

Beyond the screen

Tools and ideas that expand horizons



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Here, expert Dan Donahoo shares some favourite tools for use with young children, a website to open up the world and ideas for moving beyond a screen.

Wonderopolis

www.wonderopolis.org

Produced by: National Centre for Families Learning

Price: Free on any web browser

Suggested age range: Open

Why we like it: As teachers and parents we often struggle to find great online resources for children because there is so much out there. Wonderopolis is a beautifully curated space for curiosity and imagination built by the National Centre for Families Learning in the United States. Every day it answers a question, using rich imagery, great videos and some well-scripted text. I use it regularly as a resource to find an interesting fact to share with children, and would recommend it to early years professionals who want a reputable site that will offer inspiration and resources. Resources linked to topics like 'birds' will connect to a question like, 'What is a murmuration?' followed by a lovely video of the answer.

Need to know: Wonderopolis is a way for an educator to bring the whole world into their learning environment and offer bite-sized moments of video, images and ideas to scaffold children's learning.

