Miss Victoria Warner

ABOUT ME

Miss Victoria Warner is Reception Teacher and EYFS Coordinator at Lancing Prep Worthing. With a PGCE and Primary Teaching Studies degree from the University of Chichester, she is passionate about creating a nurturing environment where children feel happy, confident and inspired to learn. As she reflects on her first year at LPW, Victoria shares what makes Reception such a special place to learn and grow.



Looking back on your first year at LPW, what has been your proudest moment?

My proudest moments have been watching children grow in confidence, independence and self-belief. Seeing children who may have arrived feeling a little unsure of themselves blossom into curious, capable learners who are excited to come to school each day has been incredibly rewarding. Those moments when a child achieves something they once thought they couldn't are always the most special, and a reminder of just how much can happen in one year.

What do you think makes the Reception year so special?

Reception is a truly magical year because it is where so many children begin their school journey. In a remarkably short space of time, children grow academically, socially and emotionally, developing the foundations that will support them for years to come. It's a year filled with firsts, discoveries, friendships and memorable milestones. Watching children discover their strengths, find their voices and develop a genuine love of learning makes Reception an incredibly special place to be.

What would we find if we wandered into your classroom today?

You would find a happy, busy classroom full of curiosity, creativity and conversation. Children might be building, creating, investigating, exploring outdoors or immersing themselves in imaginative role-play. Above all, I hope you would find a classroom where every child feels safe, valued and inspired to learn.

What have the children taught you this year?

The children have reminded me to slow down, appreciate the little things and never underestimate the power of curiosity and imagination.

Ultimately, when the children leave Reception, what do you hope they take with them?

More than anything, I hope they leave with happy memories, a strong sense of belonging and the confidence to believe in themselves. I want them to know that curiosity is something to be celebrated, that kindness matters and that making mistakes are an important part of learning. Most importantly, I hope they move on feeling proud of who they are and excited about what lies ahead.



Mrs Jenny Townsend

Mrs Jenny Townsend is the Reception Teaching Assistant at Lancing Prep Worthing, supporting children as they begin their school journey. Having previously worked in Year 2, she now enjoys helping Reception pupils develop confidence, independence and a love of learning from the very start.



What do you love most about working with Reception children?

I enjoy helping children build confidence, independence and a love of learning from the very start of their school journey. Watching them grow, overcome challenges and celebrate new achievements each day is incredibly rewarding.

What have you enjoyed most since joining Reception?

I've particularly loved being involved in the children's phonics journey. It's incredibly rewarding to help children recognise sounds and begin putting them together to form words, and to see those wonderful moments when everything suddenly clicks.

What qualities do children develop during their Reception year?

Children grow in confidence, independence and resilience, while learning how to build friendships, work collaboratively and develop a love of learning. It's amazing to see how much they grow, not just academically, but socially and emotionally too.