



Specialist Leader of Education



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Position	Phonics Lead
Phase:	Primary
Specialism:	Phonics

About Ceri

I have been teaching for 18 years and for the last 8 I have been working in the Early Years with phonics and mentoring of SCITT students and NQT's as my specialisms.

I am currently the Phonics Lead at my school tracking the teaching, learning and assessment of our children in phonics from Nursery to Year 2. Having taught in all these years, I am currently working in a Reception/Year 1 class so I have a good knowledge of the different phases and the expectations for each year group.

Since developing a play based curriculum for Year One children, I have been looking at how good quality phonics can be accessed independently by the children throughout the day through high quality continuous and focussed provision as well as discrete teaching.

I am passionate about helping young children on their journey to become good readers and writers and I feel that good quality phonics plays an essential part in this. I have enjoyed working with and supporting the teachers in my school and the SCITT students that I mentor to become confident practitioners in delivering high quality phonics lessons.

The role of the SLE

SLEs are outstanding middle and senior leaders and have a successful track record of school improvement. SLEs support leaders in other schools. They have excellent interpersonal skills, are able to work sensitively and collaboratively with others and have a commitment to outreach work. They understand what outstanding leadership practice in their area of specialism looks like and can help other leaders to achieve it in their own context.

The SLE role is about developing other middle and senior leaders so that they have the skills to lead their own teams and improve practice in their own schools. This may be done through one-to-one peer coaching or facilitated group support and could involve a variety of activities, such as data analysis, coaching or joint action planning.

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