



SERENA'S TUITION

ENGAGE CHALLENGE GROW

Week 4 Newsletter



Roman Fun-Merals



We were learning about Roman Numerals in the Wednesday Maths Booster this week. This ancient number-system requires a fair bit of logical thinking and mental arithmetic. It's almost like 'cracking a code' when you order the seven characters to create ANY number. Here are the numerals, and their corresponding values.

I = 1, V = 5, X = 10, L = 50, C = 100, D = 500, M = 1,000

What amount does this represent?

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Riley will know for sure!

Homophone Spotting @ Home

The LKS2 Boosties are going to be spotting - and using - a range of homophones next week. How good are you at knowing your 'ewes' from your 'yews', and your 'flew' from your 'flues'? There are 12 hidden in this short story. Can you spot them all?

The Tale of the Lost Knight

The bold knight rode his horse through the dense forest. He could hear the wind howling, and the chilly air made his hands shake. He had been traveling for hours and wanted nothing more than to find a place to rest.

Up ahead, he saw a small cottage. He knocked on the wood door, hoping someone would meet him.

An old man opened it and said, "Come inside! I have a great fire burning, and I just baked some fresh bread."

The knight sat down gratefully. "Thank you," he said. "I am trying to find the road back to the castle, but I lost my way in the storm."

The old man smiled and handed him a bowl of soup. "Eat your food first, and then I will show you the right path."

Week 4 @ Tuition Towers...

This week has been a wonderful one for me. Outside of the classroom/office, I attended my son's Parents' Evening. He's in Year 11, and this is a big year for him. Without exception, his teachers commented that - although he doesn't find it easy - Archie always does his best to engage, ask good questions, and give stuff a go. That is all I can ask of him - and my students. Work-wise, I've had a hoot too! Overseeing water-gun rounding, golf-inspired maths games, Chocolate-Finger-filled Roman Numerals sessions, word games and so much more. Aren't I lucky to call this 'work'?



NOTICEBOARD



Mon 12th: FINAL WEEK OF TERM !!



Thu 15th October, 5-6pm: 11+ HOMEWORK CLUB ONLINE:



10th OCTOBER - World Mental Health Day AND National Walk to a Park Day. Why not combine the two, and enjoy a family walk. We love The Prom, Ashenbank, Shorne, and Camer Park!



6th November 2026: Entries close for the BBC 500 Words Competition.

If you want to write something and email it to me, I'd more than happy to take a look. I marked entries for this competition for several years in the past. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>



Fri 16th: Final Newsletter of the Term



SUPERSTAR LEARNERS



Harvey- For AMAZING rounding to 10,000,000+ this week!



Dorothy- for achieving 100% in the - tough - mental arithmetic starter this week and for some super Roman Numeral work



Annabelle - for her confidence and fluency when answering 'wordy' 11+ style maths questions.



Ella - for her amazing pattern-spotting skills during this week's NVR code-cracking lesson. Oh, and HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY ELLA!



Jayden - for not giving-up, despite finding some of our rounding work challenging this week.



Solomon - for CHOOSING to do the extra work, when he didn't have to. Such resilience, Solomon.

WELL DONE TO ALL. More SUPERSTARS revealed next week... 🙏🙏