

# Testimonial



## TTS Interactive Recordable Wall Chart IT10003

A weather-proof talking wall chart that can be used indoors or out.  
Place cards, objects or drawings inside the 30 pockets and record a 10 second message for each one.



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Corngreaves Academy

Read how they used the Interactive Wall to encourage independent writing and support children with new vocabulary.

At Corngreaves Academy, we were very aware that during child-initiated learning, though the majority of children were focused, sustained and challenged in their learning, due to the carefully selected provision, few of them were engaging with the writing opportunities which were threaded throughout provision. Children were happy to write when encouraged to do so by an adult, but lacked the motivation, and often the ideas, to write independently. As this was having an impact on children's progress in writing, we decided that we needed to promote weekly writing challenges in a way that was appealing to the children and that supported them with ideas of what to write about, without being prompted by an adult.

## **How we used the resource**

We introduced the Interactive Wall as a means of sharing writing opportunities with the children. Photos of an area of learning, were accompanied by a recorded message giving a writing prompt or challenge. Some examples of these being:

- 'In the discovery area, write a list of all the different mini-beasts that you can see in the Curiosity Cube.'
- 'In the construction area, write a sentence to tell your friends which of the London monuments you have built.'

As the Interactive Wall Chart is weather-proof, we were able to use it both indoors and outdoors.

## **Here are ten ideas for using this versatile resource:**

### **1. New Vocabulary**

This resource is very useful in supporting independent learning across the curriculum. It can be used to pre-teach vocabulary linked to a theme or topic and then supports children to embed this new vocabulary.

### **2. Introducing the Class**

Use the Interactive Wall when getting to know a new class at the start of the year, using children's photos and recorded names. Add in class jobs and responsibilities as the year progresses.

### **3. Developing Independence**

The Interactive Wall Chart also supports children in becoming independent within the classroom. It can be filled with photos and recorded prompts and instructions, to communicate ideas to children, without the support of an adult.

### **4. Storytelling**

As children begin to develop their storytelling skills, the chart can be used to sequence illustrations and children can record their own sentences to match pictures and create stories.

## 5. Explain Activities

Use it for explaining enhanced provision activities, e.g. 'Today in the malleable area, can you use your tools to cut and shape your dough to make a daffodil?'

## 6. Mathematics

The Interactive wall can be used to support the learning of number names, shapes and subitising patterns.

## 7. Topic Vocabulary

The Interactive Wall is great for topic vocabulary. Learn and practise the names of body parts, people who work in our community, different types of transport etc as linked to a theme or topic.

## 8. Phonics

Use for independent phonics practise, using grapheme cards and recorded phonemes.

## 9. Writing sentences

It is perfect for recording sentences, using illustrations from familiar texts, to create stories.

## 10. Creating Stories

Create comic-strip style stories, using photos of drama activities or own illustrations, and recording sentences to match them.

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