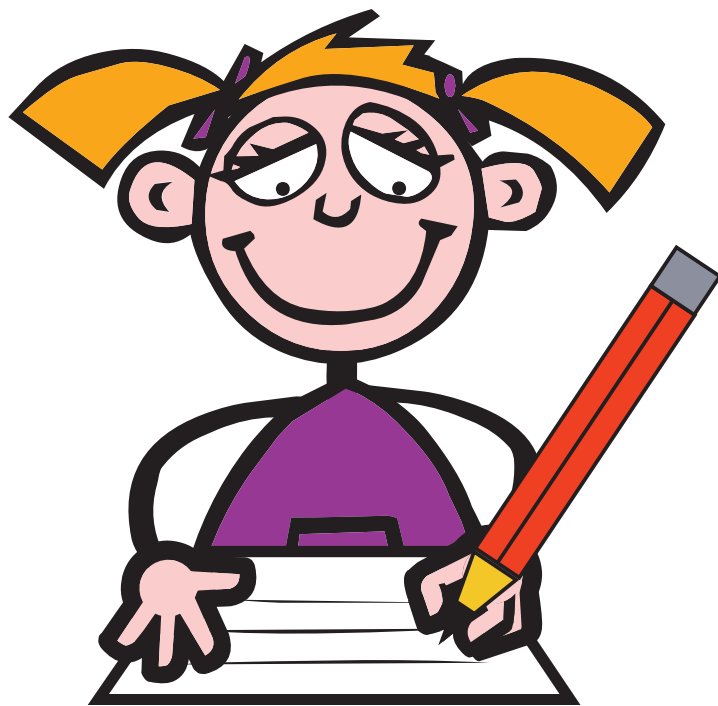


espresso education

Milton Mount Primary School

Success Story

Support for all Subject Areas



"These very high quality and superb learning resources are presented in a format that matches the needs of the pupil. They mesh into all aspects of our broad curriculum and are used by pupils and staff alike. We use them in all areas of the curriculum and age phases on a daily basis."

Mr Brian Thomas, Head Teacher, Milton Mount Primary School



Teachers find they save time by using Espresso and have confidence in the quality of the service. The wealth of resources is so vast they can search across it as they would the Internet, but without the worry of authenticity. Once they have found a suitable resource, it is incorporated into all the teacher's planning and future time is saved when the subject is taught the following year. Espresso has been employed in making this happen in the following ways:

Geography

- Espresso supports Milton Mount's approach to teaching Geography perfectly as the service provides pupils with the ability to research aspects of the environment that would not otherwise be possible.
- Espresso's wealth of resources tied nicely into their recent study into weather. Searching on 'weather', Espresso provided a whole range of videos and activities at their fingertips and all could be trusted.
- Teachers and pupils find the visual and topical nature of Espresso suits the subject. Its up-to-date news reporting on national and global issues provides pupils with access to material which will help further develop their understanding of the world.
- Year 3 pupils used Espresso's *Local Studies* module and other Espresso resources to prepare for a project investigating their local neighbourhood and developing their own guide using PDAs.

Science

- Espresso's age-appropriate videos have impressed Milton Mount and helped them introduce tricky concepts (such as the effect of the sun's rays on the earth) in such a way that children can quickly grasp them.
- Years 2 and 4 used resources from *Minibeasts Digital Microscope* to prepare for a pond dipping expedition and then to verify their findings. Individual activities allow children to individually reinforce their learning.
- Similarly, pupils accessed information on Espresso before visiting Pagham Harbour. Pupils used PDAs and GPS to map the plant and animal distribution.



PSHE & Citizenship

Milton Mounts considers Espresso's PSHE resources unique and second to none. The high quality of the resources supports the development of critical thinking skills. Milton Mount used Espresso's *Special Reports on Global Conflict* to prepare for an exciting project linking them with a school in Afghanistan.



- Brian recalls a compelling presentation project promoting compassion and understanding for other cultures which was a PowerPoint presentation by year 6 pupils featuring two video interviews from Espresso, one with a twelve year-old Israeli girl and the other with a Palestinian boy discussing their views. The pupils showed both of these videos and then simply asked the class, “What’s your view?”

ICT

- Pupils at Milton Mount are encouraged to use Espresso’s *Presentation creator* for their projects alongside other software packages to further develop ICT skills.
- *Digital Video Workshop* provides useful tips for pupils working on a film animation project (using Animator) focused on healthy eating, which also incorporated video clips from Espresso.



Flexibility is Key

Milton Mount strongly believes that software must be flexible; it must:

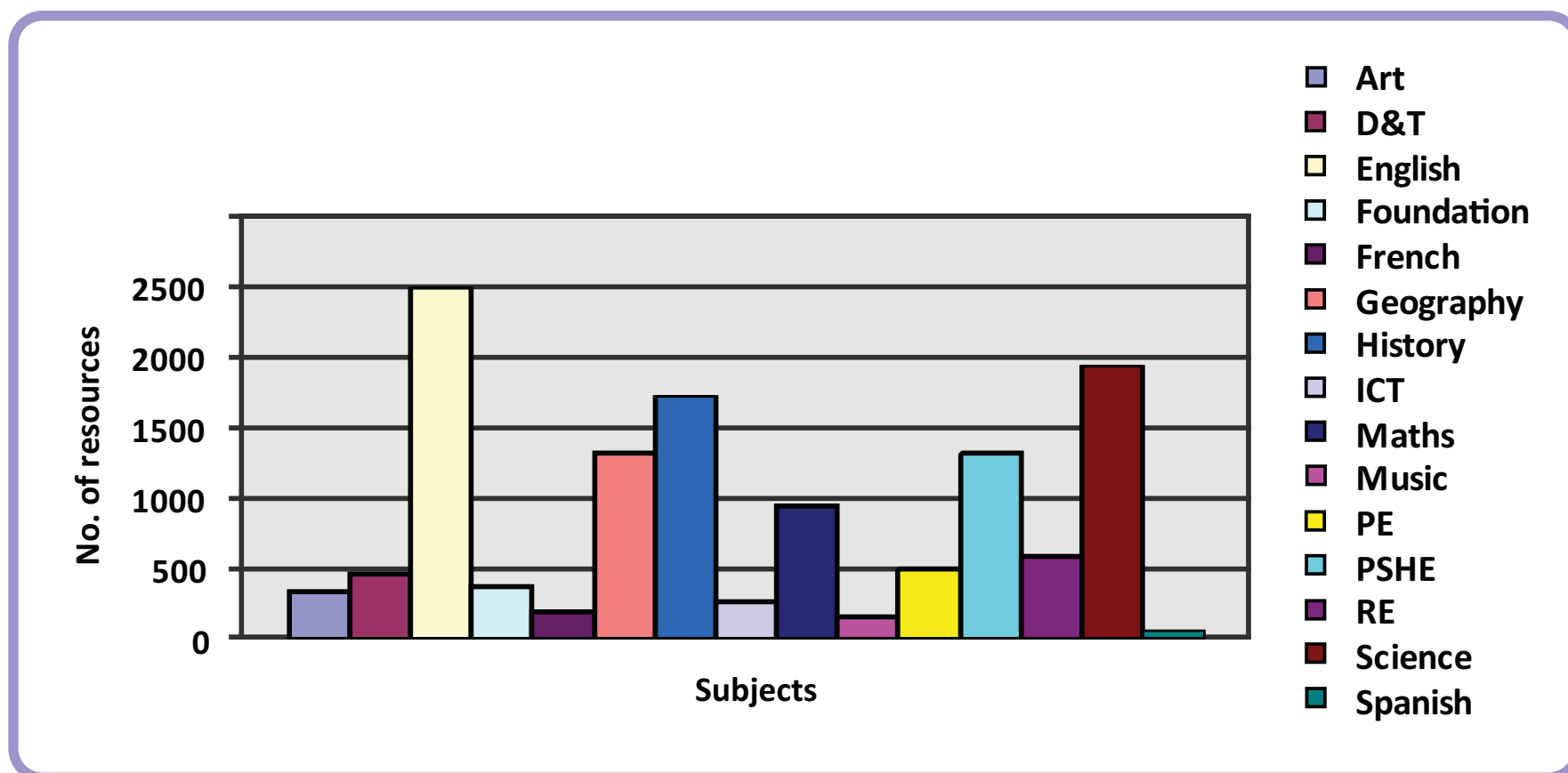
- integrate well with the technology and other software that they have invested in
- allow teachers the scope to be creative
- support personalised learning.

Happily, teachers at the school have found Espresso to be a very versatile and able to meet their expectations. Espresso is used very effectively with Interactive Whiteboards, laptops, PCs, Smart Board software, Animator and Microsoft Office software. The *Route creator* is also used by the teachers, particularly to make routes for the children to follow themselves individually after a presentation to the whole class. Because it takes the teachers very little time to set up, these routes are used as tools to help personalise learning, especially in support of dyslexic children. Brian explains:

“Pupils and teachers can easily adopt the resources as they are presented to suit any format or work they wish. The ability to use the video clips in PowerPoint and other software is liberating for all. Espresso enables personalized learning, development of thinking skills, pupil’s research, group study and collaborative learning and reinforce previous as well as introduce new learning. The resources motivate pupils and teachers to go the extra mile to produce high quality learning and outcomes”.



Espresso resources



Milton Mount's has had a long and distinguished association with Espresso. They were one of our first 'pilot school' in 1994 (accessing the service via satellite) three years before Espresso was officially launched. Since that time, they have watched the service evolve over the years and have embedded it into the many exciting ICT advances they have made in the school. We are proud to that they are Espresso's 'longest-serving' user school – we hope they are too.



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