



About Me

My name is Becky Mack and I am the teacher who is heading the English part of the new English/French class for 4-6 year olds at L'école Chantemerle, an already successful school in Blonay.

Originally from Cambridge, I qualified from Kingston-Upon-Thames University with a B'ED degree in education; majoring in English and Drama and specialising in Early years (3-8 years).

I am an accomplished teacher and have taught all classes throughout the foundation years and Key stage 1. I have worked in a variety of schools, State in the UK, International in The Netherlands and Private here. I have also worked as a private tutor. I am very experienced in teaching English as an additional language and have a strong interest in bilingualism which began years ago when I started an MA in Linguistic Diversity, unfortunately I was unable to complete it as I moved abroad but my curiosity continues and is fed everyday by my three children who speak English and French.

Being a mother of three and having lived in Switzerland for nearly 10 years, I understand parental challenges, expat experiences and local convention. I hope this will help form a strong liaison between home and school.



About Our School

Our school was originally started in 1966 and has been running as a successful French boarding school. It's a family run school which enables children to become autonomous in a safe and caring environment. The Bilingual Class is a new initiative and I am very excited about organising this project and believe it is a perfect first school experience, giving an opportunity for you to choose the best path for your child. It will prepare and enable your child to either continue their educational voyage at Chantemerle, go into the Swiss system or go to a French/English speaking International school.

Individual needs are easily catered for in this small class situated in beautiful surroundings



About Our Curriculum

Our program is modelled on the best practices of the Early Years Foundation framework and Key stage 1 from the UK's National Curriculum, but we take full advantage of our beautiful surroundings and work closely with French colleagues to create the best learning program to educate the whole child.

(a) Early Years Foundation Framework. (4-5 year olds)

There are 7 curriculum areas:

1. Language and literacy
2. Maths and numeracy
3. Personal, social and emotional development
4. Creative development
5. Physical development
6. Knowledge and Understanding of the world
7. I.T



Experiences are created for the children to prepare them for KS1 and motivate them as learners to develop the whole child.

(b) National Curriculum KS1 (5-6 years)

For further information please see our website (<http://www.chantemerle.ch/>) or contact myself, Becky Mack, on 0793764781.



These children will be working to achieve the learning objectives from the UK National Curriculum, following the literacy and numeracy framework.

Literacy

- (1) The Jolly phonics scheme and Sparkle box are used for phonetic knowledge. The children learn sounds, blends and cvc words through stories, actions and sensory techniques
 - (2) Oxford Reading Tree is the main reading scheme followed, but added to by real books and non-fiction books. ORT is a very popular reading scheme which is used by 80% of schools
 - (3) Sight words or High frequency words will also be learnt
- The literacy framework provides some lovely topics such as traditional tales, poetry, knowing the difference between fact and fiction and introduction to reference book.



Numeracy

We use the New Heinemann Maths scheme and follow the 6 topics from KS1:-

- (1) Using and applying maths
- (2) Understanding numbers and counting
- (3) Shape and measuring
- (4) Handling data
- (5) Knowing number facts
- (6) Calculating

The other curriculum areas are topic based and part of a 2 year rolling plan. These are planned along side French and English as an additional language.

(c) **French**

French is taught by a mother tongue French speaker but the children also interact with the French speaking children during recreation, lunch and spare time as French is spoken in the main building.

(d) **Home School liaison**

I like to work closely with parents to make sure their children fulfill their potential. I can always be contacted but I am usually available for meetings from 8.30-9am before school.

(e) **Additional Information and assistance**

Chantemerle can provide:

- a breakfast club
- after-school activities
- possibility of transport for local children

