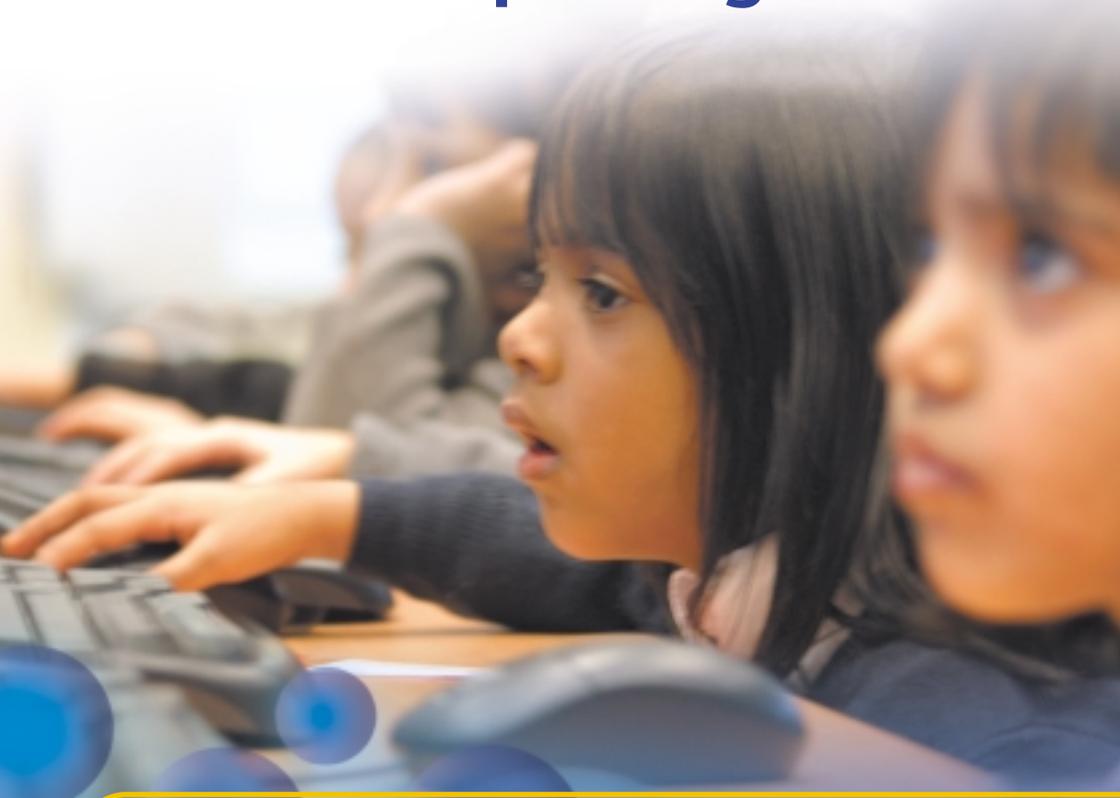




# web package



Teaching critical skills for  
**information searching**  
and **staying safe** on the web

KEY STAGE  
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# Smart Surfers is a unique, easy to use teacher based resource for Key Stage 2. It is designed to help children master the essential skills of information searching and staying safe on the web.

This online resource combines lesson plans, teacher notes, worksheets and live links to give you a very focused easy to use tool to develop critical evaluation skills and internet safety awareness amongst learners. Divided into units of work, it has been cleverly designed to give flexibility of use across all areas of the Curriculum. So whatever the topic be it Tudors, Space, Living Things or World War 2, you will have a ready to run tool that will help you give your learners essential internet training.



# Unique parent area

A unique feature of this resource is an additional parents "teaching" area. This enables schools to share these internet skills with parents so reinforcing key messages to a wider school community.



# Online and up to date

The modules are all provided online so that the content can be readily updated enabling teachers to keep abreast of changes as the internet continues to evolve as a communication and information channel. The update facility means that with new technologies such as blogs and podcasting coming on stream, you will have a web package ready to give you and your learners structured advice and resources to ensure you get the safest most effective use from the technology.

# Peace of mind

With Smart Surfers you will have the peace of mind knowing that you are meeting a part of your "duty of care" by equipping learners with the valuable life skills that will enable them to evaluate the material they find, behave responsibly and appropriately and stay safe anytime and anywhere they may access the internet.

# Ideal for interactive whiteboard use

The online teacher presentations and web link resources make Smart Surfers ideal for use with interactive whiteboards.



# Invaluable teacher tool

Smart Surfers is a great way for teachers and classroom assistants to quickly familiarise themselves with the mechanics of the internet in order to support their learners more effectively and can be easily adapted for Inset work.



“Schools have a major responsibility to educate their pupils; teaching them the appropriate behaviours and critical thinking skills to enable them to remain both safe and legal when using the internet and related technologies”.

from Becta’s published e-safety\* guidance

\*E-safety - Developing whole-school policies to support effective practice. (Becta 2005)

# Smart Surfers is focused on three main areas:

## 1 Smart Searching

Enables children to gain a comprehensive understanding of the range of issues and technologies involved in searching for information. It introduces the basic elements of the language and grammar of the internet and gives them the tools and strategies to help develop essential skills in searching and managing the information they receive.

## 2 Real Information

Develops the skills to help children identify misleading or harmful information that they may come across. Information literacy skills empower pupils to think critically about web site information and how they use the web.

## 3 Staying Safe

Encourages safe, responsible and appropriate behaviour looking at sharing personal information, passwords, viruses, copyright and plagiarism, trusting people and sites, protecting your data and correct "netiquette".

# Additional features

## National Curriculum

Built into Smart Surfers is a National Curriculum area so that teachers can easily reference the concepts and theme of finding and using information across the relevant subject areas of the National Curriculum.

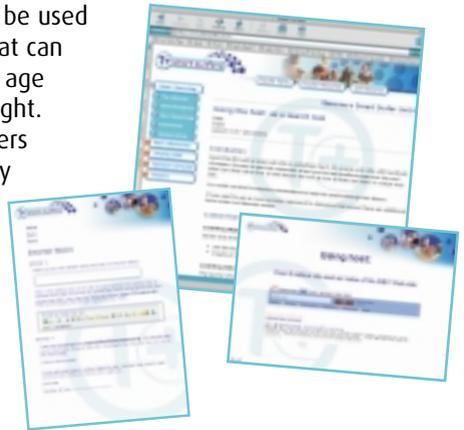
## Parents

Provides information and advice on understanding search engines and filtering through to establishing a family internet code.

# Resources to save you valuable preparation time

The teaching units within Smart Surfers can be used as small focused activities within lessons that can be mixed and matched appropriate to pupil age and curriculum content of what is being taught. And as they have been developed by teachers for teachers they are designed to offer ready to run classes with minimal investment in teacher time and preparation.

Each unit of work has **lesson notes**, **teacher resources** in the form of **PowerPoint presentations** and **pupil worksheets**.



## Information and ordering

Smart Surfers is available as an annual subscription, which includes facility to share resource with parents. For further information on how to subscribe to Smart Surfers, prices and to view our online demonstration:

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