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Vision and Maths

Following recent governor visits and discussions with the children, we have made the decision to alter the first statement in our Bury Vision to make it simpler for all.

Previously we had STARs (Success, Teamwork, Aspiration, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility) which were introduced by the governing body in 2016 and our Christian Values (Courage, Humility, Wisdom, Compassion and Perseverance) which were agreed in 2017. These have been running alongside each other since 2017. The words are rarely used in isolation as very often multiple values are being demonstrated at once. To make it easier for everyone, we are moving forward with just the Christian Values. We will of course still talk about Success, Teamwork, Aspiration, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility, but will do so linked to our Christian Values wherever possible. This will make it easier, particularly for our youngest children, to know and understand these 5 core values rather than the 11 we had previously.

We will still be keeping our 'Star of the week' which we know is a big highlight for the children, there will just be less explicit reference to the STARs from before. In truth, I do not believe the children or yourselves will notice much, if any, difference apart from the children having a more secure understanding of our Christian values as there are now fewer values to learn.

Maths

Amongst the hundreds of emails that appear in my inbox most days, one in particular caught my attention yesterday. It was an email that I happily subscribe to from 'Math For Love'. Math For Love are an American company created by mathematician, Dan Meyer. He has created some fantastic maths games over the years, two of my favourites being [Tiny Polka Dot](#) for ages 3-8 and [Prime Climb](#) for ages 10+ (or 8+ with adult guidance).

However, this week's email was not about either of these games but about a Family Math(s) Night. Whether or not you want to set up your own evening, the link to the games provides many free, fun maths games to do at home. A couple of the games talk about dollars which will need discussion or altering and one of the links doesn't open properly, but leaving those aside leaves you with 10 great maths games to play (attainment level dependent of course). Have a look and see what you think [Family Maths Night](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,

Headteacher