



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**

**Year 4 Rationale**

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

**What are origins?**



Year 4 will explore the question 'What are origins?', as they consolidate their knowledge of the Anglo Saxons and move onto learning about the Vikings. The theme of migration will be introduced so children begin to appreciate journeys made by people made in the past and reasons for these journeys. With a focus on the struggle of power between the Saxons and the Vikings, they will understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources. During our visit to Chertsey Museum, the children will explore authentic and replica artefacts, which will give them further insight into the lives of Vikings. Our understanding of Viking people and their love of dramatic story telling will be developed through studies of their myths and legends, including Beowulf.

During this half term, there will be a dedicated week for art, centred on the theme of the Holy Family. The purpose of this week is to build upon children's existing skills using acrylic paints. Further practice of acrylic techniques, such as blending, will enable children to embed their learning from the autumn term.