



ST. DUNSTAN'S



EYFS Rationale

Spring 2nd Half Term

Spring into New Life

This half term we are learning about the process of animal life cycles, focusing on the life cycle of a chicken. This learning really comes alive for the children through our "Living Eggs", helping children to understand the difference between oviparous and non-oviparous animals. These are the foundations for classification in Science, which will be built upon in Year 1 and beyond.

We will be sharing the books "Chick to Hen" by Elspeth Graham, "Egg to Chicken" by Camilla de la Bedoyere, and "Rosie's Walk" by Pat Hutchinson, comparing the features of fiction and non-fiction texts. With a deeper understanding of non-fiction, the children will be writing their own chicken facts too!

We are particularly looking forward to our visit from Millers Ark Farm in March. Through hands on experience, the children will be learning about identifying different farm animals and their young, as well as where our food comes from and how animals are cared for. This further supports the children's sense of stewardship and responsibility for caring for God's creatures.

Our new theme for learning in RE is journeying with Jesus from "Desert to Garden". We will be teaching the children how and why we can grow to be closer to Jesus during Lent through praying, fasting and alms giving.