



ST. DUNSTAN'S

Year 5 Rationale

Autumn 1st Half Term

The changing power of the Tudor Dynasty

This half term, we will focus on friendship and hope, with children learning how, as individuals, we can help others feel like they belong.

In history, our learning will centre on the changing power of the Tudor dynasty. We will explore how power shifted during the Tudor period, from the rise of Henry VII to the reign of Elizabeth I, and understand how leadership decisions shaped the course of England's history. Alongside this, we will reflect on how alliances, conflicts, and relationships within the Tudor court highlight the importance of friendship and inclusion in our own lives. By examining the past, children will gain a deeper understanding of how individuals navigate change, foster unity, and support one another.

In English, we will explore *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo, which links closely with our themes of friendship and hope. Through the characters' experiences of survival and companionship, children will reflect on how relationships develop in challenging circumstances and how hope can be a guiding force in adversity. This term's focus will help them grow as individuals and learners, fostering a sense of belonging and empathy both inside and outside the classroom.