



ST. DUNSTAN'S

Year 3 Rationale

Autumn 2nd Half Term



What do Ancient Civilisations have in common?

The children will be studying Ancient Civilisations for the next three half terms. This will enable them to gain a good understanding of the wider context before focusing in on an in depth-study of Ancient Egypt. Through looking at Egypt, Sumer, Indus Valley and China, the children will learn about the similarities between the civilisations, with a particular focus on their achievements including monuments and writing. Locating these civilisations will help children to understand why they were so successful and how they developed. Supporting their understanding of chronology, the children will also identify when the civilisations were in relation to other known time-periods.

In English in Autumn 2, the children will read 'Hotel Flamingo' by Alex Milway. They will learn how to include speech in their writing. Building on previous learning the children will learn to use and apply a greater range of conjunctions to extend their sentences and make them more interesting. This will culminate in writing a fictional story with a focus on the balance between speech and narrative in their story. They will begin to access a wider range of non-fiction texts about Ancient Egyptians and pyramids. They will retrieve and record information from these texts, which will deepen their historical understanding and support their development of a crucial reading skill.