**Generic Workshop – 13th February, 2009**

**Differentiation and Creativity**

**Ideas for differentiation:**

1. Peer teaching – higher-ability kids help lower ability kids once they have finished their work.
2. Give points for exercises (lower for easier and higher for more difficult) and have lots of different exercises. Challenge pupils to reach a certain number of points and they can choose the exercises they complete to reach this.
3. Hotseating but give pupils the chance to nominate someone to answer for them if they don’t know the answer.

**Creativity**

* Debates – ask pupils to promote a holiday destination, etc. and ask others to debate against it.
* Use whatever they found hard as homework.
* Use of video = BBC learning zone.
* Descriptions – Picasso (different way of doing descriptions). Cross-curricular.
* Pets – describe Tarzan’s pets.

1. **Hobbies**

Brainstorm in English

Acting them out.

Bring in an object to do with the hobby and the other pupils have to guess what it is.

1. **Town**

Town guide – your town or another.

Use the classroom as a town to ask pupils to direct each other to ‘buildings’ on flashcards.

Postcard describing towns – send to exchange school.

Make monopoly.

Write a letter to tourist info of different towns – create presentation for other classmates.

Model village – create on computer and present to class.

1. **Clothing**

Fashion show.

Describing celebrities.

Oscars night – critique of celeb’s clothes.

Risqué clothes.

1. **Shopping**

Link to town – each desk is a shop. Take it in turns being the shopkeeper or the customer.

My grandmother went to market – have plastic fruit and give each pupil one item. Pass basket round and play game, putting fruit in as they go. Helps pupils who may have difficulty remembering.

1. **Café**

Set the classroom out like a café. Use German menus.

Get pupils to design their own menus.

1. **Weather**

Use a weather map on IWB and ask pupils to present the weather.

Give all pupils a country to research weather for and present to class.

Use globe to pick a country and find out the weather for that country.

Extreme weather – hurricanes, etc. Introduce unusual vocabulary.

1. **School**

Do ideal time table.

Virtual tour of school for Website (for exchange students).

1. **Numbers**

Make up a story with numbers in.

Betting – odds on board and show a horse race.

Word auction – ask pupils to bet so much on knowing a particular word.

Time – half past – tell a story about meeting someone and waiting but they didn’t show up (halb confusion).

Catalogue – do a quiz in which pupils must look up item required in dictionary and find the catalogue number.