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Profile

Primary teacher with 14+ years of classroom experience across the UAE and Pakistan, currently teaching Year 1 English at MSB Private School, Dubai. UAE MOE Licensed, KG to Grade 2. Specialist in Key Stage 1 (KS1) English, literacy and phonics, with a consistent record of moving early writers from single, simple sentences to expanded, well-structured ones through targeted, evidence-informed teaching and close attention to assessment data.

Selected Impact

Building confident writers

Of nine targeted Year 1 writers in a class of 27, five were writing expanded sentences within around ten weeks, using targeted scaffolding: word banks, sentence stems and in-the-moment feedback. This sentence-stretching approach is now a regular part of my writing practice.

Immediate literacy support

Two of three newly arrived pupils showed significant improvement soon after joining the class, through focused early literacy support and close monitoring of progress.

Outstanding lesson observations

Three formal Year 1 lesson observations rated Outstanding overall, covering antonyms, features of an information text, and story structure.

Outstanding for student wellbeing

April 2026 principal lesson walk rated Outstanding for Student Wellbeing, noting precise instructions, supportive guidance and a calm, confidence-building classroom environment.

Experience

English Teacher, Year 1

Aug 2022 to present

MSB Private School, Dubai

Teach Year 1 English with a focus on literacy, phonics (Jolly Phonics, and some Read Write Inc. (RWI)) and writing development. Plan differentiated instruction using a Must/Should/Could model, and support pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) / People of Determination and English as an Additional Language (EAL). Use assessment data (Lexile and Level Up reading data) to inform planning and track progress.

School Coordinator

Aug 2020 to Sep 2022

Beaconhouse School System, Karachi

Coordinated academic planning and assessment across primary year groups, and supported teaching staff with curriculum implementation.

Subject Lead

Sep 2018 to Aug 2020

Beaconhouse School System, Karachi

Led subject planning and delivery within the primary section, supporting consistency in teaching practice and assessment.

Elementary Teacher

Dec 2013 to Sep 2018

Beaconhouse School System, Karachi

Class teacher across primary years, delivering the core curriculum with a focus on early literacy instruction.

Elementary Teacher

Jul 2010 to Jul 2012

Meritorious Schools Network, Pakistan

Class teacher delivering the primary curriculum.

Core Expertise

- Key Stage 1 (KS1) English, literacy and phonics (Jolly Phonics; some Read Write Inc. (RWI))
- Differentiated instruction (Must/Should/Could)
- Assessment for Learning and data-informed planning (Lexile, Level Up reading data)
- Inclusion: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) / People of Determination and English as an Additional Language (EAL) support
- Cambridge Primary and UK curriculum context
- Project-Based Learning
- Purposeful EdTech: Wordwall, Wayground, Padlet
- Curriculum leadership and coordination
- Continuing Professional Development (CPD) facilitation (RIGOR and Happy Schools frameworks)
- Practical, purposeful use of AI in planning and pupil engagement

Licence & Qualifications

UAE MOE Teacher Licence: Primary, KG to Grade 2 (English-medium)

Valid to 2030

Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.)

University of Karachi, 2015 to 2017, Grade A. UAE MOE Certificate of Equivalency held.

Certificate in Primary English Language Teaching (CiPELT)

British Council, 2017

Professional Development

- Safeguarding & Child Protection suite (Dec 2025): Child Protection for Staff (International), Child-on-Child Abuse & Bullying, Health & Safety, Understanding Mental Health, Drug & Alcohol Misuse Awareness (Leaders)
- Six Mandatory Professional Development Courses for Educators (Pedagogical Transformations), KHDA QR-attested, 14 to 31 July 2023
- One Million Prompters: AI in Education (Dubai Future Foundation & Dubai Centre for AI)
- Elements of AI Course, Tech Pathways MENA (Village Capital, with MinnaLearn / University of Helsinki curriculum)
- Ongoing Continuing Professional Development (CPD) via The National College and external providers

References

Available on request.