

## PEN PORTRAIT

## **Specialist Leader of Education**

Name of SLE: Susanna Pugh

**School Name:** Corpus Christi RC Primary School

**SLE Specialism(s)** Computing | Closing the gap | English | ITT and NQT development

| Teaching and Learning | KS2

**Teaching School Alliance: Heart TSA** 

## Area(s) of Expertise

I gained a BA Hons Degree in English Language and English Literature in 2014 before embarking on a Primary Education PGCE course. In 2015, I began working at Corpus Christi RC Primary School in Oldham as an NQT.

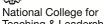
In my first term working at Corpus Christi, we were inspected by Ofsted who observed two of my lessons. They were interested to see how, as an NQT, I supported an SEND child who was new to the school, who had no 1:1 support alongside ensuring high quality teaching and learning for the rest of the class. I am passionate about ensuring that SEND children are challenged in line with their personal targets. I also recognise the importance of the need to close the gap and enjoy finding ways to do this by raising standards of low achievers, whilst still pushing those of middle ability and deepening the understanding of high achievers.

As a part of my NPQML, I lead a research project into closing the gap between pupil premium children in reading comprehension. This task included a variety of tasks such as managing a budget, developing the skills of TA's to become reading leaders and analysing data. I continue to raise standards in reading comprehension within my Year 6 class and through supporting the other teachers in UKS2 in the delivery of successful reading comprehension lessons.

I also take pride in my expertise of text based planning and delivery of the English curriculum. My enthusiasm for teaching the English curriculum in this format has encouraged the children greatly and this is evident through the outstanding writing and consistently increasing test results in Year 6. In my second year of working at Corpus Christi, I gained the role of Computing Lead. I am able to significantly challenge, collaborate, motivate and inspire my colleagues to establish new, innovative working practices. However, I ensure that I do this in a respectful and supportive manner. I have lead the development of the teaching and learning of the Computing curriculum across my own school and have supported staff at other schools with the development of their teaching and learning. Over the past two years, I have mentored a student teacher, an NOT and an ROT. For this role, I have completed a mentoring course and I am confident in supporting all staff in their role. I am the UKS2 Leader and Year 6 class teacher. Another area of expertise is the preparation for Year 6









SAT's and monitoring of data whilst teaching a broad and balanced curriculum.

## **Current Leadership Responsibilities**

- **UKS2** Leader
- **Computing Leader**
- NQT mentor
- Senior Leadership Team



