

Neil Clarke

I joined Russell Hall in September 2014 as a Class Teacher and have since been promoted and hold a TLR for Phase Leadership and Leading the Curriculum across school. I currently teach Year 5 and lead Phase 3. My other responsibilities in school include coordination of English and ICT, as well as leading the KS2 Choir.

I am now in my 6th year of teaching and joined the profession via the graduate teacher programme; learning 'on the job'. Through this route, I was able to make use of my experiences as a Teaching Assistant and HLTA; I have worked in a number of Primary Schools across Bradford for 14 years. This has provided me with a variety of experiences; having worked in a large inner city primary and also the smallest primary school in the district. I am passionate about creating opportunities for children to break down barriers to their learning, and have a particular interest in children with Behavioural, Social and Emotional difficulties.

I am originally from Queensbury, and attended Russell Hall in nursery! It's great to be back teaching the children of Queensbury in such familiar surroundings. In my spare time I sing with a large choir in Leeds, I can often be found with my nose in a book and am a big advocate of reading for pleasure.