



DARELL PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, children at Darell all take part in the Maths Mountain Challenge, but you may not know very much about it. We feel that the way to ensure that children leave primary school feeling confident and secure in maths is to have a familiarity and ease with number and calculation.

Maths Mountain is an exciting challenge to encourage children to become enthusiastic and capable mathematicians.

Each week, parent helpers assist the children to achieve the Maths Mountain Challenge, a series of tasks and activities designed to raise achievement and enthusiasm for maths. Each child works with a helper once a week on these tasks. As children 'climb' each mountain (Richmond Hill, Scafell Pike, Ben Nevis, Mont Blanc and Mount Everest), they will get special praise and a certificate in assembly; we know you will want to celebrate your child's achievement at home, as well.

We have sent home with this letter a double-sided sheet that includes some of the facts children should know before they leave Darell. Class Teachers and helpers will be encouraging children to work on particular parts of this sheet ('Stories' or 'Tables') each week; your child/ren will bring home a slip of paper detailing the task they should practise. **Please support your child/ren in helping them to be successful mathematicians by keeping the sheet visible in the house and practising LOTS!**

If there are any more parents who would like to help out at school, please speak to your class representative or to your class teacher. We will have another Maths Mountain training session Monday 21st October at 9.00 am. Please come along if you would like to learn more about supporting maths at Darell.

Thank you very much for your support in helping all the children feel good about themselves as mathematicians!

Sincerely,

Beth Aho
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