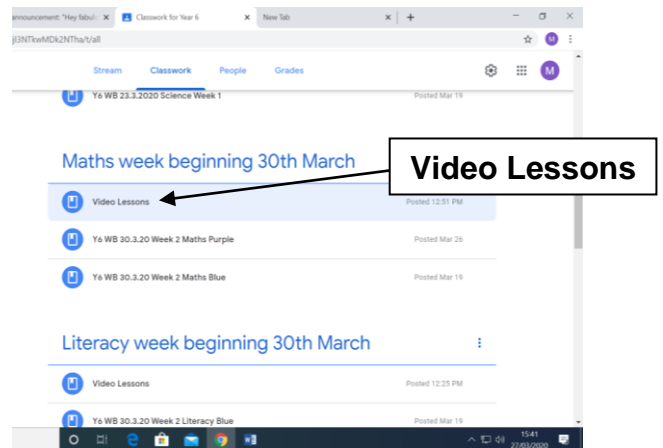


27.3.20

Dear Parent/Carers,

Recorded 'Lessons' on Google Classroom & Easter Video Assemblies

From Monday we are introducing an exciting new feature to our 'Classwork' section on the Google Classroom. Up until this point we have posted the **lesson plans** for the week in a PDF for pupils and parents to view. In addition to seeing the lesson plans that the teachers would be delivering for the week, now pupils and parents can watch **videos of teachers talking through the lesson** and modelling how to master the new skill. We now have a software program that allows a teacher to record their voice while they identify on the screen what they are talking about, using the tools of the program to give examples. The teachers pause at

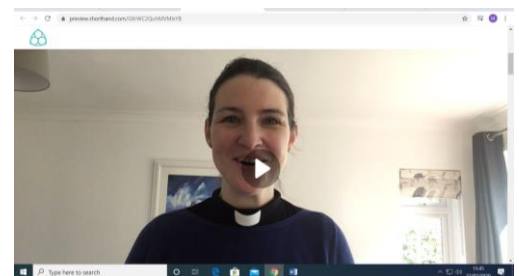


certain points to ask questions and the pupil and parent are invited to pause the video while they have a think about the question asked or while they do a quick exercise. The video then ends with the teacher talking through the tasks that the child then completes in their pupil book. The staff have spent a lot of time creating these videos and we hope that they prove popular. The various lessons are taught by a range of teachers and the voices will change as the days and weeks progress. The video lessons are available for **literacy, reading and maths** in the same folder as the lesson plans under the 'Classwork' tab in Google Classroom – just like in the example above, where the Y6 'Video Lessons' are placed above the Purple and Blue Maths lessons for the week beginning 30th March. The videos will generally be posted 2 days in advance of the day that they are intended to be taught.

Next week we after conducting a trial with a few classes at one of the trust schools where we aim to learn about how **assignments** can be set in Google Classroom and about how we can potentially give feedback to individual pupils based upon what they have done at home with a specific task.

Please be mindful that the **Education City** website has experienced some technical problems that are now resolved in case anyone has struggled to access this site in the last 48 hours.

Next week is a special week regardless of the fact that the school is so quiet. **Reverend Vanessa Conant**, of St Mary's church, Walthamstow, (see right) has created some excellent **video assemblies on an Easter theme** that the pupils can enjoy at home. The link for the Easter assembly videos will be found on the Google Classroom 'Stream' page from Sunday evening.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr O'Brien, HT