



Happy New Year everyone! My name is Jill Laurillard and in case you don't know me, I am your Speech and Language Therapist in School. I am in school usually each Thursday morning, from about 9.30 am and I'm based in the Group Room on the Ground Floor - you may have seen me around school. I have been working with you all at IHoM for nearly a year now and everyone has been so friendly and welcoming. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with you all to support the children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) in school. When I'm not working, I enjoy travel and this is a photograph of me on my holidays last summer when I went to Canada and met a Mountie!

The Leeds Children's Speech and Language Therapy (CSLT) Service is a very busy service and we work in schools, pre-schools, clinics and homes throughout the City. We also provide a lot of training for families and practitioners (teachers, pre-school staff, etc) and I also work as part of the Training Team. We work for the NHS and are part of the Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust - I am based at Meanwood Health Centre.

On the Trust website [www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk](http://www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk), we have a section for the Children's Speech and Language Therapy and on there you can find all the information you will need about speech, language and communication and how we work to support families. There is also a brilliant resource called the [CSLT Toolkit](#). It is full of advice sheets and has lots of ideas for activities to encourage children's communication skills.

If any parents/carers would like to speak to me with any queries or would like some advice, please contact Miss Hargreaves in the first instance, or your child's Class Teacher.

Jill