



At West Rainton Primary School our aim is to provide all of our children with the highest quality early learning experience in a safe, secure and happy environment. Early education provides children with knowledge and skills which are the building blocks for a solid foundation for future progress through school and life.

I have always been passionate about the early years and childhood development. I went to university to firstly study Early Childhood Development, and then went on to achieve my teaching qualification. I have been immersed in the early years my whole teaching career, and one of the greatest privileges is seeing the progress children are continually making in all areas of learning, and seeing my own input into this through encouraging them, demonstrating how to do something, explaining something, modelling language, asking questions and introducing new ideas.

As an early years' teacher, you never know what to expect next! One minute can be spent pretending to be a police officer to help a group develop their role-play; the next leading a science investigation into which materials float, with a child who wants to make a boat. Whilst this is very demanding at times, it is completely worthwhile; seeing the progress that happy and confident children make.

In my early years' subject leader role, alongside Mrs Struthers, I can demonstrate my passion for providing rich and varied opportunities, encouraging children to form attitudes and develop characteristics of learning which will last throughout their lives. If we can support two-, three-, four- and five-year-olds to seek challenge, take risks, make links between areas of learning, and to reflect and try again when things go wrong, they will carry these attitudes with them in the future to become creative, resilient and adventurous learners. We are whole-heartedly committed to ensuring that this is at the very heart of our learning experiences and provision at West Rainton Primary School.