



# **Buzzy Zooms**

**Welcome to Buzzy Zooms, the place to find high-quality, online lessons for 5 – 11 year-olds with an experienced, kind and friendly teacher.**

**Read on if you are looking for child-friendly, high-interest and low-stress lessons for your child in:**

**French or German**

**Science**

**RE**

**PSHCE**

**Geography**

**History and English**

**This is also for you if you are looking for:**

- **support for fluent / near-fluent English-speaking children living abroad or being home-schooled.**
- **support for EAL pupils (English as an Additional Language) to access the primary curriculum in British schools.**

# About me

**I am Helena, a qualified and experienced teacher. As a child, I lived in England and in France, so have a particular awareness of international children's experience in education. I live in Cornwall with my family and our Jack Russell dog, Busby, (he's the Buzz in Buzzy Zooms – a zoom for him is a joyful high speed lap of the garden). Lessons take place online, via Zoom, from my study. Busby will wander in from time to time to check out what is going on or to find a place to sleep.**





**If you are interested in finding out more about my online lessons, see below, and the FAQs, for more information about the subjects I offer and the way I teach. Please use the contact form on the Buzzy Zooms website page. If you have any questions, I'd be very happy to answer them.**





# **Foreign Language Lessons**

## **French (age 5 - 11) Beginner, intermediate and advanced levels.**

**Fun and engaging lessons that use a combination of the Early Start course. This features film clips, games, vocabulary practice and French culture. I use action songs, language websites and authentic resources, such as French children's books, newspapers or DVDs. I focus on French phonics - these enable accurate pronunciation and reading. This is the best grounding your child could have for secondary school French...and beyond.**

**I am a highly experienced Primary Languages teacher, who has taught thousands of hours of French and German as well as delivering training to other primary school teachers at local and county level. It is vital to start early, but, sadly, this subject is often squeezed out of the curriculum. Starting early, with high quality MfL lessons, will enable your child to develop their confidence and language skills without even realising what wonderful work they are undertaking.**

## **German (age 5 - 11) Beginner & intermediate levels.**

**I use the Early Start Course (featuring film clips, vocabulary practice and insights into German culture). It is a wonderful way to master German pronunciation, vocabulary and phrases whilst gaining an insight into life in Germany. The focus is on building confidence speaking another language and on developing transferable language learning skills.**

## **English - Let's Talk!**

**English conversation - Advanced Skills. Using high-quality podcasts and/or newspaper articles, these sessions are aimed at older foreign students / adults, who want to improve their speaking and listening comprehension skills in English. The focus will be on educated, but idiomatic, British and/ or American English. Content can be adapted for younger students, but the level would still be competent to advanced.**

**£10 for 30 minutes; £12 for 45 minutes.**

# **Science, History, Geography, RE, PSHE and English Tuition (British National Curriculum)**

**If you are home-schooling and want support or a break, this is for you!**

**Equally, if your child speaks fluent English but is being educated in another language abroad, they can benefit from, and enjoy, some subject lessons in English, as taught in Britain. This is a great way for children to learn more about world history and the history of Britain, for example, whilst maintaining/ improving their native-speaker levels of vocabulary and fluency. I have a strong interest in supporting the learning of expatriate English-speaking children, who might speak English well but might never have had any formal lessons in the language.**

**If your child is about to enter, or re-enter, the British school system, some lessons, especially in Science, would boost your child's knowledge and confidence. This would ensure they get off to the best start possible, with fewer gaps and less of a culture shock.**

## **National Curriculum Tuition: Science, History, Geography, RE, PSHE and English Competent English as an Additional Language (EAL) Speakers**

**Who is it for? EAL children returning to their home country from even a short time in an English-speaking country.**

**These children risk not being sufficiently challenged in normal English classes at school. Sometimes, once back in their home country, children play down their ability in order not to stand out. Language skills can then 'hibernate' or get lost.**

**I can maintain and improve your child's competence and confidence in English. In an understanding and encouraging environment, I can deliver high-quality and age-appropriate lessons in the above subjects. Same content as for native speakers – delivered with sensitivity to language level and with an emphasis on vocabulary acquisition.**

# **Subject support for English as an Additional Language (EAL) Pupils in, or about to enter, the School System in Britain.**

## **Who is it for?**

**If you have a non-English-speaking child, newly arrived in, or about to enter the British school system, fortunately, total immersion will naturally lead to fluency. Also, many schools offer excellent support. Sometimes, this is not available though, especially under current circumstances. The older the child, the more there is to learn and the quicker the pace. This can be a confusing and difficult time for a child dropped into an unfamiliar education system without the language skills with which to navigate it.**

**If your child is struggling, I can offer real support with classroom or subject vocabulary, go over lessons, fill in any gaps or sort out any misunderstandings that are causing a problem. I am a kind and experienced teacher, here to help your child find their feet and to prevent small difficulties from becoming overwhelming.**



## **Further Subject Information**

### **Science**

**By age 11, children leaving primary school in the UK are expected to be able to plan experiments, make and record observations, draw conclusions and make predictions in chemistry, physics and biology. I have taught all of the NC Science topics for nearly two decades now and am well placed to help with any topics you would like your child to cover. (See link below for topics)**

### **History or Geography**

**I can help bring a geography topic or the past alive using a range of power points and film clips, with book suggestions, where possible. Additionally, a cross-curricular approach means that lessons can be used to develop and improve English reading comprehension and writing skills to great effect. For example, studying Roman Britain could include writing an advert for a Roman villa; designing a poster for a day out at the arena or the Roman baths; producing a factual pamphlet to recruit Roman soldiers and making up a diary extract from a legionary stationed at Hadrian's Wall. Developed further, topics can link to art, French, RE and, wherever possible, age-appropriate children's literature. (See link for topics)**

### **RE**

**Learning about, but also learning from, world religions. With film clips, power points and engaging tasks to promote understanding of self and of others. RE can link to a history or geography topic or stand alone. The topics are also brilliant for general knowledge, discussion and creativity. (See link for topics)**

## **PSHE and Citizenship**

**An often under-valued subject, however, over the many years that I have taught this subject, I have seen some of the most relevant learning taking place in PSHE lessons. I can cover any topic from the PSHE curriculum for KS2 that is suitable for online delivery, pre-approved by a parent or guardian. Areas of study include, amongst others, The Wider World and Staying Safe. (See link for topics or contact me)**

### **PSHE - My Hidden Chimp**

**An empowering course of twelve lessons from the wonderful book by Professor Steve Peters, My Hidden Chimp, which teaches children ten helpful habits (such as: trying new things; talking about feelings; asking for help) to help them understand and manage their emotions and behaviour. This course, when I taught it in school, was hugely popular amongst children and support staff. It features easy-to-follow explanations and simple strategies to help children understand how their mind works and enables them to develop healthy habits for life. It is both reassuring and empowering for children to understand the simple neuroscience behind their feelings and behaviour.**

**The course can be completed with two or three friends of a similar age. Lessons are 30 minutes for one child, 45 minutes for more than one.**

**More information on National Curriculum topics can be found by clicking [here](#)**

**Click on the subject you are interested in, for example, Science.**

**Click on the correct Key Stage (age 7 -11 is KS2)**

**Contact me using the form on the Buzzy Zooms website page. If you would like more clarification / guidance or a list of my suggested topics, i'd be happy to advise you.**



## **FAQ**

### **Are you a qualified teacher?**

**Yes. I have a Modern Languages degree in French and German from Oxford University.**

**I have a Post Graduate Certificate of Education from King's College, London University.**

**I have been a classroom teacher in British state secondary schools since 1991 and state primary schools since 2003**

### **Are you DBS checked?**

**Yes, I have an up-to-date DBS check and an unblemished teaching record. I can provide testimonials from schools and colleagues who know me well. For safeguarding purposes, I will ask that children's lessons take place in a shared area of the home.**

### **What is your teaching style?**

**I aim to offer lessons with high challenge / low stress, suited, where possible, to your child's particular needs. I am interested in the whole child and believe that the best learning takes place when children are relaxed, happy and expectations are clear. I use a range of resources (power points, film clips, websites and games) to deliver lessons and appropriate tasks and activities to engage children's interest. I am calm, encouraging, tactful and kind.**

**A Creative Curriculum approach, where subjects are taught under the umbrella of a topic, is my preferred way of teaching. For example, writing / reading skills in English can be taught whilst learning about history or science because the writing or reading tasks have real purpose.**

**I think Modern Languages are best learnt at an early age, through repetition and exposure to authentic materials, songs and games.**

### **Do you teach English as an Additional Language?**

**Yes, if it's part of supporting an EAL learner in the UK school system. Otherwise, not yet, but I'm interested in this. When I find a well-structured course for children abroad to enjoy learning English, I will offer it.**

### **Do you teach English?**

**Yes, I love teaching English writing or reading skills either separately or as a key part of my topic lessons. Both factual and creative writing lessons would explore the features of different types of writing, including poetry, so that children can then produce their own work with confidence and enjoyment.**





### **Do you teach Maths?**

I have mainly taught Y5 and Y6 maths, but I am happy to trouble-shoot a specific area of weakness. I can support an EAL child in the British school system with maths vocabulary or specific methods to fill any gaps in learning. Please let me know the issue as you see it, and I will let you know whether I can help.

### **Are you happy to liaise with the class teacher?**

Yes, I'd be happy to do so, if that would be helpful.

### **Do I have to book a whole course of lessons or can I just book one?**

It depends totally on what you want for your child - whether you want to target one issue, to follow a course or something in between.

Generally, a topic can take between six to twelve lessons, depending on the topic and the child's progress.

Language lessons are intended as a course, but you can sign up for a specific amount, and you are welcome to take a break or stop at any time. Contact me for advice/ suggestions.

### **What do you Charge? (May 2021 prices )**

French and German: £15 for 30 minutes; £20 for 45 minutes. In my experience, this is long enough for children.

Other subjects: As above and £25 for one hour. I suggest we agree the lesson length to suit your child and the subject.

**Same price for a lesson with a friend at the same level.** My Hidden Chimp course can be shared with two or three other friends.

Support for EAL or other pupils (to help access or complement the class teacher's lessons) around £15 per hour- to be agreed

### **How do I pay?**

One lesson in advance, please. The best way is to use the payment link on my website - Buzzypaws.com . I will also include a link to this if you decide to book a lesson with me.

### **What do I do if I think I'd like to book lessons with you?**

If you wish to find out more, please contact me with a brief outline of what you are looking for. I will reply. If I think I can help, I will offer you a free Zoom session for you (and your child) to meet me. I will only take on lessons that I can deliver to a high standard. I will give every request serious thought. If I can help, I will!

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