

9 ways to make a strong start

– Jeanne Perrett



Assess yourself

What do you like about the way you taught last year? Do it again! What didn't you like? Change it or chuck it.



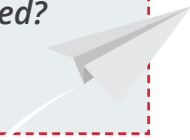
Think about the parents

How will you keep them informed about your aims and methods? Write things down so that they can clearly see what you are doing and how you are going about it.



Accept help

Is there someone who can make, give or do the things you need? We all have different skills and strengths.



Keep it simple

You can't do everything in one school term. Neither can your students. But step by step, day by day, you can all grow.



Stock up on new ideas

Talk to others, read things, watch videos, use social media. Nowadays we never have to be stuck for inspiration. It's all around us. Adapt and make the ideas your own.



Take time out

Five minutes for a solitary coffee break? Time to collect your thoughts before the next class? Eating what you like and not just what is available? Plan for it, make time for it and let yourself do it.

Learn something new

It could be an online tutorial or an actual lesson. Putting yourself in the position of a learner means you remember how simple and clear things need to be and how much repetition is needed.



Share

Ideas, lesson plans, things that went well, things that didn't. You don't have to bare your soul but sharing ideas online or with colleagues in the staffroom can be very energising.



Make a wish list

Aim high-reassess your own goals and what you wish for your students.

