

e-Update March 2011

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If you have any comments on e-Update, please send them to adickson@buckscc.gov.uk.

The end of e-Update...

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After 70 issues over 6 years, e-Update is coming to an end. Over the last year, ICT information sites such as Becta have closed and there is less information on national ICT initiatives. Also the School Improvement Service is currently undergoing restructuring and the way we work is likely to change (although there will still be ICT support!) Due to these factors, e-Update as a monthly bulletin will cease after this issue. However, we would still like to communicate with you when relevant information is available. We will do so by using a news forum on the BucksGfL website where you can read any updates and you will also receive these to your BucksGfL email address. The news forum can be found in the ICT Co-ordinators' Meetings section <http://www.bucksgfl.org.uk/ictco>.

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Ictopus – March's Lessons2go

Ictopus

Ictopus (ICT online primary user support) is a support service for primary education. Anyone can sign up for the service (free of charge) and will then receive each week a six page printable magazine and a set of activity suggestions. There will also be a regular newsletter or e-bulletin. These resources (and more) will be archived on the ictopus website <http://www.ictopus.org.uk> where there will also be access to classroom activities and a variety of other resources and projects. Ictopus builds on the Becta Direct2U service and also the legacy of MAPE (Micros and Primary Education).

Login first, then access the activities via Resources and lessons2go.

- **Puzzles Ages 7-11: Jugs**
Jugs is an environment for mathematical problem solving and discussion. Players have two unmarked jugs and must pour liquid from one to the other in order to accurately measure out a third amount. The activity is best used by pairs of children working collaboratively.
- **113 Maths Ages 5-6: Pairs Game**
This lesson is about addition and subtraction of numbers up to 20. It is a pelmanism card game and requires children to develop memory and matching skills.

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