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Press Release

Electric December: Topical Trumps

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Pupils from Tynning Hengrove Junior School, with the help and guidance of artist Ella Bissett Johnson and programmer John Weeks have created 'Topical Trumps' - an online, interactive card game, as part of Brunel 200 celebrating the life, work and inventions of Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

Topical Trumps invites **Electric December** visitors to beat the computer by selecting one of four categories on the Brunel animated cards. The side with the highest value then wins.

'Brunel 200 was delighted to have supported Tynning Hengrove School in this project. The school is a model for all other schools for the work that they are doing on Brunel and the Victorians. Brunel himself would have liked this project and would have admired the children and the teachers for their passion and commitment.' Andrew Kelly, Director, Brunel 200.

"The best bit was making the cards. I really enjoyed going to the ss Great Britain, it was spectacular." Danneka Raine

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- The Digital Challenge offers a £10m prize to develop a showcase zone for eGovernment and ICT innovation - find out more at www.egovmonitor.com/node/1716
- **Electric December** is a Watershed project supported by Learning & Skills Council West of England, The Campus Bristol, BBC West, Bristol Evening Post and Creative Bristol (an initiative of Bristol Cultural Development Partnership, Arts Council England South West, Bristol City Council and Business West).
- You can see the last six years of **Electric December** now at www.electricdecember.org
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