

## *Miss Helen Rimmer*



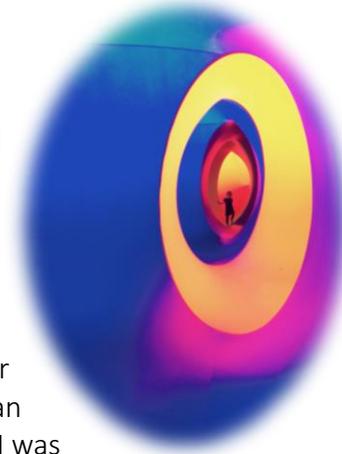
We live in a lovely leafy countryside of Gloucestershire bordering Wiltshire with my two herb munching guinea pigs and crazy chocolate Cockapoo, Coco.

I love reading with my daughter, trying out new recipes, dog walks by the sea, visiting galleries and watching contemporary children's theatre.

We are just learning to snorkel and now pondering whether to try SUP or surfing as our first venture into watersports after a summer trip to Cornwall.

## *How I became a teacher*

I have a degree in Sculpture and MA in Feminism and Visual Arts. I had a twenty year career working in the arts to facilitating people from aged 2 -99 to engage in the arts through exhibitions, workshops, projects and classes.



The birth of my daughter inspired me to train as an EYFS specialist teacher. I was fascinated by the process of early childhood development and the importance of play. So I returned to University and undertook a SchoolDirect placement to learn to become a teacher working across three different Primary schools in Gloucestershire with children from 3 -7 years old. Since then, I have dabbled in KS2 and KS1, but much prefer to worked in the EYFS as a Nursery or Reception Class Teacher.

## *My role at Stanton*

I teach Nursery and Reception in Darling Class on Thursday and Fridays and I am the Art & Design Lead.



Teaching lets me indulge my love of children's picture books and storytelling, exploring nature with awe and wonder, and then get down to some serious messy mark making. The power of play and exploration is important.

For me, the progress of learning through play with the children is very similar to creating my own artwork; you develop and try new skills, assess if they have worked and reflect on what you have to do next. Instead of creating art, I am helping to develop young minds, children's curiosity and love of learning by getting to know who they are as people, which is always a real privilege.

## *Why I love working at Stanton*

I came to Stanton during lockdown in the summer and after a rambling drive through a maze of country lanes I discover a great looking country school with well-resourced EYFS classroom with no children! Now I had the opportunity to meet everyone, I so pleased I followed my instincts as everyone has been so supportive and kind. I feel like it will be a great school to get to know better and I am spending my time with great team and a class of wonderful children.

