Person Specification Teaching Assistant			
Knowledge & Experience	Essential	Desirable	
	Up to date experience of working with children 5-11 in a mainstream school	Some experience of working with young children with SEN needs e.g. Behaviour, social and emotional needs & Communication and Interaction	
	Experience of Letters & Sounds and other phonological programmes to develop reading and spelling	Experience in assisting with the planning, resourcing & teaching of Letters & Sounds to groups of children	
	A secure understanding child development.	An understanding of Every Child A Reader	
	The ability to create and maintain a safe and purposeful learning environment for 5-11 year old children.	A sound knowledge and understanding of the importance of play to develop schemas in young children	
	Secure understanding of the National Curriculum requirements and other basic learning programmes/strategies.	Experience using reading Benchmarking to assess and monitor reading progress Experience of phonology training and an	
	The ability and articulacy to interact effectively with young children to promote excellent learning behaviour and independence	understanding of the Simple View of Reading	
	To know how to motivate children to engage in directed activities e.g. guided reading		
Qualifications or Training	Essential	Desirable	
	Good numeracy and literacy skills (GCSE/ O-level A-C grade)	Pediatric First Aid certificate.	
	Minimum of 12 months experience working at a good standard with children of a relevant age	Any other additional and relevant qualifications associated with the teaching & learning e.g. NVQ 2 in Teaching & Learning	
	Evidence of INSET to further develop own practice and knowledge base Recent safeguarding training - CP & Prevent		
	Experience observing pupils and recording these observations against given criteria		

Skills & Abilities	Essential	Desirable	
	To be able to motivate and engage young learners To have good organisational skills and use these as part of the team To be able to support the development of oracy, numeracy and literacy skills through own secure knowledge To be able to use of ICT to support learning. Ability to use other equipment - photocopier, video etc. To be a role model and provide positive behaviour management to aid the development of good social skills in young children Willingness to undertake activities necessary in pupil's development of social skills	To have experience in delivering specific programmes for children with additional & different needs and monitor the impact of any such provision Experience of playing an active role in medium and short term planning Experience of delivering to whole class or groups of children	
Personal Qualities & Attributes	Essential	Desirable	
Attributes	The ability to act in a professional capacity at all times within the school setting Ability to relate effectively with all groups; parents, carers, children and staff. Ability to work both an individual and as part of a team. Demonstrate a good level of written, spoken and numerical skills Honest/trustworthy & Reliable Enthusiastic and the ability to show initiative To always maintain complete confidentiality Willing to train and work within policy guidelines To respond sensitively and with the utmost care when supporting a sick child	Willing to participate in school activities outside the hours for which you are paid e.g. fete, Christmas fair etc. Sense of humour Interests outside of school	
This post will be subject to an enhanced disclosure from the DBS			