



My name is Gill Pickford and I have recently taken on the role of Design and Technology lead at West Rainton Primary School.

As a teacher in the Early Years, I believe this to stand me in good stead to develop my own knowledge of Design Technology throughout the primary age phase.

Ultimately, it is within the early years setting where children gain their initial 'hands-on' experience of design technology, through building a variety of structures in the construction area with a range of different materials. It is here where they should be able to develop a resilience to take risks and problem solve in order to create a product.

It is vital that children are given the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity and imagination in design and technology, providing them with 'real life' problem-solving questions to help them explore their full potential in the subject.

At West Rainton it is our intention to provide these opportunities for every child and I am looking forward to seeing how children progress across the year in this subject.