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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)

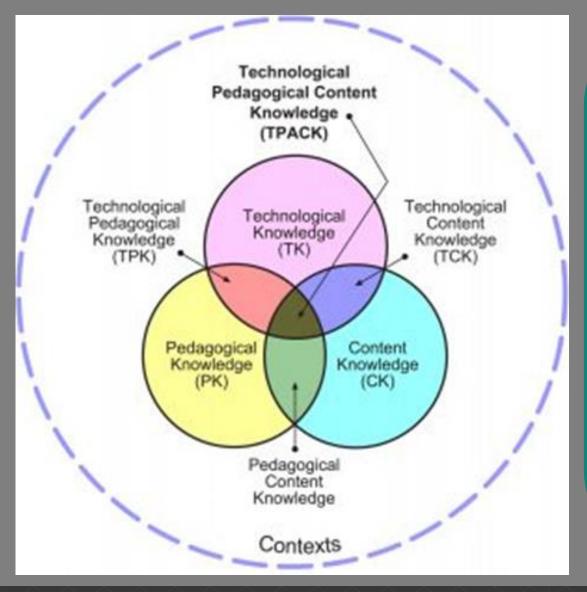


Background – ICT Use in (Primary) PE

- 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)

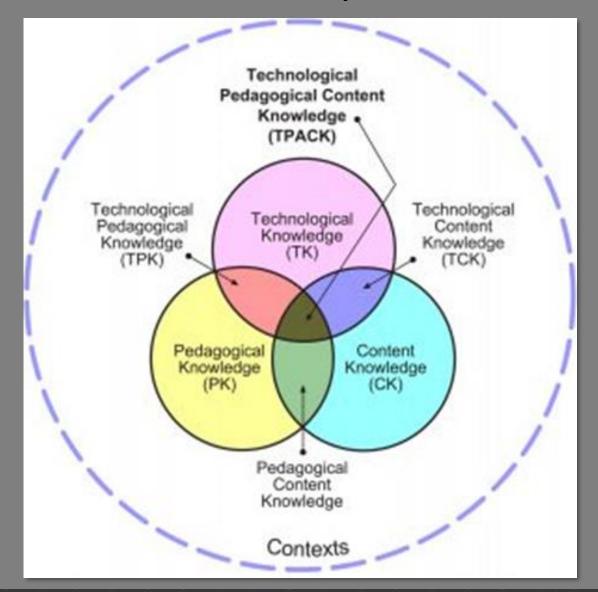


TPACK Model (Mishra & Koehler, 2006)



- 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 Interview Interview Codes Categories Concepts Interview 3 (Fereday & Cochrane, 2006; Lichtman, 2013)



Findings & Discussion

Technology to support content knowledge

Technology for assessment

Technology to enhance engagement

- Content knowledge development
- Video modelling

- Formative assessment
- Summative assessment
- Surveillance

- Generate excitement
- Save time
- Impact on activity levels

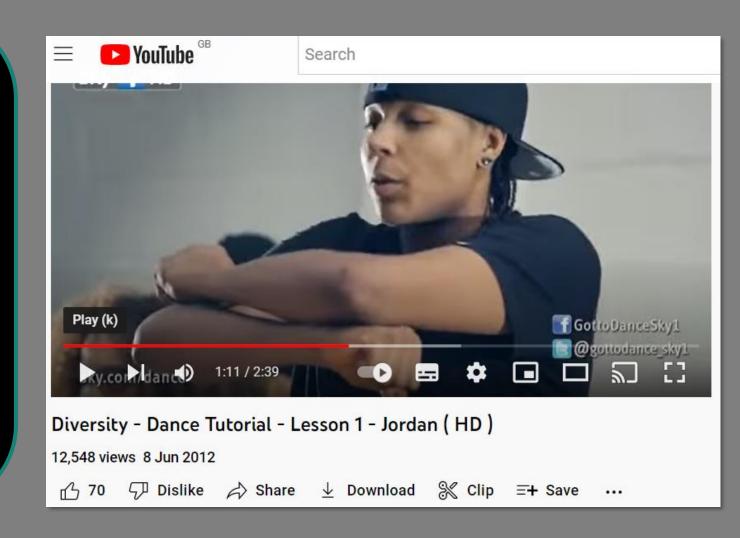
TPACK – Digital literacy was generally good, effectively blending technology with content and pedagogy is a challenge for some teachers



From the voices of teachers...

stuff... we played the video first and then we work from the video 77

(Lana, Interview 5)





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. 77

(Kelly, Interview 3)



From the voices of teachers...

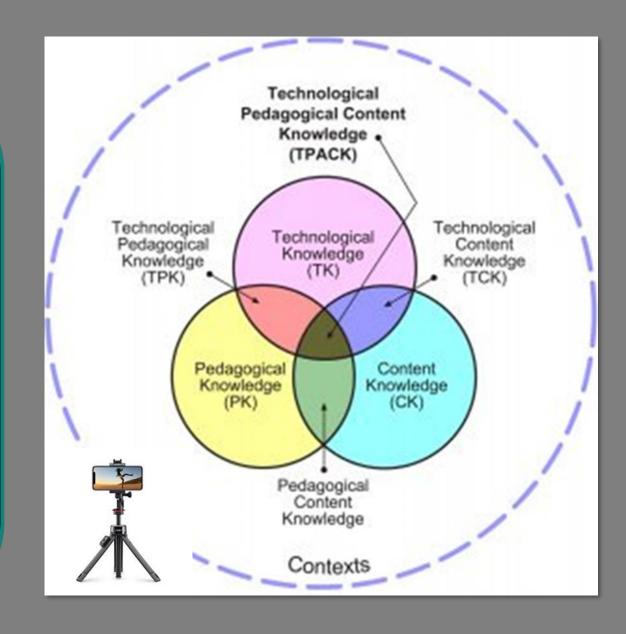
You haven't got time to get around to everybody, so if they can do it themselves, and many can, they absolutely love doing it as well.

(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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