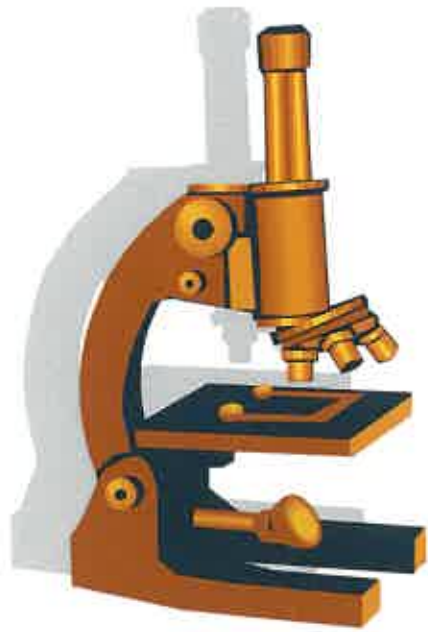
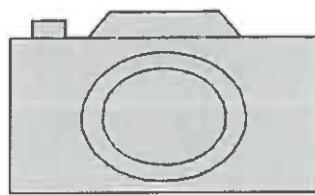


Crafty Kidz Club



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As part of the project we had a group discussion with the children at our club and asked them what they understood digital media to be. We brainstormed all of the children's ideas and have enclosed it for you to see.

At the start of the project we carried out an audit of our ICT/digital equipment to see what we currently offer and what we could purchase to develop the children's digital experiences.

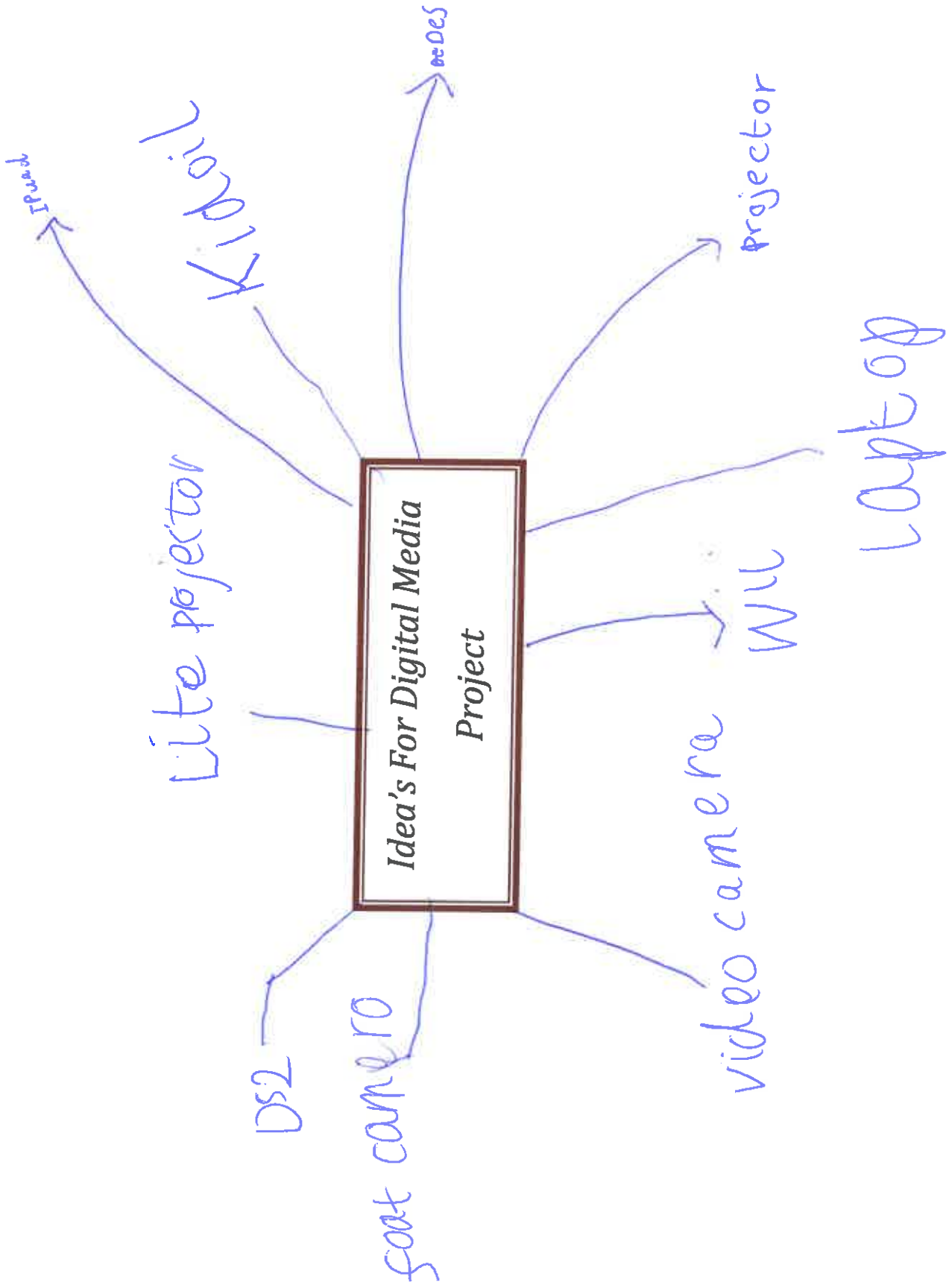
From the discussion we have decided to purchase a projector and a digital microscope.

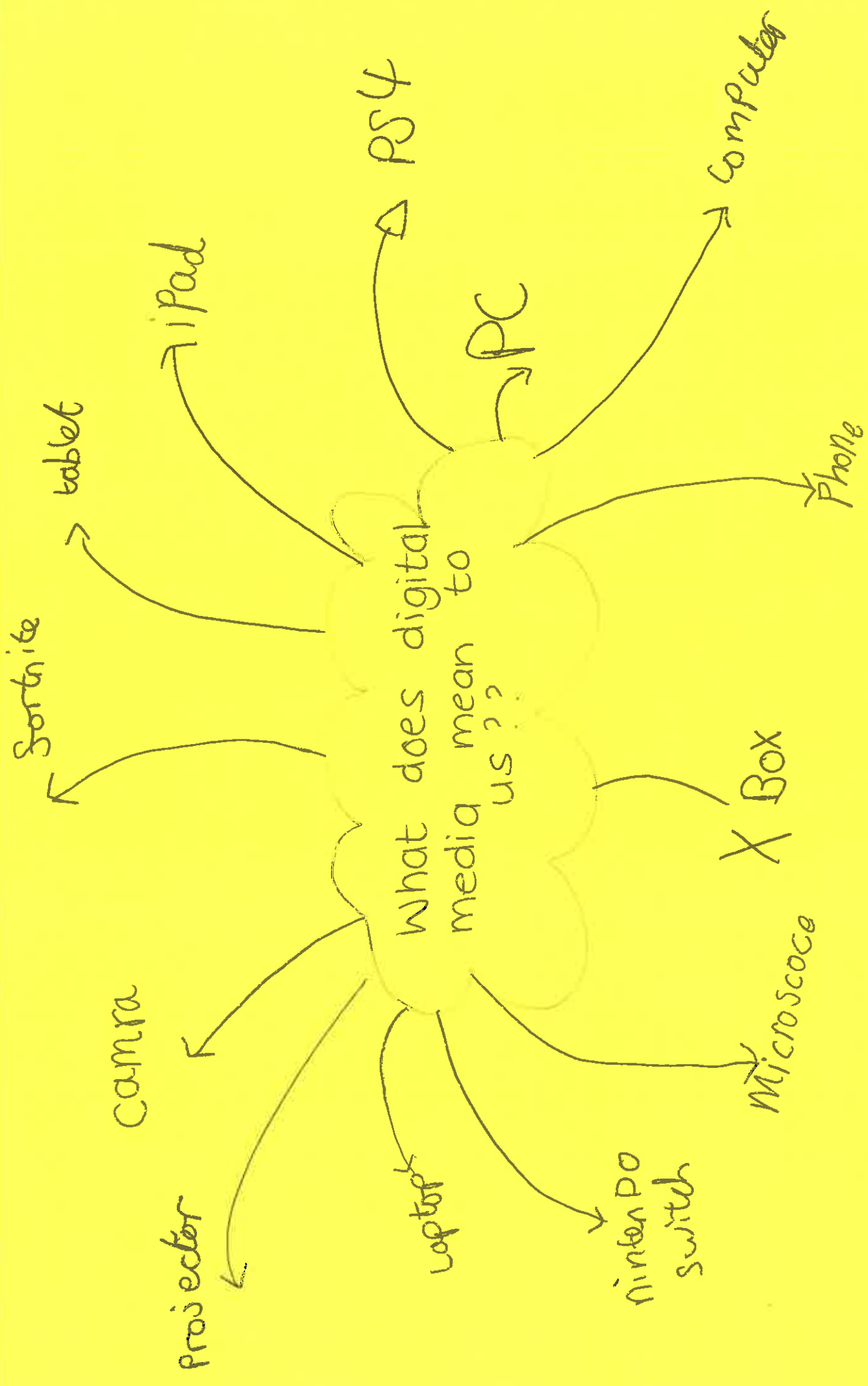


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The children have enjoyed taking photos with our digital camera, we observed that the children took it in turns nicely and shared well developing their personal social and emotional skills. The children also learnt how to operate simple digital equipment.



The children also enjoyed playing with the torches. They made dens under a table and put covers over it to make it dark. The children were interested in making shadows and even initiated their own game where they had to chase the shadows.



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As part of our Chinese celebrations we decided to use the laptop to project different Chinese dances for the children to copy and explore. The children took photos of this and even made a video using an i-pad.

The children asked to use materials whilst they were joining in with the Chinese New Year celebration dances.

The children thoroughly enjoyed this activity and the videos have been projected on a screen in the school hall for us all to see.



During another session the children were interested in creating their own videos.

As a group we searched for an age appropriate app to download onto the iPad. We found an app called video maker which the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring and experimenting with.

From this we observed that all ages of children were interacting and working well together developing new friendships.

The videos were then being projected onto a large screen for everyone to view.

In conjunction with the planning which was to talk about lifecycles and to go on mini beast hunts we have used our digital microscope to get a closer look at different objects of nature that the children found on their mini beast hunt.

The children throughout the week all got given the opportunity to participate in our bug hunt. Once the children had found insects they then had a look at them by using our digital microscope which magnified the insect and was then displayed on the laptop for all of the children to see. From the Mini beast hunt we found:

- Ants
- Ladybirds
- Spiders
- Woodlice
- Beetles
- Green flies
- Caterpillars

The children were lucky enough to find an insect which had just had babies, the microscope was able to look closely at this and they were very excited at their find!

The children have learnt from this experience about lifecycles, the world we live in but they have also learnt how to operate the microscope and simple ICT programmes.

Exploring technology inside



Look what we found outside



What have we learnt from using digital media??

From the beginning of the project we consulted the children in the planning on how we could offer digital media within our setting. The children, staff and parents have given good input and suggestions about what digital media we could use.

One parent has said that he will be donating a projector for all of the children to use so this will enable us to offer more experiences to all of the children.

The projector, camera, I-Pad and digital microscope can be used in so many different ways and we still have so many ways we can explore these to bring digital media opportunities to our setting.

From offering the experiences the children have been extending their ICT knowledge but it has also covered so many areas within the early year's foundation stage.

We have particularly observed that from the digital media experiences the children have:

- Worked together mixing with all ages.
- Developed sharing, turn taking and listening skills.
- Sharing ideas and putting these into practice e.g. the bug hunt the children then decided to collect leaves, sticks and natural objects.
- Been very imaginative, stimulated and excited about the opportunities available.
- Pro active to initiate their own learning with support from adults when needed.

We will continue to use digital media within our setting looking at ways that we can offer and extend this opportunity for all children.

Crafty Kidz club have enjoyed participating in the project and are grateful that we had the opportunity to.

Throughout our holiday club we will continue to explore our digital equipment further with lots of exciting activities.

