

Work Based Learning

Student Case Study



Lucy Esfandiarinia

Early Childhood Studies

Cherry Grove Primary School

Tell us about your placement provider:

Cherry Grove is a Primary School in Boughton. It caters for children from the age of 3-11 years. They have a Nursery class and mixed classes; years 1/2, years 3/4 and years 5/6. There are 10 classes overall in the school, they also have a student council, which one child from each class is involved in. The school provides a variety of after school clubs every day; film club, arts and craft, gymnastics, football etc.

How did you secure your placement?

Through applying on the Work Based Learning Vacancy Board and attending an interview with a WBL Placement Coordinator at the Work Based Learning office. Finally an interview at the school.

What did you do on placement?

I was allowed to teach small groups of children when we were working as a whole class and planned and carried out two lessons that were related to the subject area, also created the resources for the lessons. I was given responsibility in the second week to work with a low ability group in maths and I listened to readers throughout the placement. I also planned a 5 day project for Year 1 students, I created all of the resources and was asked to create a display from the project.

What new skills have you developed?

I have become more confident in my competence and myself and this has made me a better team-worker as I can now voice my opinion. I have become more organised due to the amount of work I had to do for placement. Through teaching the children and carrying out a project I became more enthusiastic and expressive with the children, particularly when teaching.

What have you learnt about yourself?

That I can plan, prepare and deliver a number of lessons and a project. That my calm and confident approach works with the children. The children will listen to me and follow my instructions, I can build a professional relationship with them and the staff.

How will this placement help your future career plans?

I am applying for a P.G.C.E. in September, this experience will enhance my application by adding on the number of days in a school and by being able to discuss the experience I have had regarding planning and delivering lessons. The evidence will additionally be placed in my portfolio that I will take to interviews.

Do you have any advice for future WBL students?

Find a placement that is something you would like to pursue in the future, this will help you not only with the assignment but the enjoyment of the placement. Additionally it will be extra experience you can add to your application forms, CV and can discuss in future interviews.

“This placement has made me even more passionate about wanting to be a teacher.”