

See inside for kids' and teachers' verdict



EASY

DOES IT:

Setting up

your Pico

computer

is child's

play



THE Sega Pico is not just revolutionary computer that kids think is a toy - it's also an award-winning learning aid that parents teachers have showered with

In the space of just a few months it's scooped Parents Magazine's Good Toy Award, the Right Start Petit Filous Award and Nursery World's best technological toy.

praise.

Katie Brady, a teacher and mother of three, is convinced the Pico has helped her kids. "It reinforces things such as letter and number recognition which they're being taught at school," she says.

"My son thinks it's a game, little realising that when he's playing he's practising what he's learnt at school.

"And it's certainly a lot more stimulating that sitting in front of a television. The more advanced games for older children teach you things such as how to balance an equation.

> "Everyone I know is very impressed by Pico and I think it would really benefit a great many schools.

"For children with learning difficulties Pico can provide a context in which they are able to achieve small but significant goals in early learning - hand to eye co-ordination, letter recognition and exploring shapes and colours.

"It is very rewarding to see a child who is normally reluctant to put pen to paper happlily pick up the magic pen and engage in a game of shape matching or simple arithmetic and find that it is fun rather than a chore."





THE fantastic Pico children's interactive computer has been hailed by parents and teachers as an educational revolution.

"It's the first of a new breed of educational toys that could help give today's children a big advantage over their predecessors," says

one American expert. However, it's all very well coming up with a toy that's approved by adults.

But what do youngsters themselves think of the Pico? After all, they're the ones it's desgined for.

We quizzed two sisters, Bianca, seven, and Amber, four, to see what they thought of the new Pico computer.

Storyware was voted

The Winnie The Pooh

tops with both girls. Amber liked a game which involved using a balloon to fly the bear into a hole in a tree to retrieve honey.

And Bianca fell in love with a module where Pooh characters pose a question, then drop blocks bearing multiple choice answers.

And their verdict on Pico? "It's brilliant," the girls said in unison, agreeing about some-

thing for probably the only time in their lives.

And teacher Katie Brady says: "I have no hesitation in recommending Pico.

"I've yet to meet somebody who wasn't impressed by the machine.

"I can't imagine life at home without the children's friendly Pico."

For once, Sega seem to have come up with something that is

Does your child's nursery or school deserve its own PICO c



It's play AND learn



Storyware packages that are sure to keep kids happy for ages. Here's just a few of the titles available. Ecco Jr

> Children can learn to count pearls on the seabed with the dolphin star, Ecco, as well as identify creatures from the deep and compose their own underwater song.

Pocahontas

Join Meeko, Percy and Pocahontas for a fun-filled day. Games and puzzles include Picture Puzzle and The River Maze.

Richard Scarry's Huckle and Lowly's Busiest Day Ever

This great package follows the adventures of a cuddly cat and mouse on a great day out.

The package lets kids learn about colours at a Paint Store, play the Maze Game and even decorate Gingerbread cookies!

Mickey's Blast Into The Past

Join Mickey Mouse as he sets off on a voyage of discovery down Memory Lane, catching up with dinosaurs in the pre-

Have hours all your old favourites

historic world, meeting inventor Thomas Edison and learning all about time.

Professor Pico and the Paintbox Puzzle

Egghead Professor Pico is tops with tots because he's funny and wise, and knows all about the joys of colouring.

A Year At Pooh Corner

Meet Pooh and all his pals, including Tigger and Eeyore, in this exciting game that gives kids a head start in counting and spelling. This exciting Storyware comes with your Pico computer.

Tails & The Musicmaker

Superstar Sonic the Hedgehog's two-tailed sidekick, Tails, teaches kiddies all about making music.

Watch out for a surprise guest appearance from Sonic himself!

THE revolutionary Pico computer has scooped a string of awards since its launch last year.

Best ToyAward Petit Filous

"The Pico has outstanding graphics and is very easy to use," said the 100 kids and panel of judges who tested the laptop.

"We were also im-



presse by the wide range of software available covering a variety of skills including reading and spelling.'

1995 Parents & Good Toy **Guide Awards**

"Connected to a TV monitor, this learning aid gives access to activities including counting, spelling, drawing and painting," commented judges.

"There's scope for developing a host of



skills and separate add-ons extend its life. An excellent family buy."

Nursery **Equipment**

"It's colourful, robust, educational and fun. It represents excellent play value."

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ple believe having a sonal computer (PC) es them an advane over their pals, a vey reveals.

Students say having C gives them greater nputer confidence and kes homework fun.

•A staggering one in two youngsters have used a computer by the time they're five.

•Nearly one in three computers sold in the US is for educational use - compared to a lowly three per cent in Britain.

•But things are changing and experts predict that sales of computers for educational use in the

UK are set to explode.

nputer? See Page 4 to find out how your *Mirror* can help

Go to the top of the class with PICO

computer for your school

Lion King Jiory Ware

THE long-awaited video game version of Disney's Lion King finally gets its release on November 17.

The animated masterpiece was the biggest-grossing movie of 1994, grossing a staggering £440 million around the world.

Children everywhere were enchanted by the tale of orphaned lion cub Simba - and his struggle to escape the clutches of his treacherous, scheming uncle, Scar.

And the Lion King Storyware is sure to be a smash with PICO owners. For as well as its beautiful Disney graphics, the Lion King Storyware has educational puzzles like Musical Leapfrog and Alphabet Pathfinder that will help kids learn while they play.

Experts predict this great new game could be as big a smash with youngsters as the movie, which features the voices of British stars Jeremy Irons and Rowan Atkinson. One thing's for sure - it's bound to be a festive favourite.

MAGINE how your child would benefit if their school or nursery had a fantastic PICO interactive computer.

Well, you could help them get one by entering our great competition.

Your Daily Mirror has teamed up with Sega to offer 100 PICO computers as prizes to nurseries or play schools.

Each prize PICO comes with Winnie the Pooh Storyware plus Lion King in Adventures At Pride Rock Storyware.

The PICO computer retails at £149.99 and the Lion King in Adventures At Pride Rock Storyware costs £34.99.

This is the brand new title in the range of PICO Storyware and will provide hours of learning and fun for children.

This fantastic package is worth £185 and will make learning child's play - quite literally

To be in with a chance of winning one of these fantastic prizes all you have to do is answer this simple question.

QUESTION: How many bits does the PICO have?

Then call our compettion hotline on:

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Leave your answer together with your name, address including postcode, a daytime telephone number and the name of your child's school.

Lines close at noon on Friday 10 November 1995. Winners will be chosen at random from all the correct entries.

Calls are charged at 39 pence per minute cheap rate and 49 pence per minute at all other times. The Editor's decision is final. Normal Mirror Group rules apply.

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