

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new school year and Autumn term at St. Saviour's and to what I hope will be a happy and successful time for your child in Year 1. I hope you all had a pleasant Summer break and were able to find some good weather somewhere!

### Our Learning

This term our class topic is **Megastructures**. As **Geographers** we will be looking at fantastic buildings and structures all over the world. We will be finding where they are and naming some of the countries and continents where we can find them. Eventually, we will end up close to home visiting Canary Wharf where we will discover our very own local megastructures; trip date and details to follow. As **Historians** we will be studying changes in the lives of people by comparing the homes we live in today with those people lived in long ago. As **Designers** we will be designing and making our own structures. We will learn how to join materials together and change their shape to make them stronger. As **Artists** we will be observing our local structures and using pencils to carefully draw the shapes we see. In **Literacy** we shall hear, map, step, speak and write the stories of Three Little Pigs and Jack and the Beanstalk. We shall also be writing instructions and poems. During **Maths** our focus will be number and place value, addition and subtraction, measurement and shape. Our **Science** learning will focus on Who We Are and Celebrations. Through **Discovery RE** we will be learning about the Creation and Christmas stories. In **I.C.T.** we shall be using i-pads to take photographs and record our work on megastructures along with learning how to use our computer system safely.

### Class Routines

On Tuesday to Friday mornings the children will come in to class, get their dinner mark then go on to the carpet and join in Fit in 5. At 9.10am we will then move on to our phonics lesson. On Monday mornings the children will do their Diary Book. If you have a few minutes to spare you are welcome to stay and help your child write a short sentence about something they have done over the weekend. If appropriate your child can copy underneath a sentence written in their book. If you are staying to work with your child you will need to 'sign in'; this can be done simply by placing your child's name card in the yellow box as you enter the classroom.

### Important Reminders

Games/PE will be on Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning; please make sure your child has the correct P.E. kit, a plain white tee shirt, black shorts and plimsolls and that it is clearly labeled.

If you are able to read with your child each evening this will be of great benefit to their learning; your child will also have some flash cards to learn too. The reading timetable in your child's folder indicates the days when your child will be heard to read so please make sure their folder is in school on those days; also please write in your child's Reading Record Book the page they have read to at home or whether they have finished the book so that it can be changed if necessary. Our class assembly will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm. Year 1 parents and carers are welcome to attend and share in celebrating the children's learning. Miss Trainor and Mrs Davidson will be working alongside your children in Year 1 while Mr Kelly will be teaching the class when I have my PPA time.

If you have any questions or concerns please arrange a time with me so we can discuss them together.

Thank you!

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Rowland and the Year 1 Team