



Minecraft taught in school

Good morning, everyone.

A teacher at the front of the class – looks pretty standard, right? Students at their laptops, yep, all seems pretty normal here. But hang on a minute, they're playing Minecraft!

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The game started life here in Sweden. It's now played all around the world. And in this school these guys aren't using Minecraft in their breaktime, they're using it in a lesson, and the lesson is compulsory.

'It felt a bit weird at first, 'cause he was like "We're gonna play Minecraft" and we were just thinking, OK, what's this gonna be about?'

'We usually do it in different lessons. We usually use science, social studies and maths.'

The students at this high school in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, have used Minecraft to design a city of the future and solve real-life problems like recycling.

'The only limit is, like, your imagination, your fantasy and that's a very fun idea because it brings forward the creative side of you.'

'Instead of, like, drawing or thinking, like, in your head about what it's gonna look like you can visualise it in Minecraft.'

But not everyone's a fan.

'I'm not so much into Minecraft myself.'

'I'm not either.'

'But I can, like, I do not enjoy just building houses like we did in school because I think it's kind of boring.'



But when it comes to gaming it's the one thing that students definitely know more about than the actual teachers, so how do they feel about that?

'The children and the students are expert in Minecraft, many of them, and they can do all kinds of things that you can't imagine. But you have to accept it and focus what your task is, er, mainly to keep ... keep them to co-operate and learn from each other.'

Some people think video games should stay out of the classroom, but here at this school in Sweden it's now part of everyday life.

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