

Dear Families,

Welcome to Reception Class at Cathedral School. This year Mrs Leighton and Miss Godsell will be sharing the teaching of Reception and Debbie will be the Nursery Nurse.

Much of the Autumn term is spent getting to know the children, supporting them to build positive relationships within the class and ensuring that they are settled and happy, ready for a successful year ahead.

Please find attached the curriculum map for this half term, outlining what the children will be learning about in school. We hope that this will also be helpful when supporting your child at home.

The school day will consist of phonics, literacy and numeracy sessions in the morning, followed by other learning areas in the afternoon such as P.E and science based activities. Children will have a balance of adult led focus groups and play based child initiated activities.

Below are some additional pieces of information that you may find useful to know.

- Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled (even socks and shoes!)
- As the term gets under way, the home reading program will start. It is expected that they are heard at home at least 3 times weekly and a comment written in their reading record. Please ensure that they bring their school reading books and reading record to school in their bag every day, in the plastic wallet provided. Books will be changed weekly based on teacher assessment.
- Please ensure your child brings a transparent water bottle to school daily.
- Our main P.E lesson will be on Thursday afternoon this term. P.E kits will be taken home every Friday. Please ensure these are returned on Monday (In case it is needed at any other time throughout the week).
- **PE kit** Please ensure your child has:
 - A white t-shirt
 - Navy blue shorts
 - Plain black or white plimsolls
 - Plain navy/black/grey tracksuit winter
- Each week we will have 'Share Chair' (show and tell) on a Wednesday. Children can bring in something interesting (no toys please) to share with the class. This will be done on a rotation basis; you will be notified on the Monday if your child is sharing that week.

If you have any other questions or queries please speak to one of the Reception team.

We look forward to working alongside you over the coming year.

Best wishes

Miss Godsell and Mrs Leighton