



ST. DUNSTAN'S

Year 1 Rationale

Spring 1st Half Term

God's and My Wonderful World



Having already explored what makes us and our school community unique, this half term we will be broadening our horizons thinking about "God's and My Wonderful World".

Concentrating on the principle of stewardship, we will begin to understand how and why we all have a duty to take care of our world and all the things that live and grow in it. We will explore plant and animal life in St. Francis' Woodland and will consider the ways in which we can care for the plants and creatures on our planet. We are particularly looking forward to our live animal workshop where we will have the opportunity to experience some of God's amazing creatures up close!

We will also learn about people who have made a significant contribution to environmental conservation to inspire us in our journey, considering the ways in which neglecting to care for plants and creatures can have a harmful impact on our planet. To summarise our learning from this topic we will write a 'Love Letter' to the Earth and explain how we can protect our world.

In our RE lessons we will be travelling from "Galilee to Jerusalem" learning more about Jesus' life and mission. Through the stories of Anna and Simeon (Luke 2:22-38) and Jesus Calls His First Disciple (Luke 5:1-11) we will think about why Jesus was so special and how his disciples came to follow him.

We are looking forward to our Creative Arts Week where we will be learning more about the Holy Family. We will focus on accurate observation, sketching and painting as well as evaluation skills to improve our initial drafts. The whole process will allow the children to become fully immersed in the artistic process and will be a very special week for them all.