Early Language Learning Cafe

Rajala School

9.1.2020, 13.30 - 15.00

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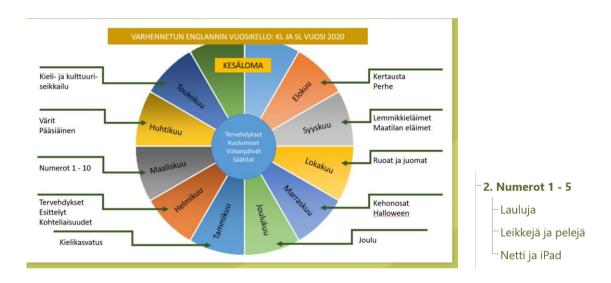
1. Material

We discussed the material situation.

People felt that the Oriveden kielipolku was an excellent starting point:

https://peda.net/orivesi/hankkeet/oriveden-kielipolku2

It follows the same themes as Kuopio. It has lesson plans with material to support them, so teachers do not have to trawl the Internet looking for material.



We also had a look at two electronic forums for English:

https://www.twinkl.co.uk

This forum has a great deal of free resources once you have created a free visitor's account and signed in.

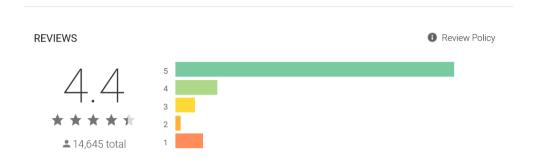
It could be good for getting flashcard resources and sheets. With a subscription, you can have access to more resources.

https://www.starfall.com

also https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=air.com.starfall.more&hl=en

This is more for reading and writing, but does have some games and songs. This one also requires a subscription, but we felt that it might not be particularly useful.

Then we checked out Fun English



I will contact Kuopion kaupunki and ask if it is possible to have this added to the Apps available to us, so that each school could have it as an extra resource. Please have a look at the app, and if you have any comments about it, please email me: joanne.jalkanen@opedu.kuopio.fi

More information about this later.

2. Evaluation

Evaluation came up as an important area, and one that we would like to develop.

Evaluation is 'sanallinen' and we want to develop a 'lausepankki' and guidelines for all teachers in Kuopio to use. In this way, we would all be evaluating in the same way, and the process does not need to be unnecessarily complicated and time consuming.

I will also organise an event (or several events) for a working group on evaluation to develop the above phrase bank and evaluation of the aims of the curriculum and self-evaluation. This group will meet together to do the development work. Initially, we thought that we might be able to do this as a VESO, but upon reflection, it is not a training.

Therefore, I would like to ask if you are interested in joining the working group to develop Kuopio's early language assessment. If so, please email me: joanne.jalkanen@opedu.kuopio.fi

Our goal is to develop an evaluation package that will be useful to teachers in Kuopio regardless of what language they are teaching. The resulting evaluation package will be available to all teachers.

I think that this is a very important theme. As it is difficult to find mutually convenient times, we can do it such, that the project will pay for substitute teacher costs.