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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Super Learning Maths Week

As you will be aware from my previous letter, next week is our Super Learning Maths Week and there are a range of activities planned for the children which we hope they will really enjoy. The theme for the week is 'When I Grow Up' and is all about showing the children how maths will feature in their futures. It includes some real life challenges such as managing money effectively, working to a budget and making a profit.

We will look at famous mathematicians who have shaped the study of maths throughout the ages and also hear from some of our parent and carer volunteers who will talk about how they use maths in their daily and professional lives. We hope this will provide the children with inspiration and give them something to aspire to as they look towards their future.

The final challenge is a 'be the teacher' activity. We have a whole-school focus this year on developing children's reasoning and problem-solving skills. One measure of true understanding is when you can explain something to someone else. Therefore, each class will plan and deliver a short lesson to a group in a partner class in the year below. They will have the chance to teach to younger children something they have been taught themselves. There will be a focus on using the correct mathematical vocabulary and using equipment and pictures to help explain and teach. We think the children will love being in charge!

To make this more fun, we would like the children to enter into the spirit of the activity and come to school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October dressed as a teacher. They can model themselves on their own teacher or someone in our school if they like (all we ask is that this is done with kindness and errs on the flattering!) Maybe they have a family member who is a teacher that they would like to model themselves on?

Please note that this is just a bit of fun and there is no expectation for full outfits or for families to go to any expense. It could even be as simple as a child altering their hairstyle. The aim is to get the children excited about the task and create a sense of occasion. As a staff, we are really excited about all the activities planned next week and we hope the children will find it an enjoyable and enriching experience.

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Thank you for your support,

Claire Myers Assistant Headteacher



