

Dear 1GP,

Hi, I'm Miss Gripton and I will be your teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays. I've been teaching for 15 years so this will be my 16th year of teaching and my 3rd year at St Wilfrid's. I taught in Year 3 for a year when I first came to the school, then I moved to year 4, and last year I taught you R.E in RSS one morning a week and Year 5 and Year 6 my other day and $\frac{1}{2}$. I am in charge of Art in of school. I have a little boy aged 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ called Isaac - he's a little ray of sunshine.

Hi, I'm Miss Pate and I will be teaching you on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. I was a pupil at St Wilfrid's. I also volunteered at our school and did my training to teach here back in 2014, so I have a lot of history here. Since I qualified, I have taught in Reception and Year 1. I am in charge of D.T. in our school. I have a little boy aged 2 called Daniel, who loves helping others and making people laugh.

In preparation for moving up to Year 1, we would like you to be recapping all the sounds at home and to continue blending as much as possible. Please make sure you are reading every day. We'd also like you to be practising writing words and simple sentences as much as you can. For maths, we'd like you to be practising counting and recognising numbers to 20.

In Year 1 our topics are 'Toys in the past and present', 'Our Local Area' and 'The Seaside'. We look forward to finding out what you already know and teaching you lots more.

Sadly, we haven't seen many of your faces for a while now but don't worry about returning to school. We'll be doing lots of lovely activities to help you to settle in, like circle times, getting to know you games, and showing you where things are. We will spend lots of time talking to you to find out how you are and how you've been getting on at home. If you have any worries or questions we'll have lots of time to talk about them and help to put your mind at ease. You'll have time to share your hopes and wishes for the year and we look forward to helping all these come true. We will help you to make the transition from Reception to Year 1 by learning through play to help you settle in. If you'd like to bring in a teddy on your first day to comfort you, you can, and, on Fridays, we do show and tell, so you'll be able to bring in something from home when it's your turn.

We can't wait to be your teachers and really look forward to getting to know you all better. We are excited about what next year will bring, and look forward to seeing you flourish in Year 1. We want you to dream, believe and achieve with our help.

See you in September,

Miss Gripton and Miss Pate