

FATHER OF THE STAR CHILD

Novelist **Arthur C. Clarke** is the author of some of the world's most enduring science fiction stories, including *2001: A Space Odyssey*



Compaq Armada E500

A late Jurassic computer, but I still use it. It's running WordStar. I'm a two-finger typist, so my typing about keeps up with the speed I can think at.

IBM ThinkPad T40

I use Dragon Naturally Speaking 7 on this machine. I'm hoping to use it to work on the new novel, *The Last Theorem*. What I may do is keep training the software but continue taping at the same time so my secretary can edit what I've dictated in the Dragon program.

Siemens C35 cell phone

It's so small I don't think my fingers could work it. My assistant always carries it with him for incoming calls. I hardly use it myself to send anything, but it's quite handy when I'm driving around town.

Eudora Mail

This is the program I use most of the time. In a typical day I get about 50 messages. Fortunately I've got staff to weed the garden.

Panasonic RP-WH20 I/R wireless headphones

For listening to TV news from across the room.

Sony Digital Mavica MCV-FD71

My staff always follows me around and uses these cameras to photograph me at various meetings. For example, today I met quite a few people at the airdrome for a celebration of the centennial of powered air flight.

Manual wheelchair

I can wheel myself around the house, so what more do I need? When I go out, there's always a boy who can push me.

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