



ST. DUNSTAN'S

Year 2 Rationale

Spring 1st Half Term



How similar or different is Shanghai compared to Woking?

The purpose behind learning this half term is to understand our place in the world and our similarities and differences. A focus within our learning will be 'Geography'; we will compare Woking to the city of Shanghai. Using key geographical skills, the children will have the opportunity to discuss the location of where they live in comparison to Shanghai. Learning about human and physical features, we will reflect upon the cultural diversity within both locations and celebrate the similarities and differences we have. An overarching theme in our Spring term is creativity. Learning about Shanghai will enable the children to be inspired by the impact of individuals within different cultures. Recognising that perseverance and innovation were key to the successful redevelopment of Shanghai, learners will think about their own individual skills and the impact they could have on our environment.

Linking closely to equality and diversity, we will also explore the theme of self-love this half term. This will be supported through the text 'The True Pixie' by Matt Haig. The children will be encouraged to think about the importance of mutual respect and how everyone is special in their own way. By creating their own pixie based on their personality traits, they will deeply explore what makes them unique and be given the chance to celebrate our similarities and differences further.

We are very excited to be a part of 'Art Week' this half term. With the Holy Family being our whole school theme, the children will following small steps to create beautiful stain glass windows. Their skills will include cutting, layering, composition and careful consideration of complimentary colours.