



ST. DUNSTAN'S

Year 1 Rationale

Spring 2nd 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.

Our topic for RE this half term is "Desert to Garden". Through the Gospel story 'Jesus is Tempted in the Desert' (Luke 4:1-13) we will explore the meaning of Lent, and think about the many ways that we can pray, share and fast to bring us closer to God during this time. We will then follow Jesus in his final weeks before the crucifixion through the Gospel stories of 'Jesus Teaches in the Temple' (Luke 19:47 – 48), 'The Last Supper' (Luke 22:7 – 23) and 'The Death of Jesus' (Luke 23:33-46). We will consider how Jesus would have been feeling during these key moments and think about the reasons why he died for us.