



Meet the Teacher

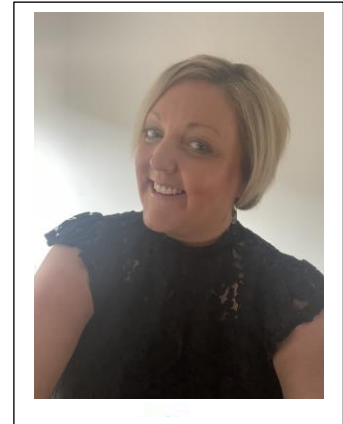
Mrs Anderson

A little about me.

Hello, my name is Mrs Deborah Anderson and I have recently joined the teaching staff at Gartcosh Primary School in August. I am delighted with the warm welcome I have received so far, and I am looking forward to getting to know the children and their families more as the year progresses. I have very high expectations for all the pupils in my class and want every single one of them to reach their full potential.

What is important to me outside of school?

I love spending time with my family. My 3 daughters take up most of my time running them around to their various clubs. I really should get a 'Taxi' sign for my car! We love nothing better than a day trip to visit a park, go for a long walk or even do some paddleboarding when the weather is nice! When I do get a little time to myself, I love to read, watch box sets, go swimming or just relax with a nice coffee.



What's Important to me in class...

It is important to me to really get to know the children. As they are now the more senior pupils of the school, I will be encouraging independence and promoting a growth mindset. As Gartcosh Primary is a mindfulness school, we will be participating in daily mindfulness sessions to encourage a calm working and learning environment.

I want all children to realise their full potential this session and achieve as much as possible. To support them in this I will be setting targets with the children on a 1:1 basis and encourage them to revisit these regularly and update them. I regularly share with them my high expectations in terms of effort and behaviour and encourage the showing of respect to those around them.

Most of all, I want all the children in my class to have fun with their learning and enjoy being part of our class.

What our year will look like...

We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this year. I want the children to achieve the best they can this year so they will be provided with lots of opportunities to further their progress and achievements.

This year as senior pupils the P7 children will assume various roles of increased responsibility including House Captains, Vice Captains, and buddies to the younger pupils. P7 also have their residential trip to look forward to later in the year. Primary 6 children have their upcoming Outdoor Week in Strathclyde Park to look forward to in October.

In Literacy, everyone will be reading a variety of novels to develop their fluency, comprehension, and summarising skills to name just a few. They will continue to develop their knowledge of spelling, punctuation, and grammar to develop their writing, as well as a focus on editing and developing handwriting and presentation skills through a variety of genres. In Numeracy the focus will be on mental agility, number talks and the use of the 4 number processes, and in Maths there will be a focus on the application of skills. In Social Studies, we will cover several topics including Mary Queen of Scots, World War 2, Great Explorers and Climate Change. These will be interdisciplinary topics and will incorporate Music, Drama, Art and Literacy.

Primary 7 children will be involved in a variety of transition events throughout the year which will support their move to Secondary School in August. They will also enjoy a variety of leavers activities at the end of the school year.

A Glance around our classroom ...

Our P6/7 class is in the huts. We have 20 children in our class, so we have plenty of space available. Every child has their own tray, and we have a class library that all children have access to. Our walls are a work in progress and will have literacy and numeracy support material on display as well as examples of the children's work. We also have a topic wall which has our topic work displayed, though this will change throughout the year!

We have some laptops and iPads available within our class to support our learning and we will make regular use of these, as well as a promethean board.

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How we work in class

Now that we are back a few weeks we have our class routines and class charter well established. The classroom is organised and resources easily accessible. Class monitors help with a variety of jobs to ensure the smooth running of the class. Everyone in the class is expected to help with keeping it tidy and organised! Children can earn house points that go towards school totals, and individual dojo points in class. Points are earned for effort, showing respect and good manners, as well as the work they do. The individual with the most dojo points on a Friday can choose a reward for the following week. The class total of dojo points is also recorded as the children are working towards class rewards when they reach a determined total.

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