



Serena's Tuition Newsletter



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Week 29

Hello, and WELCOME to our all-new NEWSLETTER!

Each week, I'll share a little snapshot of the learning taking place across our groups, along with useful revision pointers, reminders and any important news from Serena's Tuition. Nothing too heavy, just a helpful little weekly check-in from us to you!

LKS2 Boosters

This week, our LKS2 learners were finding the subject and object in a sentence, before comparing Paris and London through a Venn diagram activity. They also finished with an Eiffel Tower drawing challenge, which was a lovely reminder that listening carefully, following instructions and having a go are all valuable learning skills.

UKS2 English Boosters

Vive la France!

Our UKS2 English group set about finding out about the geography and history of France this week. They were *fascinated* to hear about the fate of the French Royal Family! They also worked on forming the past progressive tense, as well as carrying out a SPaG review to test their understanding of a range of key terms. Throughout the lesson, they were encouraged to use dictionaries to check unfamiliar vocabulary, which is exactly the sort of independent habit we want our learners to develop as they move towards upper KS2 expectations and, possibly, 11+ style comprehension.

UKS2 Maths Boosters

This week, we looked at rounding and estimating. This is a really useful skill for KS2 learners, as it is a great way to quickly check whether an answer is sensible, rather than simply hoping their calculation has behaved itself.

Rounding with real-life numbers is a great way to keep this skill fresh, so next time you are at the petrol pump, queuing in traffic or looking at a receipt, grab any numbers that are to hand and practise rounding them to varying degrees of accuracy.

Remember the rule: 1-4, down to the floor; 5-9, climb the vine!

Preparing for KS3 Boosters

Our KS3 Maths Boosters focused on calculating the area and perimeter of a range of 2D shapes, including rectangles, triangles, parallelograms and trapeziums.

The 1-hour session included timed multiplication, a perimeter and area murder mystery, and a paired shape game.

Introduce a Family

If you introduce a friend, and your child could choose either a FREE 1-2-1 session, or 1-hour 11+ mock. If you know a child who would benefit from the sessions we run, do feel free to send them our way.



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New Sponsorship Partnership

We are very excited to announce that Serena's Tuition and Serena's Tuition Rochester Ltd. are now the proud sponsors of the Istead Rise Colts Football Club. So many of their players have enjoyed attending tuition sessions here, and we love everything the club stands for: teamwork, encouragement, commitment and community. It feels like a *really* natural fit.



GCSE Preparation

We are also delighted to share an exciting update from Serena's Tuition Rochester Ltd.

From September, we will be running small-group, fast-paced GCSE Maths sessions in Rochester on weekday evenings between 4.30-6.30pm. These sessions will be designed to support secondary students who would benefit from clear teaching, structured practice, confidence-building and plenty of exam-focused support.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact:

enquiries@serenasrochester.com



Summer 11+ Provision

As we move towards the last few months of 11+ preparation, mock exams become increasingly important. They help children practise timing, build stamina, experience exam conditions and identify the areas that need a polish before September. I would strongly encourage parents to consider booking a combination of the Intensive Course, mocks, 1-2-1s and Zooms in the coming months.

11+ Learners

We had a packed English and VR lesson to kick-start the final term. In the first hour, we looked at spotting compound sentences and identifying the past and present progressive tense, both of which had caused a few wobbles in previous SPaG assessments. After a spot of Pictionary at break, we worked on missing three-letter words.

We also tackled some VR-style algebra, substituting values to find the total. It was a very full lesson, and the children worked incredibly hard.

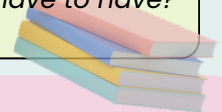
How You Can Help at Home

Subject/Object: Ask your child to spot the **subject** and **object** in sentences from the books they are reading at home. For example: The **dog (s)** chased the **ball (o)** across the park. Follow-up question...*Can you make the sentence about the object instead?*

Progressive Tense: Listen out for sentences using **was** or **were** with an **-ing** verb, e.g. 'The cat was causing absolute chaos.'

Rounding: Look at receipts, car number plates, house prices or random numbers, then ask: *What would this be to the nearest 10, 100 or 1,000?*

Shape: Encourage your child to explain the difference between area and perimeter. Follow-up question: *Can you think of a rectangular shape where the perimeter is bigger than the area? What dimensions would it have to have?*



Book Swap Initiative

We are very keen to encourage our students to take free books home with them. If you have any books you no longer need at home - suitable for children aged 7-12 - please do bring them along. The aim is simple: more books in more hands!