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## NICK TILEY-NUNN

*“When it comes to learning maths, always remember that anybody can feed sweets to sharks”*



*“Why is problem solving relegated to the substitute’s bench?”*

How to Teach: Primary Maths

Primary Mathematics is like Marmite and Nick loves to spread it! The subject that is loved by few and loathed by many, Nick sees maths as the ‘diamond in the rough’ of the primary curriculum.

Nick is a phenomenal primary maths teacher. We’ve seen with our own eyes how he combines high expectations with creativity and a sense of fun. So it comes as all the more of a surprise when he reveals how he was dreading teaching maths when he first started, something we know is not exactly uncommon.

For Nick, it was this dread that made him all the more determined not just to make sure he didn’t transmit this fear to children, but to do his best to ensure they walked away from his lesson loving maths.

In his own words, *‘The thing that I do that is special is ensure that no child leaves my classroom with anything less than a love for primary mathematics, regardless of their ability’*. We are sure that many of us wish we could have had Nick as our maths teacher when we were at school.

Nick Tiley-Nunn is Deputy Head at a primary school in Suffolk, having previously been Assistant Head and SENCo at a school in London. He has been described as *“A nationally significant talent at Maths teaching”* by Phil Beadle.

Ofsted described his teaching as ‘inspirational’. Over years of practice he has generated ideas about the teaching of maths that are so distinct, so far out and so utterly brilliant that any primary teacher struggling to grasp the nettle of teaching division will emerge from communing with his ideas not just with some clichéd sense that ‘maths can be fun’, but that it can be brilliant, life-enhancing and truly hilarious.

With his book *‘How to Teach: Primary Maths; Anyone can feed sweets to sharks’* published in 2014, Nick delights in sharing his lively approach to this magnificent subject with anyone who will listen.

### Feedback from recent events:

*“I should like to thank you for coming to our conference and for speaking with such a marvellous*

*blend of inspiration and humour which was just what was needed to leave our audience buzzing with enthusiasm. I can imagine the excitement in many primary classrooms next Monday when crocodiles etc. join the maths class!”*

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*“Great ideas to make Maths more lively, fun and practical”*

### Books written by Nick Tiley-Nunn:

- *How To Teach: Primary Maths*

Nick has been with Independent Thinking since February 2014.

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