

TEDS Web Based Activities 2008

What is it about?

You have already kindly helped us to study lots of aspects of development through questionnaires, web based activities, face to face visits and over the telephone. We are keen to hear from you again now, to find out how the children are getting on. These activities have been developed to look at a range of skills and abilities.

Please remember to keep your logging in details private. The children should always complete their activities alone without any help. It is important that **you** are the first family member to login because you will be asked to tick a box to show that you agree to the children taking part. The children will be able to see the activities that are available to them by clicking on their name. As always we can assure you that all the information you send us over the web will be kept strictly confidential and anonymous.

Following your feedback, we have significantly reduced the length of the web based activities. These can still be completed over several sessions, expected times to complete each activity can be found by placing the mouse over the activity name on the website. At any time during an activity you can click 'Come back later', and then carry on from where you left off next time you log in. Everybody will have a different experience. The activities respond to the children's answers, so only the computer knows what's coming next, that's one of the great things about using the internet! We have designed these activities to make sure that children of all levels will feel comfortable. They will stop automatically when it becomes too difficult for the child. We strongly recommend that you use a broadband internet connection as on a dial up connection there will be a long delay between the questions. This is because some of the activities contain graphics and voiceovers, which take longer to download.

Thanks!

As a token of our appreciation and a thank you, we will send some Love2Shop vouchers. There will be £5 each on completion of the web based activities (plus £5 to go towards your internet costs) and £5 each on completion of the telephone activities. These new vouchers give you more choice in selecting your treat; you can choose to spend them in a range of High Street shops including WH Smith, JJB Sports, HMV and River Island.

What happens to the findings of the research study?

Your children's results will be kept strictly confidential. Since this a research study, there are no individual test results so we are unable to give out results to individuals. However, information on the progress of the research will be widely available and we will be happy to give out this general information. The results will be analysed and reports written for scientific journals, some of which you can see on our web site. We hope that our work will lead us to a better understanding of how all children develop and learn.

Do we have to take part?

It is up to you and your children to decide whether or not to take part. If you do take part, you are free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason. Your decision not to take part in this study will not affect your involvement with TEDS.

Queries?

We have a section of our website with answers to frequently asked questions. This covers general questions about TEDS, along with queries about filling in our booklets and logging on to do the web activities. Go to <http://www.teds.ac.uk/information/faqs.htm> to find out more. If you have any further queries please e-mail us at teds@iop.kcl.ac.uk or call us on **FREEPHONE 0800 317029**.

A Big Thank you and Best Wishes from the TEDS team!