



## Specialist Leader of Education (SLE) pen portrait



**Jenny Flynn – Assistant Head, KS1 Lead, Science Lead, English and Phonics Lead at Mab Lane Primary School, Liverpool**

### **Specialist areas:**

- Science
- Phonics
- Delivering workshops for parents and pupils
- Planning Yearly/Medium/Weekly plans.

### **Jenny's work experience:**

I have a degree in Business Studies and I completed my Primary PGCE at Edge Hill University. I taught in Year 1 at Barlows Primary School for 5 years and I have also had experience teaching from Reception to Year 6. I had specific responsibility for leading Key Stage 1 and overseeing transition from EYFS to KS1. I have recently moved to Mab Lane Primary and, currently, my roles and responsibilities include Assistant Head, KS1 Lead, English Lead and Phonics Lead.

As a Science Specialist, I regularly support colleagues and trainees by delivering INSET training and support sessions within my own school, for the North Liverpool Teaching School Partnership and Learning Network. These sessions have been praised for their blend of useful information, practical elements and the teaching of skills, all of which can be used and applied in the attendees own setting.

Other training and support I have provided includes Maths, Assessment for Learning, Marking and feedback and developing best practice as an RQT. These have been delivered to experienced teachers, NQTs and trainee teachers.

Over the past 6 years I have mentored several students and NQTs and this has impacted positively on teaching outcomes and helped them to develop into outstanding teachers.

Throughout my role, I have organised several Science weeks in which children learn a wide range of practical skills through experimentation in an after school club. They then led workshops for KS1 and EYFS children and parents were invited to participate in the sessions.

I have organised annual 'Dare To Be' fortnights as whole school events. This enabled the children to 'dream big' about their future careers and was hugely successful with staff and children. Visitors gave talks or organised workshops. Police, paramedics and naturalists were among the many guests including, most notably, Phil Thompson (ex-footballer) and Neil Buchanan (Art Attack).