

UniServity cLc Case Study: Weston Village Primary School



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A Global Classroom

Weston Village Primary School, Cheshire, has approximately 190 students from the ages of 4 – 11. www.weston.cheshire.sch.uk

Learners at Weston Village Primary School are enjoying a wide range of extended learning opportunities with the UniServity cLc (connected learning communities) Learning Platform. The school team, led by Jan Webb, have been looking carefully at their curriculum planning and school improvement priorities and using these to identify new opportunities that the Learning Platform facilitates.

Initially, the school embarked on using the cLc with the intention of exploring if it would benefit the teaching and learning going on in the classroom. Children have embraced the opportunities with great enthusiasm, their imaginations being fired up by being able to communicate with children from another country, sharing ideas, information and friendships and even a virtual school trip.

The learners confidence in using ICT and communication skills have grown as they have become familiar with the tools on the learning platform. Parents have also enjoyed sharing what the children have been doing in school, with many interesting conversations being reported and much positive feedback.



In the past few months, learners have used wikis, blogs, forums and the sound recorder tools to engage with learners around the world also using the UniServity Learning Platform; ranging from Rainforest investigations with a school in Brunei, a Healthy Eating Project with learners in Singapore and international investigations drawing in the expertise of people living and working across the UK.

Retiring Head Teacher Roy Broughton commented, "When Mrs. Webb first approached me about the idea of using the UniServity Learning Platform, I was initially concerned about the benefit that it would bring to the school, especially if it meant extra work for the staff. However, Mrs. Webb's enthusiasm soon rubbed off on everybody else and after a few staff meetings everyone was converted. The children have loved using it and surely that is the best indicator of success for any topic. What is even more exciting is that even though a lot has been achieved so far, the future holds even more potential."



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Examples of Learning Platform screenshots including the Rainforest project between learners in Cheshire and Brunei. Learners posed questions to each other about their lifestyle, culture, locality, trade, houses and more. Learners were particularly curious with images of animals and creatures found in Brunei. Alongside these exciting international collaborative opportunities the school team have embedded the Learning Platform into everyday teaching and learning in order to benefit learners from the new possibilities and consequently raised engagement, understanding, quality and attainment in their learning.

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