

Miss Simpson

A little about me.

What is important to me outside of school?

My family and friends mean everything to me, so I love spending time with them or doing little things for them to show how much I appreciate them. It is important to be kind to others as well as ourselves!

I love the outdoors and enjoy hobbies like hillwalking, paddleboarding, snowboarding and even weeding my garden if it's a sunny day!

I think it's important to experience the world we live in, so I love to travel and explore different cultures. My favourite trip was to Japan - an incredible country!



What's Important to me in class...

The most important thing to me is that the children feel heard, understood, nurtured and respected at school. If children do not feel good within themselves then they cannot learn to the best of their ability!

I love getting to know their individual personalities and strengths so that there are opportunities for each child to shine across our school year.

My hope is that the children will all have the confidence to tackle new challenges, demonstrating a growth mindset so that they can make consistent progress over the year.

And they should have lots of fun doing it!

What our year will look like...

We will have several main topics over the course of the year and these will be linked across various curricular areas, such as numeracy, literacy, art, drama and digital technologies. Lots of this will be led by the children to incorporate their ideas and interests.

Wherever possible, we will make links to the world of work so that children can begin to understand the opportunities available to them when they are older and the skills required.

We will have lots of fun taking part in theme days, such as the European Day of Languages and World Book Day.

The children will have opportunities to take on different responsibilities within the school and classroom and our 'class jobs' will change each week.

And of course there will be opportunities to win house points, group points and individual certificates for hard work and demonstrating our school values.

A Glance around our classroom ...

Our classroom looks very colourful with examples of children's work on the walls. We have a library area and a unit full of games for golden time.

There is a challenge area with numeracy games and literacy tasks for those who have completed their work. We also have a set of iPads so we can link digital learning across the curriculum.

Our favourite area is our calm corner. There is some comfy seating surrounded by leaves and children can sit here if they need some time out. There are some breathing activity cards and a worry monster waiting for them, as well as a hug from their teacher if they ask for one!

How we work in class

Children all have their own learning styles, so our lessons will include a mixture of discussions, videos, presentations, demonstrations and personal research.

We encourage a mixture of ways of working, such as individual tasks, partner work or group challenges. Within our learning, we promote Higher Order Thinking and so a variety of tasks will be set to enable children to really show what they have learned and apply new skills in different ways.

We promote mindfulness at Gartcosh and so the children have a 'mindful moment' after playtime and lunchtime to help them feel calm, focussed and ready to learn.

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