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A Service Design Approach:

What are the barriers and opportunities of using Augmented Reality for primary science education?

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ARGON (Ar)	Point your iPhone, iPod Touch or iPad at the marker to
Discovered: Atomic Number: Atomic Weight: Density At 0 C: Weiting Point: Freezing Point:	1894 18 39.948 101.325 kPa -189.35 C -189.2 C

Argon (symbol Ar) is a colorless and odorless gas, makes up 0.93% of our planet's atmosphere. This makes it the third most abundant element in our atmosphere after nitrogen and oxygen. It is a noble or 'inert' gas, found in group 18, period 3 of the periodic table which does not react with other elements under normal conditions.

Uses: You can find Argon used in light bulbs, lasers, double glazing for home and even scuba dry suits!

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(Akcayir, Akcayir, 2017; Wang, et al., 2017; Radu, 2014; Yuen, Yaoyuneyong, Johnson, 2011), suggest educators and designers need to collaborate in terms of creating sound pedagogy to develop AR applications that maximise on learning outcomes.

A study by Silva et al. (2019) found that although educators did recognise the potential of AR, the adoption of such technologies within mainstream schools is rare.

(Kerawalla, Woolward, Luckin, 2006; Bistaman, Idrus, Rashid, 2018) specifically demonstrate AR provides a positive impact on a teaching and learning experience for primary science education.

(Wellcome Trust, 2017) that primary teachers within the UK education system are now only managing to devote on average 1 hour and 24 minutes per week in teaching science



1) How can AR create new remote experiences outside of the classroom?

2) What are the barrier and opportunities for using augmented reality within schools?

Why use Service Design for AR?



Design Methodologies Service Design Thinking Process



Stickdorn, Hormess, Lawrence and Schneider (2018) This is Service Design Thinking







5 Principles of Service Design

1. User Centred Experiences are customer focused.

2. Co Creative

All stakeholders are part of the process.

3. Sequencing

The service should be visualized as a sequence of Interrelated actions.

4. Evidencing

The service should be visualized in terms of physical artefacts.

5. Holistic

The entire environment of a service should be considered.



Stakeholders

Education

Ebor Academy Trust, York, UK / Centre for Industry Collaboration York St John University, Education Department / EPIC Games, Education Manager.



Tim Moat

Director of Communications and Development Ebor Academy Trust York UK



Jake Reeves Kemp

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.....and KS2 pupils.

Exploration. Methods.

Service Safaris Classroom Observations Shadowing - Day in the life (Teacher/Pupil)

Contextual Interviews In-depth conversations (Teacher / Pupil) What do they want / need? Where are there barriers and opportunities?

Customer Journey Maps What are the key touchpoints? Emotional Implications. Empathy.

Questionnaire Distributed out to primary schools in England 57 responses



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Robert Wilkinson Primary Academy, York, UK.

Exploration: Classroom Observations



/ Comical Videos / Stories happened / Activities / Delivery

Exploration. Focus Groups / Design Sprints



/ Exploring AR products / What do you think?

Exploration. Empathy Mapping





Exploration. Empathy Mapping

Challenges







Exploration. Summary

Challenges

Affordability & Investment Teacher Attitude & Confidence IT Infrastructure Time Preparation CPD & Training Inclusive Digital Divide Access to Devices / Platform Level playing field Funding for resources

Opportunities

Curriculum Alignment Cross Curriculum Connecting Science to Real Life Engaging in unique ways Science Capital Relevance to Real Life Abstract Concepts Deep Dive Blended Learning Active & Engaging VR & AR Applications 28 % - YES 72 % - NO

Class Sizes (30 above) 64%

Teaching Science **30%** - 2 hrs per week 19% - 1 to 2 hrs per week 19% - 1hr to 1.5 hrs per week 16% - 1.5 hrs per week 14% - under 1hr per week 2% - only half term

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Creation. Design Scenarios. & Storyboards.

Design Scenarios

used to explore solutions, prototype scenarios and experiences.



Storyboards to illustrate a sequence of events Crazy 8's.



Creation. Concept



/ AR Pop-Up Exhibition

Creation. Concept



/ Science Event (time preparation)
/ Change Content (Cloud based)
/ Image Recognition
/ Contained under school infrastructure
/ Inclusive (no digital divide)

Exploration. Empathy Mapping



/EPIC /SIC



Creation. Themes (Climate Change)

1. Renewables

Touching on the wind turbine (learning about parts of the turbine)

2. Habitats

Choosing options to help an animal survive. Shelter, food, water (problem solving)

3. Materials

Choosing which materials to remove from the ocean to stop pollution (gaming)

4. Healthy Living What is a burger made from? (what's in a burger)

5. Earth Science Character in a car, too hot. Using dial to get hotter and colder (slider to make temp hotter and colder)





Creation. Customer Journey Mapping





1 / QUESTIONS (3) 2 / DISCUSSION 3 / AR VIDEO 4 /AR ANIMATION 5 /AR INTERACTION 6 / QUIZ

Creation. Customer Journey Mapping



/ Discussion Points

/ Environment School Hall , Classroom

/ Style (doesn't matter - more important content)

/ CPD Online Videos Training and support

/ Accessibility AR Roadshow , Ordered Online

/ Worksheets (95%) different learning styles and record

/ Science Capital (63%) Triggering experiences from home Type of Device (Tablet vs Phone) screen size

Creation. Concept

/ Platonic Solids









Creation. Storyboarding

3.	Narration:
(12 Seconds) FRAMES 1525 - 1825	Located above the forest floor is the understory layer. Small shrubs and trees can grow here. Understory plants often produce flowers that are large and easy to see.
	(Animate the visibility of each layer)
(12 Seconds) FRAMES 1825 - 2125	The canopy layer forms a dense network of leaves and branches as a roof over the two remaining layers. With so much food available, more animals live in the canopy than any other layer in the rainforest.
(11 Seconds) FRAMES 2125 - 2400	The top layer of the rainforest is the emergent layer, where trees can grow up to 60 metres tall due to larger amounts of sunlight. Here, you will find living bats, butterflies and awaiting predators such as hawks and eagles.





Creation. Concept





Creation. Concept



Answer these

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questions.

What lyous of materials do we use in our everyday ites?

come to the club



Creation. Augmentation





Implementation. Phase 2.

/6 to 8 Ebor Trust schools

How did the service work? What is the impact? Information needed to support teachers.

/ Pupil Quiz

Quizzes Software (Data Collection of 15 multiple questions) *Quantitative Data*

/ Focus Groups

Teachers & Pupils (What do they think of the AR experience? What are the peripherals? *Qualitative Data*

/ Observations

AR Interactions / Service. Qualitative Data



https://www.epic-science.com/

/ Brands

How will we work in the Metaverse? Roblox, Fortnite, Minecraft

/ New pipelines

to make things (take an image and convert into 3D textured model) AI

/ Geolocation

learn as you go (OECD – Future of Schooling)

/WEB 3.0

Trigger 3D experiences without apps / triggers



/ Kiesha Matsuda – Hyper Reality

Thank you.

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