Ian Bean Says...

"Our children love Choose and Tell. It's one of their favourite programs. They love the well drawn, simply animated graphics and the comical situations the characters find themselves in. They love it because they can all use it… with switches, with touch-screens and pointing devices, but most of all, they love because THEY get to decide what happens next. It's their story. They wrote it themselves!

Our teachers like Choose and Tell: Nursery Rhymes too! They like it because it's easy to set up, it doesn't crash, and it has lots of hidden options which enable them to tailor the program to meet the access needs of the children. They like it because they can use it on an interactive whiteboard and engage their whole class, and because they can print out the characters and make stories away from the computer. They like it because it fits in with the way they like to teach."

Who is Ian Bean?

Ian Bean joined the Inclusive Technology team in the UK from Priory Woods, an award-winning, Beacon Special School widely considered a model of best practice in ICT for children with special needs. Described by Becta (British Educational Communications and Technology Agency) as "a highly experienced and innovative ICT teacher and coordinator", Ian has taught learners of all ages with a wide range of severe, profound and complex learning difficulties.

Ian has an in-depth knowledge of assistive technology and has developed detailed assessment techniques and novel teaching strategies to exploit the full potential of this technology. He is an experienced training provider and has devised and delivered courses in schools and colleges across the UK.

Ian is passionate in his belief that technology has the potential to enable and empower all learners providing them with rich, meaningful and personalised learning experiences. He is a former Becta ICT in Practice Award winner, an award winning website designer and a regular speaker at ICT conferences around the UK and internationally.