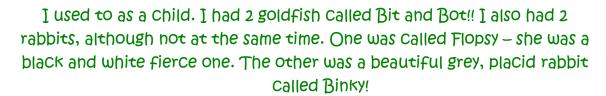
About Mrs Cleden

Did you always want to be a teacher?



No. When I was younger I had no idea what I wanted to be. I always fancied myself as a singer or dancer because I was always singing and dancing around the house. It drove my family mad!

Do you have any pets?





What was your favourite book you read as a child?



I can remember buying a box set of Roald Dahl books for my 10th birthday and reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. I had never seen the film so his descriptions of the chocolate room were completely magical to me. Eating blades of grass that tasted of mint? Wow!! I would read those pages over and over again.

Have you always lived in Dorset?

No, I was born and brought up in South West London, but I have lived in West Dorset for the last 25 years.



If there was one place in the world you could visit, where would it be?

Hmm, that's a tricky one. I think it would have to be the Rocky Mountains of Canada when it's snowing so that I could go sledging and skiing and all sorts of snowy activities before finishing off the day snuggled up by a real fire. Canada has lots of lovely powdery snow and the ski slopes are very big and wide (very useful for me because I'm not a great skier and often bump into people!).

So, is winter your favourite season?

Actually, no, it's summer. I love being outside in warm sunshine and I really love light mornings and evenings. I love my garden too and summer is the best time to enjoy it.





What is your favourite colour?

Green - pistachio green mainly.

Do you have any hobbies?

I love gardening and visiting gardens but you may have guessed that I love watching musicals (including the old ones) and going to the theatre. Oh, and of course singing. I simply have to sing out loud when I hear songs I love!





Is there anything you are terrible at?

Drawing! Anyone who has been in my class will know that!

Give us a fun fact about yourself.

I have appeared in a pop video for about 2 seconds, but I'm not going to tell you which one!