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Dear Children,



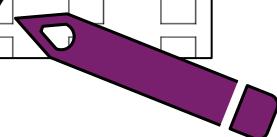
My name is Cath.



I work at the University of Nottingham, which is a big school for adults. You may remember me writing to you when you were in Reception. Many of you answered my questions about how you learn about numbers, patterns, and shapes at school. I now want to learn about how you learn maths in Year 1.

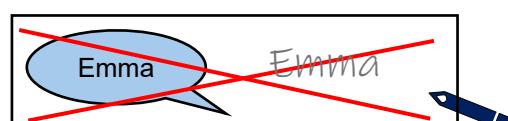
Just like last year, I have sent a parcel to your school with some questions inside. You can choose if you would like to answer my questions or not. An adult in your school will ask you the questions and will write down your answers to send to me. You can ask the adult for help if you are not sure.

In your class, do you...?	Always	A lot	Sometimes	Not much	Never
do maths on paper (on a sheet or in a book)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
do maths on your own?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



You can choose to stop at any time, and nobody will mind! If you answer my questions, then your teacher and other children will not be shown your answers.

My friends at the university will help me read all the answers from all of the children in lots and lots of schools. We will use them to write about how children learn maths at school. When we write or tell people about it, we will not use your name or your school's name so that nobody will know what you said.



Thank you for reading my letter and for helping me again.

Yours sincerely,

Cath