

Dear Parents,

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 half-term our class topic is **Bright Lights Big City**; in **Geography** we will be naming, locating and identifying characteristics of the four countries of the UK along with geographical similarities and differences. Locally we shall be visiting Canary Wharf where we will discover our own local 'city' and megastructures; trip date and details to follow. In **History** we will be learning about events beyond living memory including the Great Fire of London. As **Artists and 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. In **Science** we will be learning about our own bodies and senses. In **English** we shall hear, map, step, speak and write the stories of The Queen's Hat, Paddington at the Palace and Charlie and Lola: We Completely Must Go to London. During **Maths** our focus will be number and place value, addition and subtraction, measurement and shape. In **Religious Education** we will learn about God's creation and how we should care for the world. In **Computing** we shall be using i-pads to take photographs and record our work along with learning how to use our computer system safely.

In the second half-term our class topic will be **Memory Box**; in **History** we will compare our life and interests now with those of our babyhood, recalling a significant memory from the past. In **Geography** we will use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the school building and grounds along with key human and physical features of its surrounding environment. In **Science** we will learn how light, food, music and sound are used in celebrations; this will link in with our learning in **Religious Education** on a Gift for Jesus and the Christmas story. In **Art and Design Technology** we will be producing family portraits, making cards for special occasions and designing our own memory boxes. Our focus story in **English** will be the Three Little Pigs; we will write recounts, diary extracts and sequence events. During **Maths** we will count, read and write numbers to 100 and beyond in numerals and words, count in multiples of twos, fives and tens and recognize and use language relating to dates, including days of the week, months and years. Any home learning or family visits relating to these topics will also be of benefit to your child's learning and can be shared with the other children in class.

Important Reminders

Games and **PE** lessons 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 or jogging bottoms 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. Reading folders should be brought to school on the two days when your child will be heard to read and placed in the red box in the classroom; 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. Mrs Briscoe and Mrs Davidson will be working alongside your children in Year 1 while Mr Kelly will be teaching the class on Monday afternoon when I have PPA. 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