

Activity Ideas: *Big-Point Recordable Button*

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Six colour coded recordable buttons with clear removeable lids to add visual support and help children to focus. You will discover many ways to use your Big-Point Buttons but here are a few of our ideas to get you started. We hope you enjoy them.

1. *Create an Inclusive Learning Environment*

The Big-Point Recordable Buttons can be used to help make the classroom more inclusive and supportive. Use as a visual and auditory aid to assist children with different ways of learning to make it more accessible for those with learning needs. This safe and efficient way to use technology can help to support children to work alongside their peers with confidence.

2. *Storytelling*

Make Storytime more interactive. Use the buttons to record different sounds. Pupils will enjoy pressing the buttons at different parts in a story to create sound effects. Use pictures on the buttons so the children know when to press to get the right sound effect.

3. *Reinforce Vocabulary*

Use the buttons to reinforce words and ideas. Pupils will be able to see the word, associate the word with an image and hear the word to get the correct pronunciation of it.

4. Ordering Thoughts

The buttons can be helpful in story writing or for scientific explanations where facts need to be sequenced in the correct order. Use the buttons as visual and auditory prompts to help with memory to recall and organise language.

5. Supporting Maths

Use the colour coding of the buttons to ask mathematical questions or to set different maths challenges/extensions for children to choose at the end of a session. Or use as part of a maths display or activity. Each button could be used to describe shapes, provide all the vocabulary for addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, or give the number bonds for a particular number. The shape, number, or mathematical sign can be displayed clearly under the removeable lid.

6. Asking Questions

Use as part of a display/working wall or on an activity table to ask questions and get the children thinking about what they are doing. Utilise the image/word pocket along with the recordable function to support children and help to motivate and engage them.

7. Express Emotions

Pupils can use the buttons to show how they are feeling. For example, pressing the red button when they are frustrated with something, or the blue button when they feel upset. The child can record onto the button to help regulate emotions. Images and words can be displayed under the removeable lid to assist children with different ways of learning.

8. Reading Support

Use the colour coded buttons for reading assessment focus questions. For example, one colour could be literal questions where pupils retrieve direct facts from the page, another inference questions which require reading between the lines, vocabulary questions which ask what words mean in context of the book, and other questions that ask for predictions and personal responses. Display the written question or visual clue to support learning. Great for using in Guided Reading sessions.

9. Encourage Listening

The buttons can be used for many meaningful listening exercises such as listen to and following instructions. Record different viewpoints on a subject and listen to each one and discuss. Images or words could be used to help motivate and engage the children while they listen.

10. Visual Timetable

A useful visual timetable or now and next tiles, with the added bonus of also being able to talk you through each stage. Use colours for different lessons, activities or tasks. You could have instructions or reminders to go with each one.

11. Home/School Partnerships

Use as a fun way to work with families and to share home/school experiences. Send positive messages home on the Big-Point Recordable Buttons and encourage parents to send good news messages back. The child's name and picture can be placed under the removeable lid, and the button can be used as part of a reward for good behaviour.

Have fun using your Big-Point Recordable Buttons.