



ST. DUNSTAN'S

Year 1 Rationale

Autumn 2nd Half Term

Myself and My Community



In Autumn Two, we will continue to explore the theme 'Myself and My Community,' where we will focus on the principle of 'Identity'. We will explore what makes each of us unique and what makes our school a special place to learn and grow. Through engaging, hands-on experiences in the natural environment, we will foster independent, explorative learning that allows us to communicate our thoughts and ideas effectively. This learning aligns closely with the theme of "Serving Our Community" by helping the children understand what it means to belong to our school, church, and local community. As we explore our identities and what makes us unique, we will also recognise how we are connected to the broader community around us.

Through fieldwork activities focusing on our school and the nearby Onslow Crescent, we will gain a deeper appreciation of our place within these communities. By exploring our local environment, we will learn about the significance of the spaces we share, how they serve us, and how we, in turn, can contribute to them. This will foster a sense of responsibility and belonging, encouraging us to actively participate in and serve our community as valued members of St. Dunstan's.

Our topic for RE this half term is "prophecy and Promise". Through the key teachings of "The Annunciation" (Luke 1: 26-32), "The Visitation" (Luke 1:39-45), "The Birth of Jesus" (Luke 2:4-8) and "The Visit of The Shepherds" (Luke 2:8-20), we will learn that the Christmas story reveals God's love by sending Jesus his Son. We will continue our learning by exploring artistic representations of the nativity story from around the world, and will talk about how Christians in their local community celebrate the birth of Jesus.