



Simrit Bharaj  
Primary Teacher

Author

Illustrator

Writer

## Background Information

Simrit is a creative, diverse and committed teacher who has lived in Bradford most of her life. Bradford-born, Simrit has faced adversity but overcome obstacles using determination and ambition. A strong believer in 'making your own destiny', Simrit has stayed focused and made successful careers for herself even when faced with difficulties.

Simrit's parents divorced when she was 6 and she spent most of her childhood under the influence of her Grandparents. Their truthful and nurturing upbringing has made her the supportive role model she is today. Simrit believes that even from a young age, a child can see their future and aim for what they think is beyond their reach.

She attended local schools and then went on to university to obtain a degree in Communications, Advertising and Marketing. Following on from that, Simrit undertook work in the media and then embarked on a primary teaching career. Having been a primary teacher for sixteen years, Simrit has taught many children from a range of backgrounds and always believes that the key to being a good teacher, is being a good communicator. Simrit has experience in teaching all primary year groups, as well as coordinating Religious Education.

# Bradford Community Champions

Alongside her teaching career, Simrit became a published Author in July 2019 with her first children's story 'The Magic Pearl Necklace'. The book is a short fiction story about an Indian girl from a similar background to herself. She has received powerfully encouraging feedback and is sometimes overwhelmed by the heartfelt comments that readers make about the book. Following this book, Simrit has written a series of ten stories for younger readers, due for printing in early 2020. She hopes to empower children by using realistic story character names and circumstances. Her writing is creatively honest and readers find her work relatable and touching. Simrit writes from the heart and skilfully amalgamates a touch of magic with humour to appeal to a range of readers.

The future for children has always been at the forefront for mother of three, Simrit and through being a Bradford Community Champion, she hopes to empower, influence and encourage young children to have self-belief and ambition. Simrit believes that the importance of an 'Educational Bank Account' is detrimental to a child's future and will support and guide children where possible. Simrit is a firm believer that children need to be proactive and determined in order to make the future their own. She believes that if a child can take those strides to believe, then in turn, they will achieve.

Sectors worked in and routes taken.	
Primary Teaching	BA (Hons) in Communications (Advertising and Marketing) PGCE 16 years teaching experience of Primary Years R to 6
Writing	Author of 'The Magic Pearl Necklace'

What I would like to get involved in (Please tick)			
Inspirational Talk	Visits to my place of work	Mentoring / Coaching young people	Other (please state)
✓		✓	✓ Author Talks