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Spring Term Parents Evenings



Parents evenings are next week on the following days:

Main School and Purple Class – Tuesday 21 January

Red Class – 22 January

Lime Class – 23 January

Thank you to those who have already booked their parents evening slot. If you have not done so, please make your booking via the booking link that was sent on Tuesday 14 January. If you have not received the booking link, please contact the school office.

Sign of the Week



[Signing 2024-25](#). This week's sign is 'Say' / 'Said'



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Curriculum in Action – LU



Pupils in the LU, work with the Speech and Language Therapist to develop their language skills. They learn to sequence stories and understand the meaning of the text



Pupils learn new vocabulary through 'Word Aware'



The LU children explore the semantic links between words to help develop with their vocabulary and understanding of language



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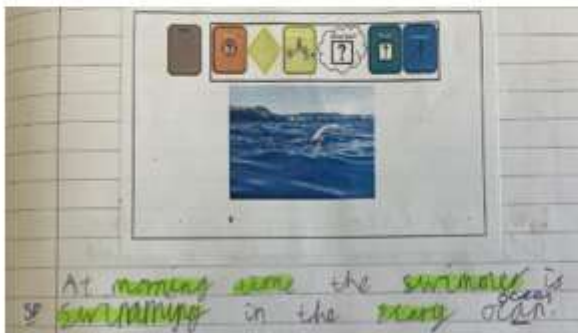
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Curriculum in Action – LU



'Colourful Semantics' is a colour coded system to help children form sentences and put words in the right order



Pupils work on their grammar using 'Colourful Semantics' where each word class has its own colour, for example verbs are yellow and places are blue

What does a word mean?	
Context 	Read the sentence and then the whole paragraph. What does it tell you about the word?
Part of speech 	Is it a noun (a thing), a verb (a doing word), an adjective (describes a noun) or an adverb (describes a verb)?
Prefix 	Is there a prefix that you know? A prefix is a part of the word at the beginning which affects the meaning of the word.
Suffix 	What does the word ending tell you? This might help you work out what sort of word it is.
Picture 	Use everything you know to think about what the word might mean. Try it out. Does it sound right?
Ask or look it up 	If it does not sound right, ask someone or use a dictionary or thesaurus.

In Lime class, the children try and work out what words mean themselves

- Think about the context
- Which part of speech
- Predict

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New Payments System - Squid

From Monday 24 February, we will be moving to a new online payments system for trips, clubs etc and Parent Pay will be phased out. You will receive your 16-digit registration number and 3-digit security code before half term. In the meantime, see link to the welcome letter - [Welcome to Squid](#)





Performing Arts Classes

Boost your child's social skills

Perform's drama, dance and singing classes use the performing arts to

- ▶ Build confidence
- ▶ Boost concentration
- ▶ Enhance coordination
- ▶ Develop communication skills

Why try Perform?

- ▶ Unique performing arts-based games and exercises
- ▶ Focus on a different social skill each week
- ▶ Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- ▶ Specially created scripts, videos and apps to support your child's learning
- ▶ End of term presentation for family and friends

— I think the whole Perform experience is absolutely brilliant. You get so much for your money and feel part of something really special. *Lucy Holmes*

Try Perform for FREE

Your child can come and try a class for FREE and there's no obligation to join afterwards. With almost 500 Perform schools, find your nearest and book online at perform.org.uk/try

perform.org.uk 020 7255 8120

Confidence Building Fun

Try a FREE drama, dance and singing class

— Hannah has thrived at Perform. It is her favourite thing to do and has given her so much confidence, fun and communication skills. *Hayley Fuller*



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English Second Language & Literacy Course

South Bank University Academy
Part of LBBU GROUP

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ENGLISH SECOND LANGUAGE AND LITERACY FOR ADULTS

Free course starting February 2025

Tuesdays, 5pm to 7pm at South Bank University Academy

LEARN IN A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SPACE

MEET OTHER ADULTS FOR TEA AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

ACCESS NUMERACY, LITERACY AND DIGITAL SKILLS PROGRESS

If you are interested in joining the course, please contact Reception at the school:
Email: office@southbankua.org.uk
Phone: 020 7277 3000

Would you like to support your children with their school work and exams? Do you want to increase your confidence in English for your own life or work?
Join us for classes dedicated to parents. Lessons will help you improve your reading, writing and communication skills. We will also guide you to further courses to support with numeracy and IT.
This course is completely free, and you will have help and support from experienced teachers.

At: South Bank University Academy,
Trafalgar St, London SE17 2TP

southbankua.org.uk

southbankcolleges.ac.uk



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Dates for week commencing 20 January 2025

Monday
2.00-2.30 **Burgundy Class swimming**

Tuesday
10.00-10.30 **Turquoise Class swimming**
10.30-11.00 **Scarlet Class swimming**
3.40-7.00 **Main school & Purple Class Parents Evening**

Wednesday
3.30-6.00 **Red Class Parents Evening**

Thursday
3.30-6.00 **Lime Class Parents Evening**

Friday
2.00-2.30 **Vermilion swimming**

Forthcoming Dates

Monday 3 February – Friday 7 February
Children's mental health week – theme TBD
www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

Friday 14 February
Reward afternoon

Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February
Half Term Holiday

Thursday 27 February
Yr6 Homework Club (for 5/6 weeks)

Thursday 6 March
World Book Day - theme to be confirmed
www.worldbookday.com

Thursday 6 March – Wednesday 12th March
Book Fair open

Monday 10 – Friday 14 March
Science Week – theme Change and Adapt
www.britishtscienceweek.org



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Friday 4 April

Reward morning

Last day of spring term - school finishes 2.00pm

Monday 7 April – Monday 21 March

Easter Holiday

Useful Links

School term dates 25-26 - [Term Dates 2025-26](#)

Our website – www.johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk

School caterer - www.harrisoncatering.co.uk

Uniform supplier – www.earthuniform.com/collections/john-ruskin-primary-school

Secondhand uniform supplier – uniformerly.co.uk/search-listings/?q=&c=17273

The Nest - thenestsouthwark.org.uk

Chess in Schools - www.chessinschools.co.uk

Southwark Council – www.southwark.gov.uk

Camberwell Leisure Centre - southwarkleisure.co.uk/centres/camberwell-leisure-centre

Parentkind - www.parentkind.org.uk

Children's Commissioner - www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk

Department for Education - www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education

Ofsted - www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted

NHS - www.nhs.uk

TFL - travelforlife.tfl.gov.uk

