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Unplugged

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ICEKit Summary

This ICEKit accompanies the picturebook, *Unplugged* and enables children to explore Focal Field 1: Socially responsible behaviour – interaction with others and Focal Field 3: Sense of belonging and knowing about or respecting one's own, other and or heritage cultures.

The activities start by arousing children's curiosity in the story context, leading to a series of peritextual ponderings about the front cover, as well as contextual clues about the storyline in the endpapers and the back cover. These visual triggers help children predict the story plot, (i.e., *Blip gets unplugged and experiences life in the outside world*) and gives them a real reason

to listen during the read-aloud. After reading aloud, the activities enable children to make a personalised response to the story and share their opinions on the most important message. Activities include reflecting on their spare-time activities using a class survey, measuring the time they are plugged in, performing a role play, creating a poster and comparing information between different partner countries or contexts.

The ICEKit culminates in the *eTwinning* Taking Action Cycle where children co-create traditional game booklets or tear off posters for people in the community to 'unplug' and do things together more often.