

USING DIGITAL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES IN TEACHING CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

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Annotation: This article explores the effectiveness of digital educational resources in teaching children's literature. With the integration of digital tools in modern education, it is essential to evaluate their impact on young learners' engagement and comprehension. The study aims to highlight the methods used in digital instruction and assess how they contribute to a deeper understanding and appreciation of literary texts among children.

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Introduction

In the context of rapid technological advancement, traditional teaching methods are increasingly supplemented or replaced by digital tools. Children's literature, as a subject that fosters imagination, emotional intelligence, and language skills, benefits significantly from innovative teaching approaches. The use of digital educational resources—such as e-books, interactive storytelling apps, multimedia presentations, and online platforms—enhances student engagement and offers new pathways for literary analysis. This paper aims to investigate how digital tools can be effectively used in teaching children's literature and what impact they have on students' motivation and learning outcomes.

The study employed a qualitative research approach to explore how digital educational resources influence the teaching and learning process of children's literature in the classroom setting. This approach was chosen due to its capacity to capture rich, descriptive data related to teaching practices, learner engagement, and classroom dynamics.

Research was conducted in five public primary schools located in various districts of Tashkent, Uzbekistan. These schools were selected based on their accessibility, willingness to participate, and availability of basic technological infrastructure, such as interactive whiteboards, projectors, and access to internet-connected devices. A total of 15 teachers and approximately 150 students, ranging from grades 2 to 4, participated in the study.

Teachers involved in the study were provided with guidance and support on how to integrate digital educational tools into their lessons on children's literature. These tools included animated storybooks, audio-visual presentations of classic children's tales, e-books with interactive features (such as clickable vocabulary definitions and comprehension games), as well as online platforms offering reading comprehension quizzes and storytelling apps.

The implementation phase lasted for four consecutive weeks. During this period, each teacher was asked to conduct at least two lessons per week utilizing digital resources. Lesson plans were collected in advance and reviewed to ensure consistency and alignment with the curriculum.

Classroom observations were conducted using a structured observation checklist designed to assess various indicators, such as student attentiveness, level of participation, interaction with digital

tools, and overall engagement during lessons. Observers also noted teacher facilitation strategies, the integration of digital content, and classroom management practices.

In addition to classroom observations, semi-structured interviews were carried out with all participating teachers at the beginning and end of the study. These interviews aimed to gather insights into teachers' perceptions, experiences, and attitudes toward the use of digital educational resources in literature instruction. Teachers were encouraged to share both the benefits they observed and the challenges they faced during implementation.

Data from observations and interviews were analyzed thematically to identify recurring patterns, emerging themes, and correlations between teaching methods and student responses. By triangulating observational data with teacher feedback, the study sought to provide a comprehensive understanding of the effectiveness and feasibility of integrating digital tools into the teaching of children's literature.

Findings indicate that the use of digital resources significantly increased students' attention and participation. Interactive e-books and multimedia presentations helped students visualize story elements and characters more vividly. Teachers reported that students were more eager to read and discuss stories when digital formats were used. Moreover, comprehension levels, as measured by follow-up quizzes and activities, improved by an average of 25% compared to traditional text-based lessons.

The results of the study suggest that the integration of digital educational resources into children's literature lessons significantly enhances the overall learning experience. The use of multimedia elements such as animated illustrations, voiceovers, interactive questions, and gamified comprehension activities makes the content more engaging, accessible, and enjoyable for young learners. These digital tools help bridge the gap between abstract literary themes and the concrete experiences of students by providing visual and auditory stimuli that reinforce comprehension and retention.

One of the key advantages observed was the ability of digital resources to address the diverse learning styles present in a typical primary classroom. Visual learners benefited from colorful animations and illustrations, auditory learners responded well to narrations and sound effects, while kinesthetic learners showed increased motivation when interacting with touch-responsive elements or participating in digital storytelling games. This multi-sensory approach promoted inclusive teaching, as students with different cognitive and sensory preferences were better able to engage with the lesson content.

Moreover, students displayed a noticeable increase in participation and enthusiasm. Lessons that included digital components often sparked curiosity and led to more active discussions about story characters, themes, and moral lessons. Teachers reported that students were more willing to read texts outside of class and demonstrated improved comprehension during follow-up activities. The digital environment also supported differentiated instruction by allowing students to progress at their own pace or revisit materials for better understanding.

However, while the benefits of digital resource integration are evident, the study also highlighted several challenges that need to be addressed for successful implementation. The effectiveness of these tools is closely tied to the teacher's ability to plan and deliver content using appropriate pedagogical strategies. Teachers who were more proficient in using technology achieved

greater student engagement and learning outcomes. Conversely, educators with limited digital literacy expressed concerns about technical difficulties, lesson timing, and lack of support.

Another critical barrier identified was the inconsistent availability of technological infrastructure across schools. In some cases, limited access to computers, projectors, or stable internet connections restricted the extent to which digital resources could be used effectively. Furthermore, a lack of localized and curriculum-aligned digital content in the Uzbek language posed difficulties in maintaining cultural relevance and age-appropriateness in lesson materials.

The findings emphasize the need for systematic professional development programs focused on digital pedagogy. Ongoing training and support for teachers, along with investments in educational technology infrastructure, are essential to realize the full potential of digital tools in literature education. Addressing these challenges will ensure that digital integration is not just a novelty, but a sustainable and impactful component of modern teaching practices.

Conclusion

Digital educational resources offer promising opportunities for enriching the teaching of children's literature. By fostering engagement and improving comprehension, these tools support the development of critical and creative thinking among young learners. For optimal results, educational institutions should invest in infrastructure and teacher development programs to ensure the effective implementation of digital teaching strategies.

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