



Kids

Computer says...

Little ones as young as two are familiar with iPads, but should they be used in the classroom?

YES! Says... Amir Yazdanpanah

Occupation: Founder and CEO, Makers Builders, a technology education company

"iPads, when used effectively in the classroom, can provide students with rich learning experiences that allow them to dig deep into a subject and understand it beyond the memorisation of facts. Two key factors that determine success are educational content and apps that promote deeper thinking and the integration of educational apps into interactive learning experiences. When these criteria come together, digital assets can promote critical thinking, problem solving, persistence and collaboration in a way that children intuitively relate to."



NO! Says... Rachel Hamilton

Occupation: Author and former teacher

"I'm not a complete cyber-saurus. I'm all for technology in education if it's more effective than the non-techy alternative. But I'm not convinced classrooms full of iPads are the way forward. I confess, this is partly because I hate the thought of handwriting becoming a dying art. I love the way we all have our own writing style that makes our work uniquely ours. While I have faith in kids' ability to do wonderful things with iPads, I'm not convinced all those things will actually be educational and beneficial."

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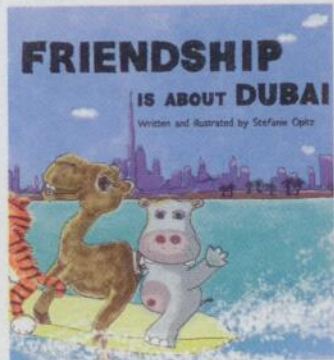
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Mum's book review of the week
Friendship is about Dubai



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"Why are you sad, Mummy?" My four-year-old couldn't work out why I was weeping during bedtime stories. "It's just the story, darling, I'm just thinking about friends who have left Dubai." "But you Skype them all the time?" she reminded me. This book is an excellent introduction to the perils of living in a transient expat culture, where friendships are all the more intense because they replace family. Which is why, when people move on – and they do, frequently – you are left with a greater sense of loss than normal. The good but not spectacular animal adventures in this book help kids to understand that feeling and realise that although your friends may not be in Dubai, they remain in your heart.



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