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Using the Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) model to analyse Teachers' use of Information Communication Technology in Primary Physical Education



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Background – The Primary PE Landscape

- Increased attention across societal, political, professional and academic contexts (Carse, et al., 2018; Jess et al., 2017; Roberts, et al., 2018)
- Research from across the world consistently reports problems with the quality of primary physical education (Griggs, 2007; Morgan & Bourke, 2008; Tsangaridou, 2012)
- High levels of outsourcing as a result of the primary premium funding (Cope, et al., 2015; Jones & Green, 2017)
- Lack of teacher training and quality CPD for teachers (Choi, et al, 2021; Sloan, 2010)



Background – ICT Use in Primary Education

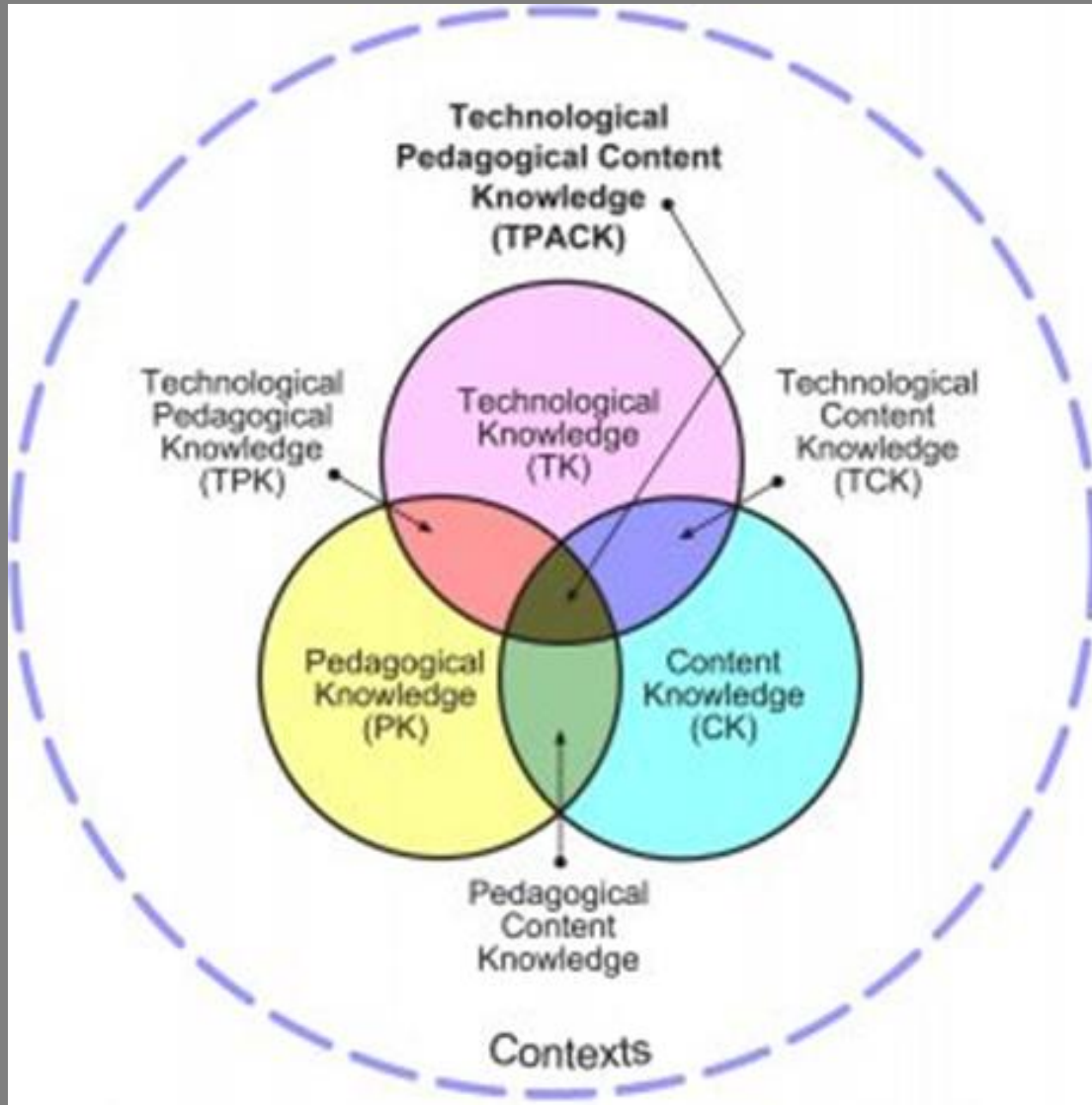
- Official guidance recommends that practitioners give opportunities for children to use ICT through the subject of ICT and through the use of ICT across the curriculum (Department for Education, 2018; Lewin, et al., 2019)
- Research evidence assessing the impact of digital technologies on learning consistently identifies positive benefits (Higgins et al., 2012; Wijnen, et al., 2021).
- Some issues with access to technology, however most teachers were positive about the potential for technology to support children's learning, with engagement rated at the most common benefit. (Picton, 2019).
- Some gender differences in attitudes towards ICT integration in primary teaching (Marbán & Mulenga, 2019)
- More studies related to TPACK enactment in real-life practice are needed to understand the nature of TPACK (Rosenberg & Koehler, 2015)

Background – ICT Use in (Primary) PE

- Useful tool for assessment of movement competence (O'Loughlin, et al, 2013; van Rossum & Morley, 2018)
- Support learning in other domains (Sullivan, 2019)
- Some concerns around issues including safeguarding, accountability, reducing activity levels and set up time (Kucklick & Harvey, 2018; Gard, 2014)
- Potential for over surveillance and issues around body image (Lupton, 2013)
- Questions still remain as to how we gain maximum benefit from the array of technology at our disposal (Sargent & Casey, 2019; Wintle, 2019)

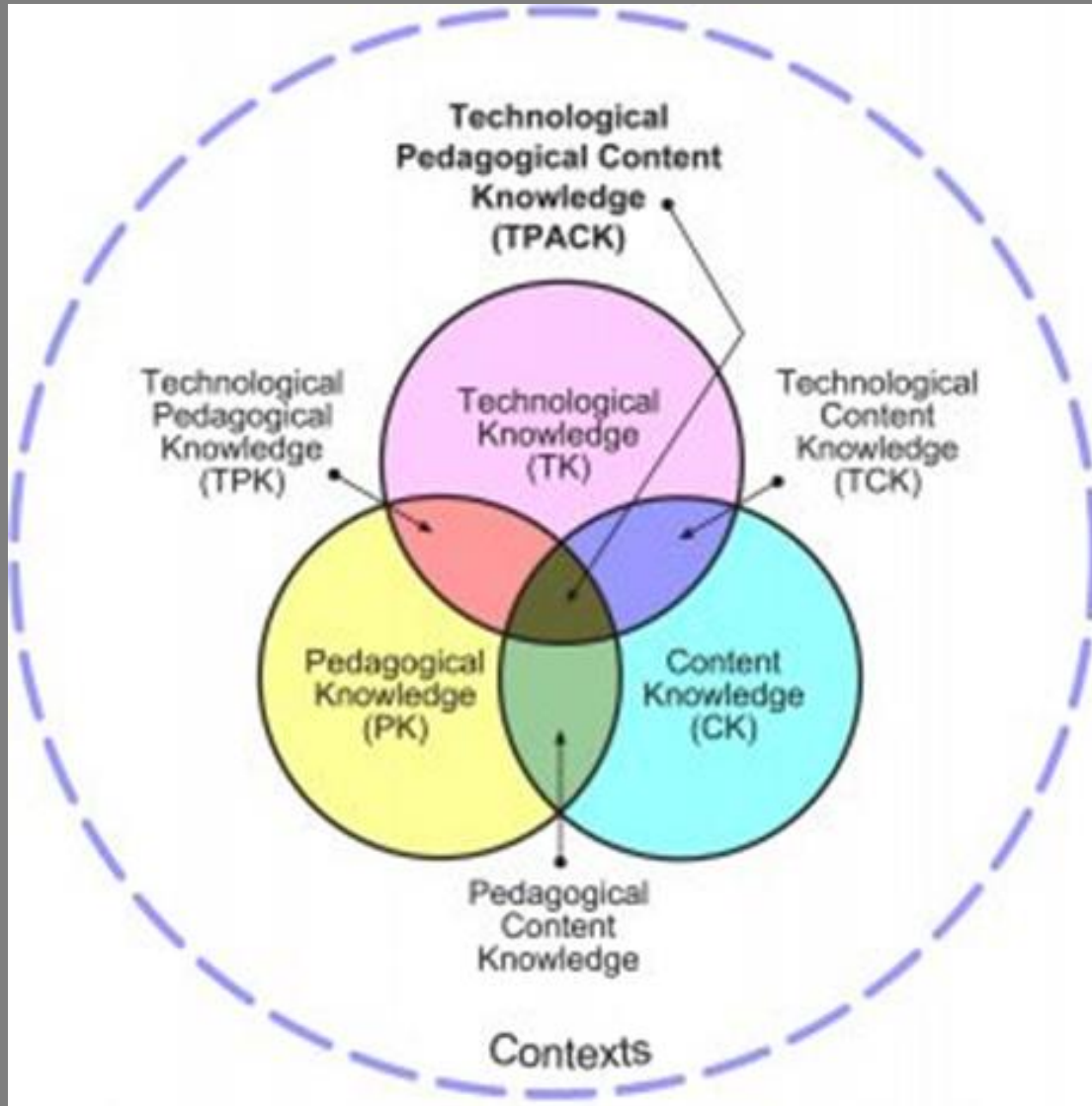


TPACK Model (Mishra & Koehler, 2006)



- The center of the diagram, otherwise known as TPACK, represents a full understanding of how to teach with technology.
- Provides a framework for the use of technology to teach concepts in a way that enhances student learning experiences.
- Important relationship between technology, content, and pedagogy, and the purposeful blending of them is key.

TPACK Model (Mishra & Koehler, 2006)

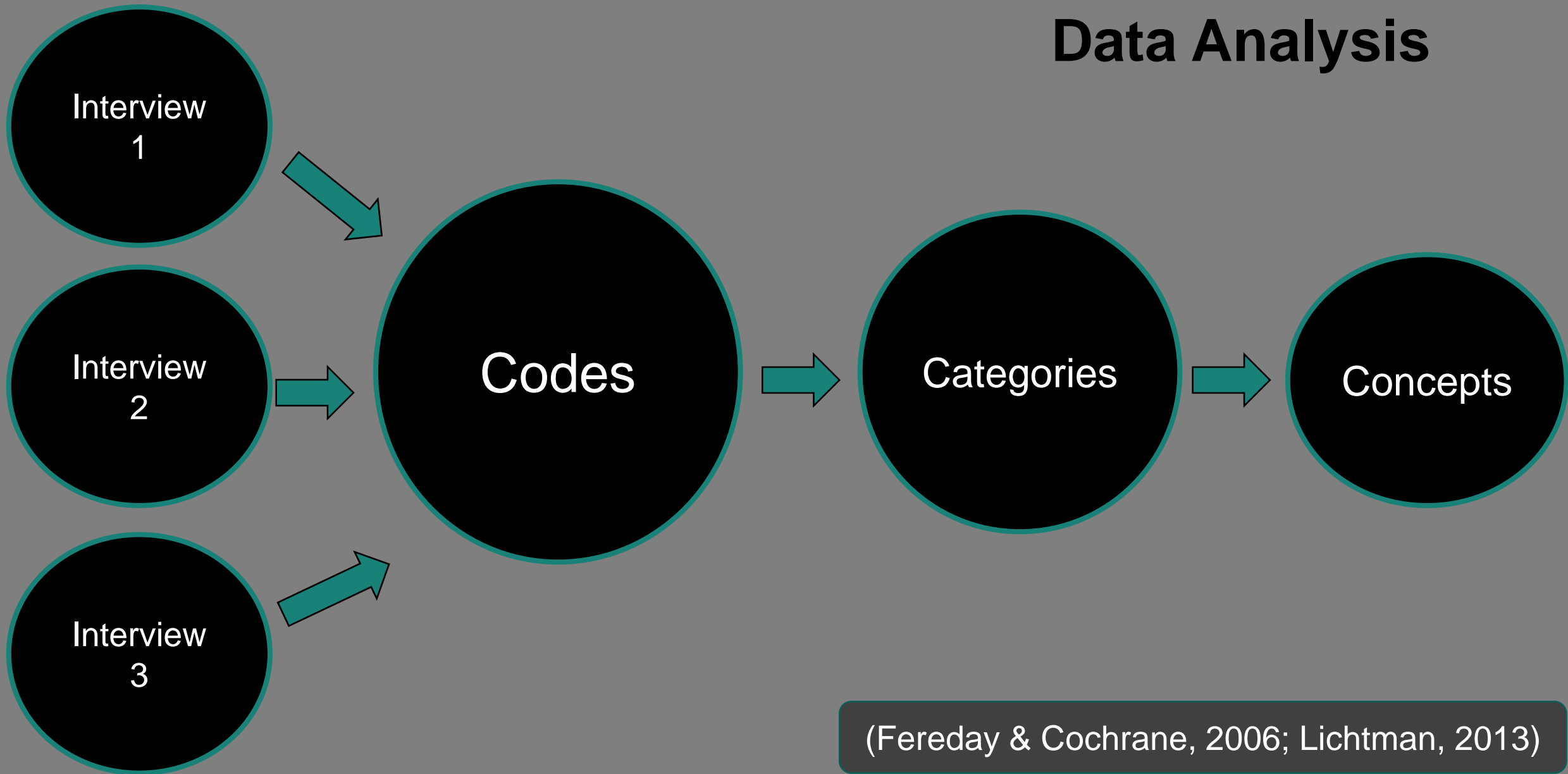


Methods – Sampling and Data Collection

Semi-structured interviews conducted by the lead researcher with 9 primary school teachers. Interview schedule derived from the literature review and TPACK model.

Teacher Age (years)	Teaching experience (years)	School size (pupils no.)	School Characteristics
33	12	<200	Independent, mixed, Wales
32	12	>400	Comprehensive, Mixed, 78% EAL, 62% FSM, Wales
33	11	>400	Comprehensive, Mixed, 78% EAL, 62% FSM, Wales
57	36	<200	Church of England, 2% FSM, Mixed, Gloucestershire
29	7	<200	Church of England, Mixed, Gloucestershire
26	4	>400	Academy, Mixed, 52% FSM, Blackpool
45	18	>200	Community School, Mixed, 37% FSM, Cheshire
25	3	>200	Academy, 16% FSM, Mixed, Oxfordshire
24	3	>600	Community School, 30% FSM, Mixed, Manchester

Data Analysis



(Fereday & Cochrane, 2006; Lichtman, 2013)

Findings & Discussion

Technology to support content knowledge

- Content knowledge development
- Video modelling

Technology for assessment

- Formative assessment
- Summative assessment
- Surveillance

Technology to enhance engagement

- Generate excitement
- Save time
- Impact on activity levels

TPACK – Digital literacy was generally good, effectively blending technology with content and pedagogy is a challenge for some teachers

From the voices of teachers...

“ with the dance stuff... we played the video first and then we work from the video ”

(Lana, Interview 5)



The screenshot shows a YouTube video player interface. At the top, the YouTube logo and 'GB' are visible on the left, and a search bar is on the right. The video player itself shows a woman in a dark blue t-shirt and a black cap, looking down with her arms crossed. Below the video, the title 'Diversity - Dance Tutorial - Lesson 1 - Jordan (HD)' is displayed. Underneath the title, it says '12,548 views 8 Jun 2012'. At the bottom of the player, there are icons for 'Like' (70), 'Dislike', 'Share', 'Download', 'Clip', 'Save', and a menu icon.

YouTube GB Search

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From the voices of teachers...

“ It's been useful videoing and taking photographs ... because they don't realise what positions they're in until they see it, their practice is improved significantly as a result. ”

(Kelly, Interview 3)



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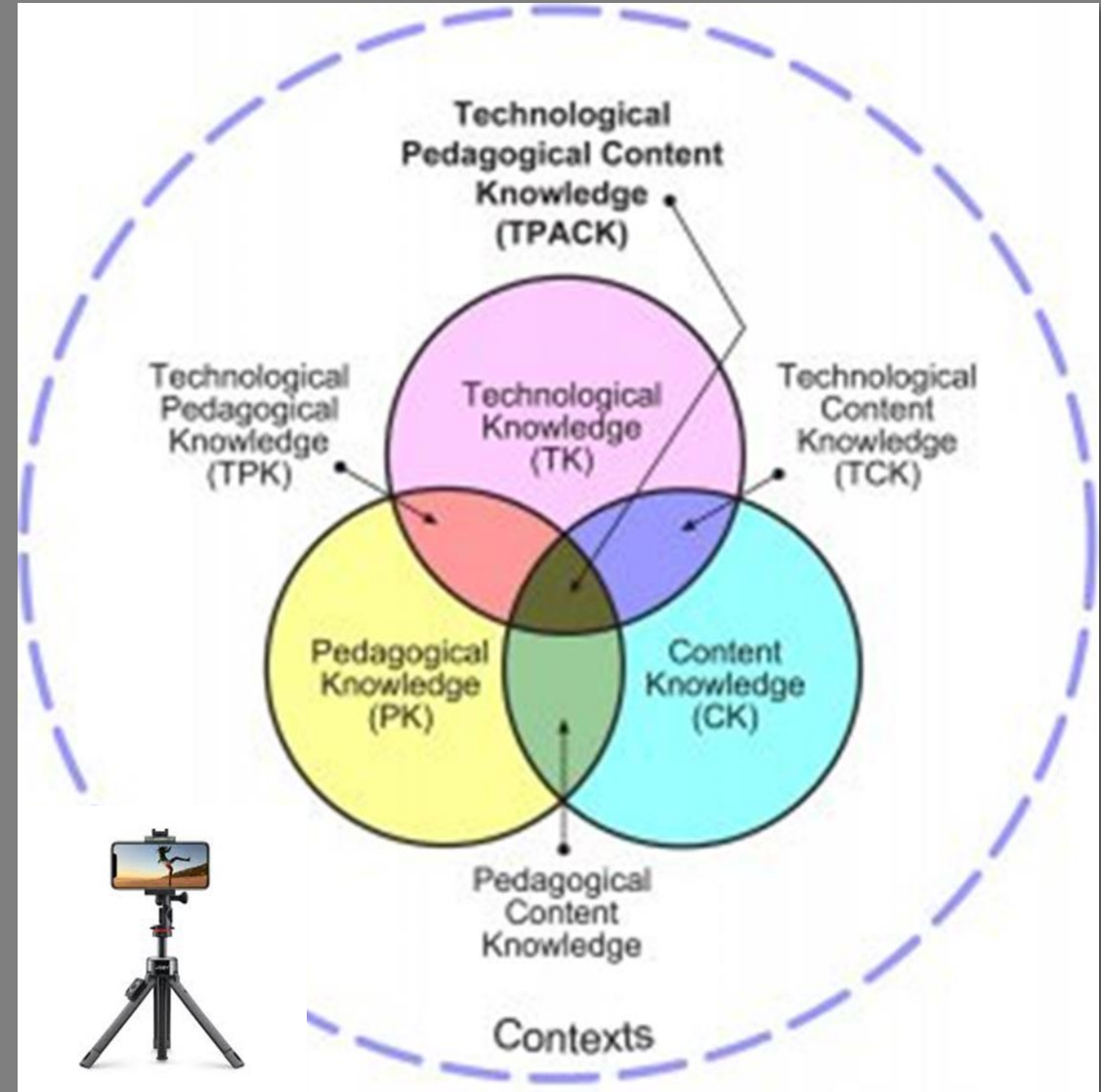
“ You haven't got time to get around to everybody, so if they can do it themselves, and many can, they absolutely love doing it as well. ”

(Dave, Interview 7)



Conclusions

- Issues with some teachers access to and ability to use ICT effectively.
- Some positive links with ICT supporting TPK – assessment
- Question whether ICT should be a “patch” to plug holes in content knowledge.



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