



ST. DUNSTAN'S

Year 1 Rationale

Autumn 1st Half Term

Myself and My Community



Our first theme for learning in Year One is 'Myself and My Community'. We will be thinking about ourselves; learning about the parts of the body, and our five senses and how they help us to explore the world around us. There will also be plenty of opportunity for geographical fieldwork, and we will use simple maps and aerial photographs to discover more about our school and the local environment. In history, we will learn how to create a timeline by ordering events in our own lives to date. We will also explore the history of our families and have the opportunity to design our own family tree. Through this, we will develop our language skills and share with our peers and teachers more about who we are. There will be a focus on sharing the stories of significant people in our lives and this will link beautifully to Grandparent's week.

In our English lessons we will recap the basic skills learnt in Reception, such as letter formation and pencil grip. We will also be sharing a range of stories as a class, with a focus on fluency and comprehension. Our key text for this half term is "Beegu" by Alexis Deacon. We are really looking forward to discovering the creature named Beegu in our school playground, and will be using the clues we find to make predictions about the story. Finally, we will retell the story in full sentences using the words 'First', 'Next' and 'Then'.

In Maths, we will build upon the skills consolidated in Reception, such as accurate counting and number recognition. Our main focus is the concept of number and place value to ensure that all children have a deep and meaningful understanding of number before introducing new mathematical skills and ideas.