



## Helen Byers, Foundation Leader, Sneinton St Stephen's C of E Primary School



- Experienced Foundation Stage Leader (7 years)
- Foundation Stage judged Outstanding by OFSTED (May 2011)
- Strengths in phonics, early maths, relationships with parents/carers and expressive art and design



'Children get off to an excellent start in the Early Years Foundation Stage and make rapid progress from their low starting points. The well organised learning environment provides children with exciting learning opportunities, allowing them to make choices and develop independence. Particularly impressive gains are made in children's personal, social and reading skills'

Helen has been a Foundation leader at Sneinton St Stephen's Primary school since 2006.

An experienced practitioner, Helen has taught across the Key Stages although in recent years her skills have been focussed on the Early Years. She cites the underlying principle of her practice as making a difference to both the pupils that she teaches and their parents. Particular strengths lie in phonics, early maths, expressive arts/design and relationships with parents, another aspect which was judged to be Outstanding by OFSTED in May 2011.

Helen has experience of supporting other leaders with practical advice about provision, organisation and assessment in the Early Years.

She has worked hard to develop the Nursery into a Unit and one of her main drivers is to continue to lead and manage a successful Unit where children are confident and thrive.

