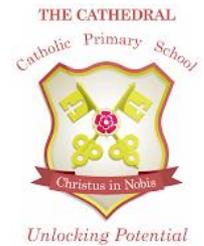


Friday 11th September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year One!

I am **delighted** to be teaching your child this year and I am looking forward to helping unlock their full potential.

Reading – In Year 1, your child should bring home three reading books per week. One is a practice book, one is a Guided book (only sent home when read first in class) and the last is a library book. Thank you for your patience as we sorted out all the children's reading records and books brought back from over the holidays. Please read with your child every night and write in the reading record.

Uniform – please ensure every piece of your child's uniform is labelled with their name. This makes it so much easier to return lost uniform to the correct owner!

PE day this term is Thursday so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school. This term we will be doing dance and gymnastics.

Other homework

Spelling – Every Monday, children will be given a few spellings to practise and learn before the following Monday. These will be done through Purple Mash and are based on spelling rules and common exception words for Year 1. Your child will be given their login for Purple Mash again, and stuck in their reading record.

Maths – Once a week, children will be set maths homework, also set on Purple Mash.

Curriculum and well being

We will continue to ensure that our children are delivered a broad and balanced curriculum which includes all subject areas. Due to COVID 19 we will be maximising opportunities for the application and practice of English and Maths skills across the curriculum. During the first couple of weeks staff will work closely with their classes to make assessment of key learning, whilst monitoring pupil well-being. The curriculum has been designed to take account of the time spent at home and the differing experiences of each child. The staff are ready to support and nurture your children as we begin to get back in to the daily routines of school life.

Remote learning

We are prepared in the event that we have a local lockdown and will use Purple Mash and the school website for any learning during this time. If your child is isolating please complete the homework activities for their year group and you can keep up to date with their class on the website.

Communication

We will continue to update the school website with our class news. Please remember to check your parent app regularly to keep in touch with what is happening in school.

Finally, we value good communication with parents so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns about your child in school. At the moment, email is the best way to contact us – our email addresses are at the bottom of this letter.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Whitaker

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