



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**

**Year 6 Rationale**  
**Spring 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term**  
**The war for a child**



As we begin the Spring Term, our central theme focuses on exploring the history of World War 2 as experienced by children. This theme has been carefully chosen to deepen students' understanding of history, while fostering a greater appreciation for their own lives and circumstances. By examining the experiences of young people from a different time, the children will gain insights that not only build their historical knowledge but also shape their personal development and values, encouraging empathy, resilience and a sense of responsibility as they become positive role models in our school and beyond.

This theme serves as a platform for further developing children's narrative writing skills. Building on the skills they have developed in the autumn term, the children will be encouraged to make independent choices in their writing and cultivate their own unique authorial voice. They will apply their knowledge of World War 2, engaging in peer-editing and self-reflection, which will foster a growth mindset and build their confidence in the writing process. This overarching theme provides a context for developing a love of learning, while fostering skills that will benefit students both in the classroom and in their wider lives.

This term, we are excited to celebrate Creative Arts Week, where our focus will be on our community and the beauty of our differences, exploring how we are all unique yet come together to support and love one another.