



## Meet the Teacher

### Mr Naismith

#### A little about me

STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) education is my passion. Not only does this take place in my class, but also at school assemblies, and on YouTube as STEM with Mr N. Through this work, I've been honoured to receive the Primary Science Teacher Award from the Primary Science Teaching Trust, the Excellence in Primary Education Award from the Royal Society of Chemistry, and the Prime Minister's Points of Light Award. I was also selected to represent the UK at the Science on Stage Festival in 2024.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my own young family, as well as reading (fiction and non-fiction). I play in goals at ice hockey, a sport I have been playing since I was 5 years old.



#### What's important to me in class

It is important to me to really get to know the children. I believe that good relationships foster a meaningful educational environment. I like to make education fun, while also having high expectations.

The most important thing I like to see from pupils is trying their best. We are not all good at the same things, and some things will be hard, but I encourage a growth mindset of "I can't do it YET!"

# MINDSET

#### What our year will look like

This is just a little flavour of our year.

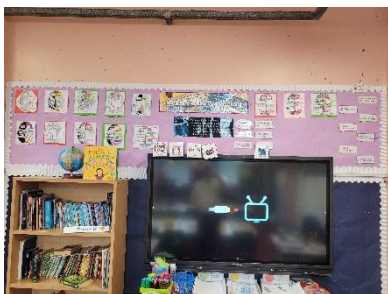
This year we began with My Fantastic Elastic Brain, learning how our brain works. This linked into our work on Growth Mindset. Since completing this, our Literacy groups have started their novel studies, and I am also reading The Many Worlds of Albie Bright to the class.

We will work through the different areas of maths. We started with Estimating & Rounding, and Place Value. All of our maths sessions start with Number Talks, where pupils develop their mental maths skills and talk about how they have worked out their answers.

Our first topic is Space; a favourite of mine, and one which has lots of different areas of the curriculum which can link in with it. We also plan to cover Non-Renewable Energy, Materials, Victorians, and Chinese New Year.

#### A glance around our classroom

Our class is in the main part of the school, just next to the office. Every child has their own tray under their desk. We have a class library with a wide range of books, including the Roald Dahl favourites. Our walls have literacy and numeracy displays and we have a health and wellbeing wall.



#### How we work in class

Now that we are back a few weeks our routines are well established. We have school house points and also a whole-class reward system. Children earn marbles for effort, kindness and good manners as well as the work they do. Effort and doing your best are great ways to earn marbles. If the class empties the marble jar by the end of the month, they are rewarded with a movie afternoon! Golden time is every Friday from 2.25pm until 2.55pm the children choose from different activities, including puzzles, books and iPads.

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