



ST. DUNSTAN'S

Year 5 Rationale

Autumn 2nd Half Term



The changing power of the Tudor Dynasty

Our learning during the second half of the term will continue to focus on the Tudor dynasty. We will continue to explore how the Tudors came to power whilst learning about Henry VIII and his reign. As one of the most readily recognised monarchs in British history, Henry VIII made many important decisions that led England to become a recognised power across Europe. We will look at a range of different historical sources giving us a deeper insight into the Tudor dynasty. To support our learning we will be visiting Hampton Court Palace where we will discover more about Henry VIII and his life at court.

In English this half term, there will be a focus on developing the children's narrative writing (describing settings, characters, atmosphere) and persuasive writing techniques using Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie.

In science, the children will explore, hypothesize and test properties of different materials whilst investigating reversible and irreversible changes.

In our RE learning this half term we will look in detail at the sacrament of marriage, understanding the numerous actions and symbols used in this rite; how each represents an aspect of the covenant a married couple creates with God. At the end of this half term, we look forward to the celebration of Advent as a time of waiting patiently in hope for the promise of Christ's birth.