



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**

**EYFS Rationale**  
**Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term**  
**Wonderful Me**



This half term, we will be focusing on settling into school life, learning the rules and routines of the classroom and building new friendships with each other. In our RE lessons, we will learn that God created our world and everything in it, and we are God's most special creation. We will also think about how we are invited to be part of God's family through the sacrament of Baptism.

Our focus text for this half term is the award-winning children's classic "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen. The repetitive refrains and rhythm of the story helps children to understand story structure and learn new vocabulary, including positional language such as "over, under, through". By creating story maps and retelling the story through drama at our "Perform" workshop, the children will develop a greater awareness of the order of events in our story. Using the family in the story, we will be talking about our own families at home, our new class family, and being part of our whole school family at St. Dunstan's.