



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**

**Year 1 Rationale**

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

**Myself and My Community**



Our first theme for Year One is '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 will align closely with the St. Dunstan's Curriculum 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 "Creation and Covenant". Through the key teachings of "The Creation Story" (Genesis 1:1-4), the Our Father, and Laudato Si, we will learn that everything we see comes from God. We will understand that God shows His love for us by giving us everything in the world, and learn that God wants us to care for the world He gave us.