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Raising standards in mathematics.



Children only get **one chance** at primary mathematics; **one chance** to make sense of fundamental concepts, which will become the foundations for their future learning.

The teaching and learning of mathematics is not the mere memorisation of rules and procedures. *Every child* deserves to experience enriched, varied and thought provoking maths lessons and 'see' the mechanics of maths through a range of well-chosen representations and practical experiences.

The development of key life skills and effective maths teaching go hand in hand. Maths lessons should teach children to persevere, collaborate and challenge themselves. I am passionate about ensuring children have this opportunity and helping fellow teachers to do the same.

Jimmy has been teaching for 7 years, working in schools in Nottingham, with experience in upper KS2. He leads Maths at Djanogly Northgate Academy, as part of a strong senior management team.

He has a broad range of experience in inner-city schools which have high numbers of EAL learners. At his current school, he has lead the development of reasoning and deeper learning, supporting colleagues in improving their practice.

He has lead projects to raise the profile of concrete, pictorial and abstract learning, implementing a range of strategies, which have become embedded across schools, in order to deepen children's conceptual understanding of maths. Jimmy's leadership of maths was outlined as a particular strength of his school during their most recent Ofsted inspection.

Jimmy is able to provide support in raising the standards of maths across school and in assisting school leadership in developing a whole school approach to the teaching and assessment of Maths.

