**A message from Mrs Hawkes...**

A very warm welcome to Year 1 everybody; we’re going to have a fantastic year!

I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you as we work closely together.

We will have lots of fun, challenge ourselves and learn lots together this year.

Alongside me in the classroom this year will be Mrs DeMatteis and we will be working together to ensure that your children have a happy, successful and enjoyable start to Key Stage One. Please do not hesitate to come in and speak to me throughout the year with any queries or concerns regarding to your child.

I look forward to sharing your child’s achievements and successes with you!

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### RE
- Families: God is present in every family.
- Belonging: Baptism is an invitation to belong to God’s family.
- Waiting: Advent is a time of looking forward to Christmas.
- Judaism: Abraham and Moses, the leaders of the Jewish people.

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### Creative Curriculum
- **Amazing nurses!** - Looking at Florence Nightingale and Harriet Tubman
- **Science** - finding out about materials – Which is the best for a lamp?
- **Geography** - making maps and asking geographical questions
- **Art** - using a variety of tools for line drawings, looking at the artist Lowry

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### English
- Daily phonic sessions.
- Weekly Book Talk sessions.
- Writing linked to our topic of ‘Amazing nurses’
- Writing linked to the book ‘Pinocchio’ by Mauro Evangelista

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### Maths
- **Place Value and Addition and Subtraction:**
  - Sorting, representing, counting, reading and writing numbers forwards and backwards, counting one more and less, equal to, greater than and less than symbols, ordinal numbers, number bonds and related subtraction facts, adding and subtracting one digit numbers, solving simple problems.
- **2d and 3d shape:** recognising and describing properties

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### Homework and how to help your child at home...

Please listen to your child read and/or read to them at least 3 times per week.

Complete weekly ‘Learning Log’ task which will be given out every Friday and collected in every Thursday - be as creative as you can!

Encourage and practise correct letter/number formation and reading/spelling Year 1 Common Exception Words

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### Dates for your diary and other information...

Mrs Seers & Mrs Murray will teach the class every Wednesday to allow me to carry out my management responsibilities as Deputy Head teacher.

PE will be every Wednesday and Thursday; please ensure PE kits are named and I ask please that children do not wear earrings on these days.

*Our end of topic’ Amazing nurses!’ celebration with Year 2 will be on Monday 1st December at 2:45pm. I hope that you will be able to join us! More details will follow closer to the time.*