



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**

**Year 1 Rationale**

**Summer 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term**

**My Imagination**



Concentrating on the principle of creativity, we will use this last term of Year 1 to understand how and why it is important to explore, reflect and polish our learning. This will be a culmination of all of the skills we have learnt so far this year and help us prepare to think as a Year 2 learner.

Through our focus text "The Bog Baby" by Jeanne Willis, we will explore a variety of settings around our school, including St. Francis' Woodland, and will consider the ways in which we can use these settings as a starting point to create our own characters and stories. We are particularly looking forward imagining and designing our very own dragon, using pastels to create vibrant dragon scales and detailed dragon eyes, inspired by the stunning text "Tell Me a Dragon" by Jackie Morris.

A particular highlight for the children is our visit to Basingstoke Milestones Museum. Exploring room-sets and everyday objects from the past, we will get to experience a typical home that our great grandparents may have lived in. There will also be opportunities to play with toys and games from living memory, allowing the children to consider how life as a child has evolved in Britain and begin to make comparisons between time periods.

Our topic for RE this half term is "To the Ends of the Earth". Through the key teachings of "The road to Emmaus" (Lk24:13-35), the Ascension (Acts1:1-11) and the story of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4), we will learn how the early Church began, understanding our mission in spreading the Good News of Jesus and that when people open their hearts to the Holy Spirits they are changed just as the apostles were changed.