



TRAINEE BLOG

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'You learn something new every day'.

This quote has definitely proved to be correct during my first few weeks as a trainee teacher with North West SCITT in year 6.

As we come to the end of the first half of the Autumn term, I'm feeling proud of how much I have learnt in such a short space of time. Reflecting on my first 8 weeks, I value the time I have already spent in the classroom - what better way to learn how to do a job than to actually experience it and live the reality day to day, getting to know the children, the staff, the policies and procedures in my school and of course how to plan and teach lessons!

Since September I feel as though I have quickly established my own teaching style, something that has definitely developed daily, as I learn through both my mistakes and also my achievements. As the term has progressed, my role has moved from mostly observing, to now being able to plan and teach some of my own lessons, which has definitely been a learning curve in itself! One thing I've definitely learnt is that mistakes are good, despite how disappointing it can be when something doesn't go your way, it makes you a better teacher as you learn what not to do next time. Getting to know the ways in which your class learns best, and how to get the best out of your children is also something that takes time, meaning that the specific links SCITT has with placement schools

is highly beneficial as we, as trainees, are able to spend extensive time with the same class, enabling you to feel as though it is almost your own!

The weekly training sessions we have had at the SCITT training suite, have been hugely beneficial, confidence boosting and challenging in equal measures. As an example, as someone who has always struggled with Maths, the specific Maths training days have been something I have really benefitted from. Being able to finally fully understand some of the Maths problems I could never grasp as a child is something I know will not only enhance my teaching, but also my day-to-day life.

Being part of a small cohort of 30 trainee teachers, has meant that we have already formed supportive relationships, being able to meet with the rest of the cohort regularly is also something that I know we all benefit from, especially when a lesson doesn't quite go to plan; we know we are all in it together.

A special thank you to my placement school, Bishop Martin and my mentor Rebecca Bond, who was herself a North West SCITT student a few years ago, they have made me feel valued, welcome and part of a real school community.

As much as I have enjoyed my first half term as a trainee teacher, I am definitely ready for a break, as a member of the cohort said earlier this week; *'there's no tired like teacher tired!'* - however being 'teacher tired' is definitely worth it and I know I have made the right decision!

