



Introduction

This Teacher Resource includes notes on using the six books in Zone 1, as well as guidance on getting the best from the Zone 1 CD-ROM.



How to use *Out of This World*

You can use *Out of This World* flexibly to suit your classroom set-up and the needs of your children.

Individual reading and writing

You could offer the *Out of This World* books for children to select as free choice/independent reading. They could read the books either alone or with support (for example, with a reading partner or in paired reading).

You may wish to discuss the books with the children when they have finished reading, or ask them to do some follow-up work using the reading and writing activity ideas given in the teaching notes on pages 9 to 32.

Encourage individual children to use the CD-ROM to create their own manga-style stories, or to do shorter bursts of writing. You could give them access to the CD-ROM while they are reading the books in Zone 1, or when they have finished the whole zone. Many children will be able to use the CD-ROM for writing activities with very little support, but it is worth offering help if it is needed – for example, the first time a child uses the CD-ROM.

Group and guided reading and writing

The *Out of This World* resources are ideal for group and guided reading and writing, as there are plenty of opportunities for collaboration and discussion.

You could ask a group to read together (and you may wish to guide the reading). Alternatively you could ask them to read separately and come together as a group when they have finished reading, to discuss the story and complete the follow-up activities. The teaching notes on pages 9 to 32 contain many reading and writing activities that work well in groups.

The CD-ROM can be used by groups of pupils to:

- ★ plan and create a shared text
- ★ work collaboratively on short-burst pieces of writing
- ★ give support and constructive criticism to children creating individual texts.

Reading order

The books in Zone 1 can be read in any order, although it may make sense for the children to read the two books in each strand (The Arkies, Halycrus or Space Sports) before moving on to the next strand.>

