



ST. DUNSTAN'S

Year 3 Rationale

Summer 2nd Half Term

How do people use mountains?



In our previous topic the children have learned about areas of outstanding natural beauty as they focused on the Surrey Hills. They have already investigated their local area and will now build upon their geographical skills to learn about peaks and mountains in the United Kingdom. This will naturally lead onto learning about European mountain ranges and specifically on Mount Blanc. Mountainous areas are picturesque and very popular with tourists but they also support farms and smaller communities. The children will learn that it is a delicate balance to ensure they are sustained in a healthy manner.

Learning about balance will be a factor in the children's learning as they begin to understand that achieving the correct proportion of visitors and amenities to specific areas is important. They will make links as to how we as people can leave a smaller impact on an area and a healthier environmental footprint behind.

The children are familiar with 'Laudato Si', Pope Francis' message to us all to look after our common home. In his letter he reminds us that the earth is God's gift to us and it is full of beauty and wonder. The children will learn that everyone can play a part no matter how small it is.