



SERENA'S TUITION NEWSLETTER



Week 32

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SCORCHIO! What a week! All the students have AMAZED me - and the tutors and TAs to boot! With r. I hope you're finding these interesting and helpful. If anything that is raised in the letter gets you thinking, or brings a question to mind, do feel free to 'reach out'. I always love hearing from parents!



LKS2 Boosters

This week, our LKS2 Boosties tackled multiplication with 2-digit numbers. As always, questions were welcomed, because - as I explained - a question-free classroom would suggest the students are asleep, bored or - worst case - plotting something suspicious! With the sunshining, we then took the learning outside for a football-themed multiplication game, using target numbers, partitioning and a 9-sided dice to keep brains and feet equally busy. A brilliant, active session with lots of useful maths!

UKS2 MATHS BOOSTERS

Our UKS2 mathematicians took on short division - with and without remainders - this week. We slowed the process *right down*, linking it back to real values each time, and practising how to divide larger numbers by 2-digit numbers too. The Boosties also had great fun creating numbers with the Velcro dartboard, before dividing them by an amount thrown on the 9-sided die.

Goals were scored, BIG numbers were divided, and FUN WAS HAD BY ALL... apart from Coco the cat, who *didn't* appreciate all this excitement as she tried to sunbathe in the back garden!



UKS2 English Boosters

Making a Good Impression!

This week, our UKS2 English group spent some time finding out about Claude Monet and Impressionism. They also took on some pesky homophones. These - easily-confused words - were spotted, defined and accurately used. Before the boys headed out into the garden, to make a start on their own Impressionist masterpieces, proving that comprehension can be gauged without a worksheet in sight

11+ Group Sessions

This week's 11+ session was a shape-and-symmetry spectacular. We began with spellings and a 3D shape listening quiz, before revisiting 2D shape properties, parallel and perpendicular lines, angles, area and perimeter. We then looked at rotational symmetry in NVR - not sure what it is? Ask your little one to explain! The second hour was spent working through a 50-question assessment. Tough, but SO helpful as that September deadline draws closer...

BACKSEAT BRAIN BOOSTERS

Summer road- trips provide a brilliant chance to sneak in some learning. Try 'The Country/County/Language/Celebrities/Animal Name Game' for vocabulary and general knowledge building. Take it in turns to think of relevant words that *start* with the *last letter* of the previous answer.

Making the Most of Mocks

Mock tests are a 'necessary evil' at this stage of the 11+ process. They show students exactly what to expect on the day, from question-type, to test format, and timings BUT the most valuable part of the mock process *isn't* the mock itself... It's what you and your child do with the detailed feedback you receive afterwards. Please ensure you go review - and understand - any questions that caused bother during the test. If there's anything you don't understand, please email me!



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Please email me to sign-up for any of these 11+ sessions if you haven't already done so!

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+ Intensive Course

If you would like to sign your child up, please email Jo, at:

- enquiries@serenasrochester.com
- **LOCATION:** Haydon Cross, Southfleet
- **DATES:** 10th-14th August (incl.)
- **TIMES:** 9.30am-1pm daily
- **COST:** £400

Maths Zooms - £20ph - EMAIL TO SIGN-UP

- 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

Study Soundtracks: When Music Helps Learning

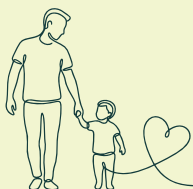
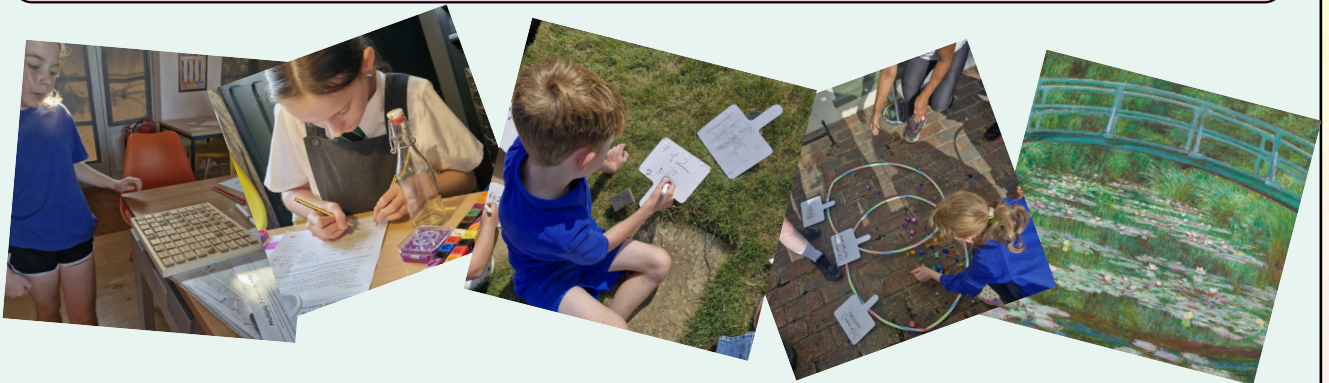
Music can help some children focus, especially if it blocks background noise and makes studying feel calmer. The key is choosing tracks that DON'T steal attention. Instrumental music, classical pieces, gentle film scores or soft background playlists will work best, whilst lyrics can be distracting. Music is also a way to add to the appeal of completing homework tasks, particularly if you say you only have to study for 'x' amount of tracks/songs. It is worth experimenting; if the music helps the work, keep it. If it becomes the main event, switch it off.

GOOD NEWS GALLERY

I'm always on the look-out for positive, uplifting news, and here is this week's 'hit'. Did you know that many trees in the Amazon rainforest are actually *increasing* in size?

A major study of the world's largest rainforest found that the average size of Amazonian trees is growing by around 3.2% every decade. Larger trees are able to **store more carbon**, helping the rainforest absorb greater amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Why not take 'inspo' and plant a tree with your little one? Summer isn't the *best* time, but you could certainly start planning...



And finally, a very HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the brilliant dads, grandads, uncles and father-figures in our Serena's Tuition family.

For every: football practice drop-off; swimming lesson pick-up; forgotten-water-bottle rescue mission; muddy boot moment; evening spent listening to reading; and 'Can you just help me with this homework?' moment, we say... THANK YOU! This weekend, we hope you are celebrated properly, given the comfiest chair, allowed control of the remote, and generally treated like the legends you are.

Here's to every dad, grandad, uncle and dad-shaped hero who is absolutely smashing it. ♥
Happy Father's Day from all of us at Serena's Tuition.