



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**

**Year 6 Rationale**

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

**The Dark Ages across the World**



During the Summer term, our children will have the opportunity to delve into their own faith and understand that it is not just about "believing in God". Faith influences every aspect of our lives and can be a guiding force in shaping who we are. It encourages confidence, self-belief and resilience.

In Year 6, we will embark on an exciting journey into the Dark Ages. From approximately 900 to 1200, this period has often been labelled as the "Dark Ages," but it is important to question whether this term accurately depicts the entire world during that time. To fully understand the context, we will uncover the remarkable developments of the "Islamic Golden Age." This lesser-known part of history offers a unique opportunity to broaden our knowledge.

Through a multidisciplinary approach involving history, textual analysis, maths with topics like algebra and geometry, scientific exploration through the invention of the camera and the study of geometric Islamic art, we will immerse ourselves in this fascinating topic. We will also visit the nearby Peace Garden and take a virtual "walk" along the spice road, bringing the ancient city of Baghdad to life.

Our investigative journey will culminate in the creation of our own representation of the "House of Wisdom," symbolising the renowned ancient university in Baghdad. This final project will celebrate the knowledge and understanding we have gained throughout our exploration.

Get ready to step back in time and discover the diverse cultures that thrived during the Dark Ages. It promises to be an exciting and insightful learning adventure!