



**Swaledale Alliance
Peer Support Teacher**



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I teach Foundation stage 1 and 2 children. I planned for, organised and set up the unit I am currently working in and am now responsible for the running and teaching of the unit. Early Years is my passion and I have many years experience working in this age group.

I started my teaching career in a large reception unit consisting of 2 classes of 60 plus children but I have also taught in year 1 and 2 classes as well as having experience in teaching a whole key stage 1 mixed age class.

I also have worked in a military school in Cyprus where I taught Foundation stage 1 children whose parent/s were members of the armed forces.

I always try to ensure that my learning environments and areas contain interesting and exciting activities that will appeal to each of my children's interests. Planning is detailed but flexible to account for those moments where learning is taking a different direction. I try to ensure that activities and focussed sessions contain an element of physical learning as I find this helps most children retain new ideas or remember learning from previous sessions and I actively seek to exploit opportunities where we can use the great outdoors.

Assessment for learning is at the heart of Early Years teaching and we are currently using 'eprofiles' this year to record our children's learning journeys.