

Blogging Tips

Ideas for what to put on your Blog...

- ☞ All children to have writing about a trip/experience recorded on the blog and then take turns writing appropriate feedback comments for each other - I get my children to orally draft these and I record in their writing books and they type in with correct spellings. Older children could draft in their writing book first.
- ☞ Children to vote on the best pieces of writing to be shared on the blog.
- ☞ Mindmaps - Work done in Kidspiration/Inspiration on the projector or class computers for writing/unit can be shared on the blog. Click on the file and export as a jpeg or gif then upload as an image into your blog (<http://room08sps.blogspot.com/> - see letter of the week Pp and mindmaps for water as ice, steam and liquid). Create a mindmap or adjectives for a description on the internet (www.wordle.net/) and save code to be added to your blog.
- ☞ Speech bubbles - (www.fodey.com/) Share your work on speech bubbles using an animated photo and save code to add to your blog (see <http://room17sps.blogspot.com/> and <http://room08sps.blogspot.com/>). Can also add things to pictures (remember Ginger wearing a party hat on Helen's blog last year?!)
- ☞ Star of the week - share what you and your class 'pet' got up to at the weekend (<http://room11sps.blogspot.com/> Terry the tiger episodes)
- ☞ Google images - As we are not uploading photos of the children onto our blogs this year get the children to search under google images for either photos or clipart pictures that relate to their writing and insert those.
- ☞ Take photos and create a photostory to upload to your blog (see <http://room08sps.blogspot.com/>) or use www.bubbleshare.com/ or www.slide.com/ or <http://www.capzles.com/> to create animated photos or slideshows and copy the code and paste in to your blog.
- ☞ uTube - Find a clip on uTube that is relevant to your topic for unit or an exciting motivation for writing and copy and paste the code onto your blog. View as a class/group on the projector and practise making comments - I usually tell the children what I want them to find out by watching the clip and then we record our ideas together as a comment (see <http://room08sps.blogspot.com/> In the garden. Healthy eating, Sesame Street healthy food clip).

Pimping your Blog...

You can add exciting titles, backgrounds, blinkies, vokis, webcounters, clocks, blog friends, followers, teacher's email address, visitor location map, live feed that shows city and country visitors are from, welcome note explaining who you and your class are...)

<http://www.sparklee.com/> or <http://glowtxt.com/> - glitter headings & neon headings

<http://www.thecutestblogontheblock.com/> - backgrounds and blinkies

<http://www.voki.com/> - create your own avatar

<http://www.freestatscounter.com/> or <http://www.free-counters.co.uk/> - web counters

<http://www.clocklink.com/> - clocks

<http://www.clustrmaps.com/> - visitor location map

<http://feedjit.com/> - live feed

blogger - add widgets to show your blog friends, email address, welcome note

Blogs to Visit

<http://www.nelsoncentral.school.nz/htdocs/Pages/Classrooms.html>

<http://www.richmondprimary.school.nz/class-blogs/>

<http://www.brightwater.school.nz/Brightwaterblog.htm>

<http://www.ptengland.school.nz/index.php?family=1,451> - Links to blogs + more!

