



SERENA'S TUITION NEWSLETTER



Week 30

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Hello, and welcome to Week 30! This newsletter is taking a lot of time, but I'm loving the opportunity to look back and reflect on all of the fantastic learning that has happened across each of the different groups we run. This week has been full of practical learning, quick-fire quizzes, teamwork and a few beautifully sneaky games.

LKS2 Boosters

Our LKS2 learners explored **factors** this week. They used cubes to build multiplication arrays, drew factor rainbows to find factor pairs and tackled common factors as an extension. We finished with a factors paired dice game, which turned multiplication practice into a little table-top tournament.

UKS2 Maths Boosters

Our UKS2 Maths group continued addition and subtraction with decimal amounts. The children worked on lining up digits accurately, created their own decimal calculations with dice, then played shops to practise estimating totals and working out change from £1, £2, £5 or £10.

UKS2 English Boosters

Vive la Revolution! Our UKS2 English learners travelled back to the French Revolution, using ellipsis to build suspense before completing a causes-and-effects comprehension. They also tackled a mini SPaG review and finished with a Storming of the Bastille breakout board game. Bravo!

Preparing for KS3 Maths Boosters

Our KS3 Boosties had a 'Protractor Party' this week! They became adept at positioning, reading, measuring and drawing angles - all the way to 180-degrees... and beyond! I was MOST impressed. We had fun writing our names on squared paper, and measuring the angles in each letter.

MAKE SOME TIME FOR WORD PLAY

Please keep seizing those chances to play word games together. Bananagrams, Scrabble, Articulate and Alphabet Battle are all brilliant for building spelling confidence and growing vocabulary.

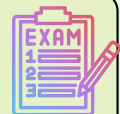
Your little ones will be having fun as they learn, which is exactly what we are all about here.



11+ 2-hour GL Mock Exam

One space remaining!

- **When?** Saturday 27th June, 12.30-2.30pm & **Where?** Serena's Tuition, Haydon Cross, Dale Road, Southfleet, DA13 9NX
- **Cost?** £32 & **What's Included:** A full 2-hour mock. A drink and snack. Detailed feedback, and a fully marked and scanned copy of the test returned within 5 working days (max).
- **What do I do?** Email office@serenastuition.co.uk if you would like to nab the last spot!





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11+ Group Session Dates

- Tuesday 21 July, 10am-12pm, Southfleet
- Tuesday 28 July, 10am-12pm, Southfleet
- W/c 10 August, 11+ Intensive Course, Southfleet, details TBC Tuesday 18 August, 10am-12pm, Southfleet
- Tuesday 25 August, 10am-12pm, Southfleet
- Tuesday 1 September, 4-6pm, Southfleet

11+ Learners - Well done!

A huge well done to our 11+ students. With less than two months to go, they are now in the final push and continue to show amazing determination and drive. This week included data handling, statistics, rounding paddles, a super survey, misleading data and a supported mixed maths assessment.

Maths Zooms - £20ph

- 22 July, 9am: 2D & 3D Shape; 11am: Fractions
- 29 July, 9am: Probability; 11am: Algebra
- 12 Aug, 9am: Angles; 11am: Number Knowledge
- 19 Aug, 9am: Fractions, Decimals & %; 11am: Interpreting Data 26 Aug, 9am: Averages; 11am: Ratio & Proportion

How You Can Help at Home

How you can help at home: Ask your child to explain one thing they learned this week. For 11+ students, keep weak areas visible and revisit them little and often - Bond is great for this. For KS2 students, games, reading, spellings and one carefully completed task can make a real difference.



Homework Matters

Homework is **not** there to make evenings feel heavier; it is there to help children consolidate what we have covered in class and to feel more confident when they meet that learning again. LKS2 homework can be completed on a 1 or 2 week rolling system, and we would always rather students did **something** rather than nothing. We have noticed a dip in homework being returned, particularly in UKS2 English and LKS2 Boosters, so please do encourage children to bring completed tasks back in.



Book Swap: We are still encouraging students to take free books home. If you have books suitable for children aged 7-12, please bring them along. More books in more hands!