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- English



“I see working in other schools as a process from which everyone is continually learning and developing together. Sharing experiences, new ideas and knowledge with other colleagues is invaluable and one which the role of SLE allows me to do. I value the opportunity to work alongside other schools to develop the teaching and learning of English – a subject I feel passionate about.”

Joy has been working in Nottingham city schools for 15 years mainly in KS2 but also with experience of teaching in KS1. She leads English at Mellers Primary School and has worked as part of the senior leadership team to raise standards.

Joy has worked intensively on the curriculum to engage and develop children as readers and writers. Her experience and subject knowledge has enabled her to lead the implementation of the new curriculum. She has ensured raised standards are achieved while also providing relevant, stimulating and exciting lessons. Training teachers in strategies such as ‘Talk for Writing’ and becoming a ‘Reading School’ have been major parts of her work. As a judge on the UKLA Children’s Book Awards (2015), she was able to immerse herself in newly published quality children’s literature to share with other teachers. She has worked at the Lakeside Art Gallery with the ‘Writer in Residence’, training students to lead writing workshops for primary school children.

Having coached other subject leaders and class teachers from a range of year groups in English, Joy is able to offer support which is both personally supportive to colleagues and critical in the development of the teaching of English in a school.

