

## Trafalgar Infants Case Study

# Making an Easy Switch to Remote Learning

Trafalgar infants manage to maintain a normal curriculum and provide effective online learning provided through Just2easy.



Staff at Trafalgar Infant School in Twickenham are no strangers to learning platforms, as they have been developing theirs for over 10 years. When the pandemic struck in 2020, staff were well placed to provide remote learning via their e-school using a mix of resources from LGfL, including Just2easy, providing a single, simple and effective way to teach, engage and motivate pupils safely every day.

## The Challenges of Delivering Online Learning

Staff faced a number of challenges, including adapting work and preparing resources for their Reception and KS1 children that could be completed off or online to meet the varied needs of their families, with concerns about extra screen time as well as printing costs. Staff also found many pupils with older siblings had to share devices which could often impact on their access to learning resources. Trafalgar Infant School staff set out to find a way to develop their existing learning platform in order to support continuous learning at home through the sudden transition to remote learning.



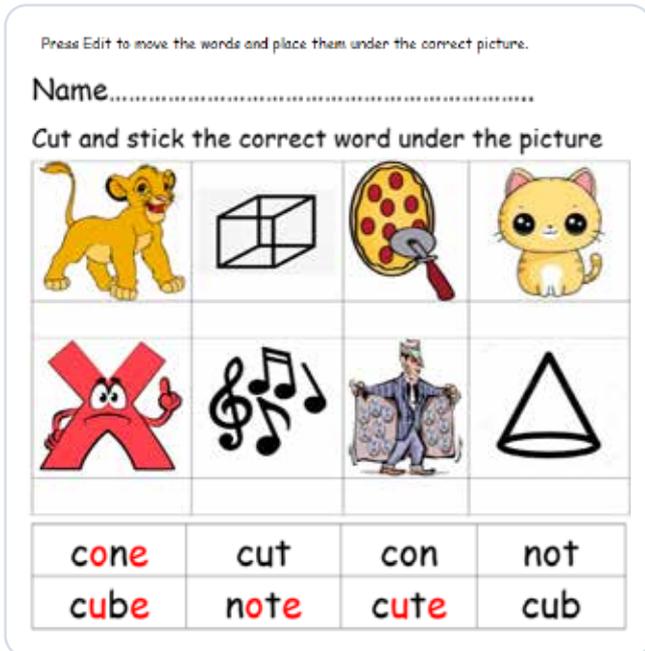
*KS1 pupils creating art work with JIT5 Paint*

When the first lockdown took hold Trafalgar found themselves using Just2easy more and more, deciding that they would leave their previous learning platform and adopt Just2easy as their learning platform. With instant access through LGfL and a wide range of age appropriate learning and teaching apps, selecting Just2easy made perfect sense. During the 2020 Summer



term, staff planned out what they wanted to achieve, developed their knowledge of the wide range of tools for pupils aged 4 and up, and launched Just2easy as their own brand of “e-school” to staff and students. During the Autumn term staff focused on developing the children’s skills, ensuring they were able to use the new e-school to support and embed their learning.

Teachers upload pdf resources which become editable activities in the J2e5 publishing tool, meaning children complete their Teacher made resources without the need to print anything, that staff can instantly see and then feedback on pupil’s work. Families who prefer to work offline print resources which are worked on at home and uploaded ready for their teacher to provide feedback.



Staff creating interactive worksheets with J2E5

Staff are also engaging pupils with J2e5 by recording their own video or audio, adding personalised touch points to an activity which children can try while watching their teacher explaining and modelling within the resource, or as an additional video in the children’s folder. Staff find this method of teaching is more effective than delivering live lessons as it gives the children time to pause, think and work at their own speed, as well as providing flexibility to families. Children also take part in a weekly small group video call with their teacher.

## Providing the Right Blend

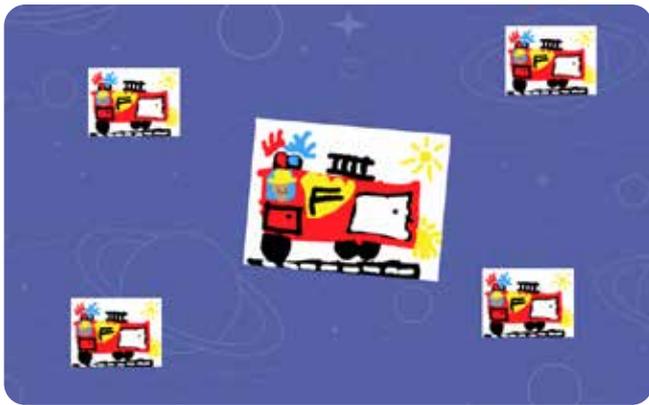
During lockdown everything that staff, pupils and parents need is accessed through Just2easy. Pupils access all activities, information and resources through their own account, completing everything online in a variety of forms, from a writing or maths activity to painting, drawing, animating, coding and even making or exploring charts and databases and working together in collaborative activities. All pupil work is saved in their own portfolio, where Trafalgar teachers provide continuous feedback by recording voice messages on submitted work which motivates and engages pupils and has proved extremely popular with parents.



**Our pupils love using Just2easy. They have everything they need from completing spelling and maths games on j2blast to watching their teachers explain learning tasks, completing their activities and receiving rewards for their work via j2stars.**



**Mrs. Burton,**  
Integrated Technology Lead, Trafalgar Infants



*Infant pupils making online fire engine pictures with JIT5*

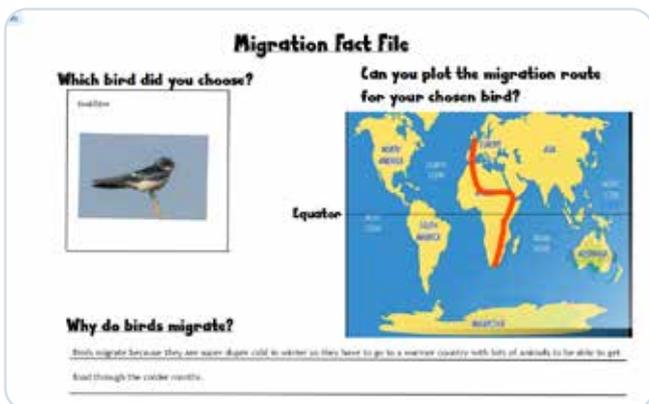
Pupils are also using the JIT5 tools to enhance their curriculum, making pictures, animations, charts, pictograms - even new coding activities - which are instantly viewable by their teachers.

To reward the children’s work, effort and to continue to motivate learning at home, teachers give out J2stars special rewards. Headteacher Mrs. OptHolt also gives out stars to the children during her weekly assembly story videos.

Staff have taken to a brand new learning platform whilst under incredible pressure very quickly and have continued to enhance their own resources through the tools in Just2easy, recreating online what would normally happen in class, which provides a teaching and learning experience as close as possible to what was previously happening during ‘normal’ school times, and that will help lead to an equally seamless transition back to the classroom in the weeks ahead.



*Pupils incorporate music into story making compositions with J2E5*



*Pupils demonstrate migration higher order thinking skills in J2E5*

## Preparing for the next big transition - Back to School.

Trafalgar Infant School have found Just2easy to be incredibly quick to pick up, and has proven an increased volume of work produced by pupils, enabling them to stay on top of their learning during such challenging times.

