

Biology – starting from scratch

Aim:

to encourage students starting biology in year 5 who have NOT done science

Method:

Prepare, use and then evaluate usefulness of a starter booklet/workbook.

What happened?

most students used booklet in September or as they joined class and kept it as a reference

Useful websites

www.nbsstralee.ie www.juniorscience.ie
www.skool.ie www.examinations.ie
www.scoilnet.ie www.slss.ie
www.education.ie
www.bbc.co.uk/learning/subjects/

Vitruvian Woman



What the students thought?

all but one found it a **LITTLE** or **VERY HELPFUL**

Positive points: introduction... readable... informative... summaries... descriptive... diagrams...

Suggestions for improvement: more **FUN**, easier language, bigger diagrams, give **ANSWERS!**

Presentation: **BIGGER** diagrams, **COLOUR**

What the teacher thought?

SUCCESSFUL

overall, definitely worth while

- needs to be more **VISUAL LABELS** on **BIGGER** diagrams
- in **COLOUR**... more **INTERACTIVE?**
- more **SPACED OUT** with spaces for student answers
- useful too with **INTERNATIONAL** students