



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**

**Year 2 Rationale  
Spring 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term**



### **How similar or different is Shanghai compared to Woking?**

The purpose behind our learning this half term is to understand our place in the world and our similarities and differences with other places. 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 we 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. An overarching theme of the Spring term is creativity. Learning about Shanghai will enable 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, the children 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 further celebrate our similarities and differences.

We are very excited to be a part of Art Week this half term with 'Art in the Community' being our whole school theme. Using pattern and colour, the children will have the opportunity to design and create a collaborative piece, which we hope will be gifted to Wisley Gardens, who we will visit in the Summer term.