

Using WordsPlease in Schools

WordsPlease Philosophy

WordsPlease is designed for gifted and other intelligent young people aged 10 – 14 years and provides continuity and progression during the Primary/Secondary transfer period.

The activities are designed to be pertinent to children of different ages. Older children may apply better structure and greater depth, but each child will benefit at the level appropriate to their developmental stage.

WordsPlease uses specific themes and activities that build on each other to improve grammar, to broaden vocabulary and encourage independent learning and analysis. These activities build personal confidence and improve levels of verbal and written communication. They encourage a love of the English language and help to develop children's full potential with its use.

WordsPlease has been designed to be used both at school and at home, with many of the activities being suitable for the whole family to tackle together.

What does WordsPlease provide?

WordsPlease has:

- ** six teaching modules**
- ** a printed magazine for each module**
- ** a common resource area**
- ** a forum**

There are six modules and each module has a series of online tuition videos that may be replayed as often as necessary to reinforce learning points. The six modules are best spread over one or two school terms.

Each module has its own colour magazine which is integrated with the online tuition, allowing more activities to be carried out away from the computer. Schools receive complete sets of magazines when they become members and teachers control progression through the material by giving access to the magazines.

Teachers will find the structure and content of WordsPlease follows familiar methods and will quickly assimilate the new material into their teaching resources.

The focus of activities available on WordsPlease allows youngsters to improve their IT skills, whilst simultaneously encouraging a love of books, libraries and other 'live' resources. This balance encourages development of independent learning and creativity, and gives the practice necessary to build oral and written communication skills.

The activities on WordsPlease cover a wide range of topics including grammar, poetry, writing activities, words games, history of spelling, introduction to Shakespeare and Chaucer, codes and ciphers, cryptic clues and using the local record office.

In addition to the six teaching modules, WordsPlease provides two additional features. The **Common Resource Area** is an expanding section which contains interviews with authors and specialists, ideas for stimulating writing and a '*Now Read On*' section which has the first two chapters of several published books in audio format.

The **Forum** is an opportunity for young people to communicate with other like-minded people about any topic to do with the English language.