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School: Horndean Infant School	LA: Hampshire
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Learning Focus: To develop plot within story writing.	
Curriculum Focus: Literacy > Primary Framework > StoryWriting	
Tools used: Forum	



How this worked in practice: The children in Year 1 at Horndean Infant School have been developing their storywriting technique through exploring characters, familiar tales and plot. The teacher in this class has created a forum where children are given the beginning of a simple storyline and asked to continue to write the next part of the story by adding a forum post. This very simple activity enables children to co-construct a story gaining ideas from each other about how the plot might next develop as they take it in turns to write a part of the story. The teacher is able to see how children use the ideas that they have seen in others posts as well as their own new ideas to develop their written work. The children are also able to enjoy writing their story online, using the WYSIWYG editing box to change font colours, styles and sizes in order to present their part of the story, learning early presentational skills. By the end of the activity the children have a collaborative piece of work that they can enjoy and share with each other at school and at home, and an increased understanding of plotline, vocabulary and characters.

By the end of this sequence of work children had developed skills in:

ICT: Word processing (Forum editing)

Literacy: Story Writing, Vocabulary, Plot line, Characters

Learning: Self and Peer Assessment

Next Steps: Children can now begin to create their own stories whenever they wish to within their eportfolio as forums like this, or as a character diary in the style of... as a blog.