

## Special Issue

# Engaging Children in Math: Game-Based and Playful Approaches to Learning

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to advance the discussion on playful and game-based learning and their theoretical foundations in mathematics education, to highlight emerging themes in the field and to showcase recent findings from international studies. We welcome papers examining topics such as the following:

- Theoretical perspectives on the role of games and play in cognitive and emotional engagement in mathematics across various educational stages;
- Insights into how different game formats impact mathematical understanding and skill development from primary through secondary and tertiary education;
- Empirical studies detailing the design, implementation, and outcomes of game-based approaches in diverse educational settings and across different grade levels;
- Case studies and practical examples of effective game-based interventions, particularly those addressing common challenges in mathematics learning, such as anxiety, low engagement, or motivation, across all ages;
- Discussions on curriculum integration and the potential for games to support differentiated and inclusive learning in mathematics, adaptable to varying levels of mathematical competence and understanding.

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