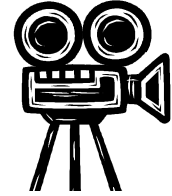# Making Movies
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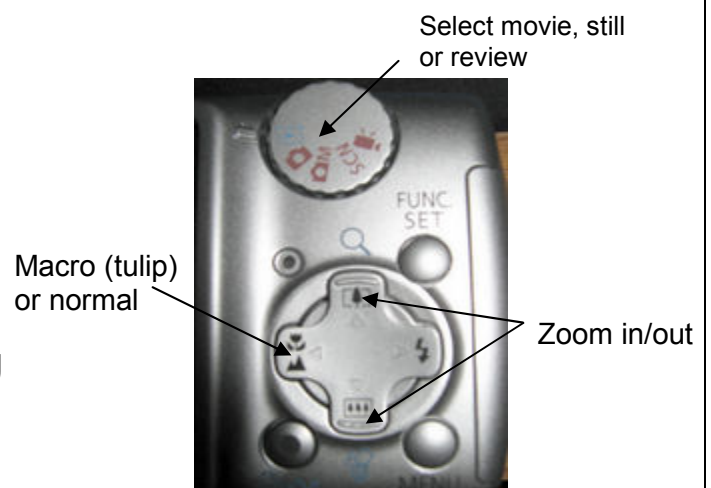
* Successful Movie-making requires careful planning! *
Talk to Vicky and discuss your plans in advance.

Note: Year 7 pupils will not have movie making skills until Easter.

- **Get pupils to Storyboard** (clips/location/dialogue/action) in advance. Could be a Freemind mindmap.

- **Maximum final movie length of 3 minutes** (apart from titles/credits) except in special circumstances.

- **Aim to complete all filming in 1 lesson** (two at most). Allow 15 min to download clips into shared area on T drive, which needs to be set up by Vicky in advance). **The teacher must oversee filming around the school. Excessive filming time encourages poor behaviour and silliness.**

- **Do all editing in school** using the **shared area** (T drive), to avoid major technical problems.

- **Allow about 1 lesson for editing**, **with 15 minutes at the end to 'Finish'** the movie (for a 3 minute movie). This creates the final '.wmv' movie file.

Camera Hints/Tips

- Ensure camera is correctly adjusted for **infinity, normal use** or **close ups** (macro)
- Zoom = up/down selection buttons.
- Movie mode and review via rotating selector at top.
- For download, set to review.

Select movie, still or review

Macro (tulip) or normal

Zoom in/out

No need to adjust menu – camera has been optimised before use.

Note:
- **Downloading files from camera to shared area** is the responsibility of pupils (under instruction of teacher). Cameras left in the computer room will be wiped ready for use by other pupils.
- **Clips/sounds stored in pupils' home areas** cause problems in group work.
- **Don't move or rename** clips/sounds while editing in MovieMaker (MovieMaker won't be able to find them).

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