

Case Study - Gidea Park Primary School

London Borough of Havering

“No particular expertise is required since they are ‘plug and go’.”



Cathy Brooks is a primary school teacher at Gidea Park Primary School, in the London Borough of Havering. She is familiar with several AVerMedia Visualisers, but more recently, she has been using the SPC300. She especially enjoys using this model as it comes with extra presentation features such as picture-in-picture, split screen and an on-screen presentation timer, all of which enhance Ms. Brooks's classroom presentations.

Ms. Brooks uses her SPC300 with her interactive whiteboard to increase effectiveness of a lesson. In a recent art lesson teaching pupils to draw in perspective, a drawing was creating under the visualiser and pupils were invited up to the interactive whiteboard to finish the drawing for the classroom. “Not only can adults dem-

onstrate how something is done, but children can too,” says Ms. Brooks. The pupils are also encouraged to put their own drawings under the visualiser for further discussion, feedback and/or peer marking. A visualiser helps develop a pupil's presentation skills as well as inspire interactivity and discussion amongst pupils in the classroom, including those less likely to speak up.

The onscreen timer is used to ensure pupils spend equal time reading text displayed under the visualiser. “The pupils like using the timer, they enjoy counting down the last few seconds,” says Ms. Brooks. The timer can also be used for science experiments to make certain you receive a more accurate result. For maths lessons a teacher can now demonstrate the use of a protractor using the same small plastic protractor that the pupil uses and make it easily visible to the class by working with it under the visualiser. Cathy Brooks says that when it comes to maths calculations, “I can place a set of questions under the visualiser, which (pupils) can work from without the need for copious amounts of photocopying or time spent writing on the board.”

An AVerMedia Visualiser can be used in virtually any lesson for any purpose. Teaching staff at Gidea Park Primary School have discovered the benefits of having visualisers in their classrooms and it has now become a fundamental learning tool in several of their classrooms. Mrs. Diane Fussell uses an AVerMedia Visualiser in her room and she says, “I would promote the visualiser to any teacher... it's a really useful tool for all children's abilities.”

“They are lightweight, durable and portable, which makes them easily accessible within a school.”

