

### **Aims**

1. To enable children to write stories collaboratively.
2. To use websites, including Kids on the Net to stimulate good quality children's writing about The Commonwealth Games.

**Age Range:** KS2

**Resources:** Kids on the Net website: <http://www.kidsonthenet.com/>

### **Introduction and activities**

The Commonwealth Games is an exciting major sporting event which can be used as a starting point for all kinds of interesting work. The games can form the basis for various types of collaborative writing, and Kids on the Net provides various activities and links to resource this; writing can be submitted for possible inclusion on the site at <http://www.kidsonthenet.com/> The following ideas may be used as starting points:

- ❖ Children can work together to tell the story of a team such as a relay squad, hockey team or netball team. Each child can write from the point of view of one member of the team, perhaps describing a final and a gold medal-winning performance.
- ❖ Children can collaborate on the story of a knockout performance, outlining the journey through various rounds with victories and perhaps a disappointing defeat too, describing the emotions, the details of competing and the results.
- ❖ Children can imagine being competitors in one particular event, travelling to Manchester, perhaps from tiny island countries so that the experience is a real adventure. They can describe the journey, their hopes and fears, an account of seeing the huge stadium for the first time and what it feels like to compete against some of the best athletes in the world.
- ❖ The torch's journey: children can collaboratively plan and write a story to describe the journey of the Games torch as it travels around the world.
- ❖ The story of an event. Choose from aquatics, athletics, badminton, cycling/mountain biking, gymnastics, hockey, judo, lawn bowls, netball, rugby sevens, shooting, squash, table tennis, triathlon, weightlifting and wrestling.

### **Follow Up**

- ❖ Find out more about the Games or focus on particular athletes or events. Use the links page on the Kids on the Net site.
- ❖ Design new gold, silver and bronze medals.
- ❖ Draw pictures or posters to illustrate the stories. Images can be scanned and sent in as email attachments with writing to Kids on the Net (<http://www.kidsonthenet.com/>)
- ❖ Research the history of the Commonwealth Games, focusing on some of the great athletes of the past who have competed in the event. Draw a world map showing the locations of past Games.

