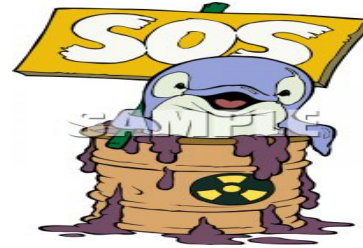


Roots of empathy

<http://www.rootsofempathy.org/>

Why we chose Roots of empathy



- DEIS band one school
- We aim to develop emotional language and articulatory
- We use Incredible Years classroom management and Dina school
- We are (trying to be) a 'Restorative school'

Practicalities

- You need a 'summer baby' – 6- 8 weeks old at 1st Sept
- From the community if possible but with a willing and confident mother
- A trained facilitator – training is short and simple, can't be the class teacher.
- A willing and interested class teacher

- Kids!



The cons



- Finding a local baby of the right age with confident mother in a disadvantaged area not always easy.
- Babies get sick and will sabotage a school timetable – be flexible.
- It is time consuming and almost all SPHE time could be consumed by R. of E.

The pros

- See children at their best
- Children are naturally intuitive and most disadvantaged seem to be most perceptive
- It's a nice down time
- In keeping with restorative approaches and focusing on the positive.
- Reminds us teachers to take our lead from the children!

