



**Jessica Crangles, Year 4 Teacher**

**What attracted you to the role at Gateway?**

I was particularly attracted to this role as I feel that the school's values, ethos and aims closely match my own. When I visited, I was impressed by the creative cross curricular learning I saw, as well as the happy, welcoming environment. Being able to deliver high quality, engaging teaching to instill a love of learning, whilst developing and celebrating individual talents are my motivations for being a teacher. I feel that at The Gateway, more time is dedicated to this, particularly as significantly smaller class sizes allow for much more personalised attention.

**What skills and experience can you bring to Gateway?**

I am a dedicated, enthusiastic and experienced teacher, who has taught across key stage two, in years 3, 4 and 5. Currently, I am Head of Year 5 in a large, three form entry junior school. I am proud of my consistently outstanding record as a class teacher and working with different year groups has provided me with valuable, varied experience. I am really looking forward to my new role at Gateway.

**What is the best thing about being a teacher?**

One of the best things about being a teacher is seeing the buzz and excitement when something new is introduced and children are really engaged and enjoying their learning. It is so rewarding to see a child's smile and sense of achievement, particularly when they succeed with something they have previously struggled with.

**What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**

Horse riding is my main hobby and I enjoy competing in various disciplines. My most notable achievement was qualifying for The Horse of Year show, where I was thrilled to be placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in my class. Through my hobby, I have previously volunteered to help at Pony Club camp, which was particularly enjoyable as riding is something I am extremely passionate about.

I also love to travel and have been fortunate enough to explore South East Asia and parts of South America, fully immersing myself in different and fascinating cultures. I found it to be deeply liberating and one of the most enjoyable and interesting experiences of my life. This summer I am looking forward to visiting Iceland!