an audience is a key skill in many workplaces.

- Using Publisher or Pages to create a document using images, charts and text
- Use a range of apps for manipulating images and text: Pic Collage is a popular choice
- Adobe has a range of free apps to develop formatting skills

Getting hands on

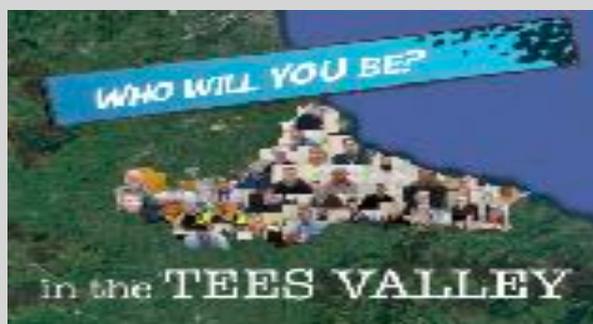
Creating physical work such as artwork or models is a really important part of developing concentration, problem solving and creativity. Any old cardboard or recycling is a brilliant resource for making things.

- Make a model related to the challenge or daily video
- Create a large scale map on large paper (back of old wallpaper) to add labels and models to (such as the Tees Valley places or even in response to a book or film)
- Where possible working outside allows wider possibilities for gathering twigs, stones or anything that can help add different textures and colours to artwork (but please be aware of current guidelines aimed at limiting social contact)

Presentation

Building on the idea of design skills there are lots of ways to present information and learning as many as possible gives children options.

- Make a short documentary in iMovie (or similar)
- Use Clips to promote an idea
- Record yourself doing a 5 minute presentation about a key idea - have it planned and practised
- Create a Powerpoint, Keynote or Prezi about a topic
- Use Scratch to create a computer animated presentation
- Use a sound recorder like Garageband to create a radio documentary - you can have fun adding the sound effects!



Audience and celebration

Who doesn't like being told they have done a great job? Where possible it is really important to celebrate the efforts of our young people (and older people helping!) The Spark website allows teachers and parents to upload or send images of work being done or finished and the community aspect is great for raising self confidence.