Welcome to Year 1 😊

We have had a very busy start to the year with lots of new routines to learn and even getting used to our new uniforms. We have had the amazing Mrs Anderson in to help us in the mornings while Miss Medcalf takes us out for testing. We have also been trying super hard and been learning lots at our swimming lessons.

We spent the first week talking a lot about ourselves so that Miss Medcalf could get to know us. One activity that we did was making our own ‘mini me’. To make our ‘mini me’ we really had to think about what we looked like and what made us special and unique.
In Religion we have been thinking about our gift of imagination and then we used our gift to draw what we think Jesus looks like. We have also been focusing on our relationship with God by choosing a ‘thanking’ or ‘asking’ prayer each morning. We have just started thinking about the gift of free will and how we use that to make choices.

We have been learning all about Dr Seuss and have been thoroughly enjoying all of his books. We like to retreat to Seussville when we can to read his books and Miss Medcalf has even caught us giggling at the funny characters that he has created.

For Maths we have been focusing on recognising, modelling, reading, writing and ordering numbers to 100. We have been using a range of strategies and materials to do this.
Between recess and lunch for the last two weeks we have been going to our swimming lessons. We have been superstars for Miss Medcalf because we have been so organised for our lessons and have been super quick at getting changed every day. Miss Medcalf is very proud of how hard we have been trying for our swimming teacher and how much we improved in our swimming.
We started our Investigations this term and we have absolutely loved exploring the different areas that Miss Medcalf has set up. This year we have a tinkering table, a sensory area, a collage table, construction area, maths area, writing area and a dramatic play area. This term, to follow the Dr Seuss theme, our dramatic play area is a train station. Our train is called the 'Thidwick Express' and we love to ride it to crazy Dr Seuss places! We are looking forward to starting investigations again when swimming finishes!