## Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to introduce myself, I am Miss Crowther, who along with Miss Smith and Miss Byrne will be teaching Year 1.

It has been lovely getting to know your children over the last week. They have settled back into school routines and are ready for the exciting challenges ahead this year. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the children's learning over the coming half-term.



# **Religious Education**

In Religion, we will start by exploring the Epiphany. Then we will move on to exploring special people in our life. We will explore families who live or worship in a parish and how we are part of this family as there are also special roles within the parish. There are special people in our lives who are there to help us.



### English

In English, our story is Little Red Riding Hood and we will be exploring all the different features of a traditional tale. By the end of this unit we will have learnt Little Red Riding Hood, written our own descriptions and wrote our own traditional tale.

#### Maths

In Maths, we will be looking at the place value of numbers up to 20. We will looked at addition within 20 last term. Now we will move on to subtraction within 20. We will subtract tens and ones, learn to cross 10 when subtracting, compare addition and subtraction and solve word and picture problems. Please encourage your child to use Numbots which will aid your childs learning.



#### Geography

Our Geography work for this half term is all about around the world. We will look at Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa, North and South America and Antarctica. For each, we will be able to locate each continent on a map and identify some of its countries, features and characteristics.



#### Science

This half term we will be learning all about materials. We will look at different objects and decide the material from which it is made. We will identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. Whilst identifying we will describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials and compare and group the variety of everyday materials bases on their simple physical properties.

### Art

In Art, we will be learning all about mark making and how we can use different materials to create different marks.

### <u>P.E</u>

The children will have 1 session of P.E a week, which is on a Friday. Remember that your child needs to come to school in their P.E kit on a Friday (White t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/joggers and their school jumper).



#### Homework

Homework will be set weekly on a Friday and is due back by the following Friday. Please ensure your children returns their homework book on time each week.

#### Reading Books

Book Bags should be brought into school every day. We listen to the children read, so it is important they have their book bag with them. Children should be reading for 20 minutes every day. Please ensure their reading record is completed each time they read.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child's learning in Year 1, please contact me and I will be happy to arrange a meeting before or after school.

Thank you for your continued home support.

Kind regards, Miss Crowther

