



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**

**Year 1 Rationale**

**Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term**

**God's and My Wonderful World**



Having already explored plant and animal life in St. Francis' Woodland and having considered how we can care for the plants and creatures on our planet, we will continue our topic of 'God's and My Wonderful World' this half term.

In Geography, we will be learning about the four countries of the United Kingdom, focusing on their capital cities and exploring both famous physical features (like mountains, rivers, and coastlines) and human-made landmarks (such as buildings and transport). Throughout our learning, we will emphasise the importance of stewardship—caring for our world and its resources. We will encourage students to think about how we can look after the environment, respect the different places and cultures within the UK, and take responsibility for protecting our planet for future generations.

We will also learn about inspiring people who have helped to protect and conserve the environment, such as David Attenborough and Steve Backshall. To summarise our learning from this topic we will write a 'Love Letter' to the Earth and explain how we can protect our world.

Our topic for RE this half term is "Desert to Garden". Through the Gospel story 'Jesus is Tempted in the Desert' (Luke 4:1-13) we will explore the meaning of lent, and think about the many ways that we can pray, share and fast to bring us closer to God during this time. We will then follow Jesus in his final weeks before the crucifixion through the Gospel stories of 'Jesus Teaches in the Temple' (Luke 19:47 – 48), 'The Last Supper' (Luke 22:7 – 23) and 'The Death of Jesus' (Luke 23:33-46). We will consider how Jesus would have been feeling during these key moments and think about the reasons why he died for us.