



# SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS REVIEW

Week Ending December 12th, 2025

Half-term 2. End of week 6. Read on for updates and a round-up of just some of the things that have been happening in school!

## Science

At the end of our Heat topic, Year 8 pupils enthusiastically worked in groups to plan and carry out an investigation into the factors that affect how well hot drinks retain their heat. They approached the task with diligence and maturity, carefully collecting and recording their findings. Their teamwork, curiosity, and scientific thinking were evident throughout, making the investigation a rewarding conclusion to the unit.



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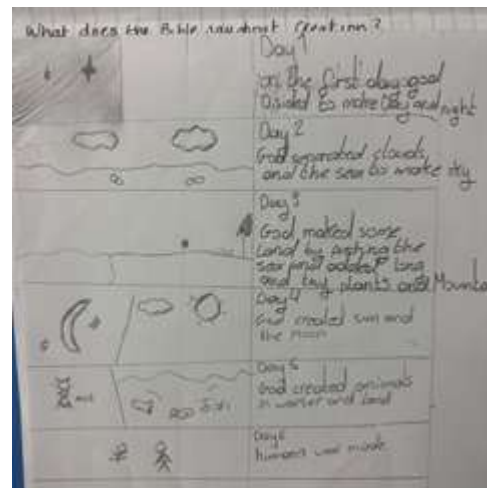


## Spotlight on RE:

In Year 5 we have been exploring the question “Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complimentary?”

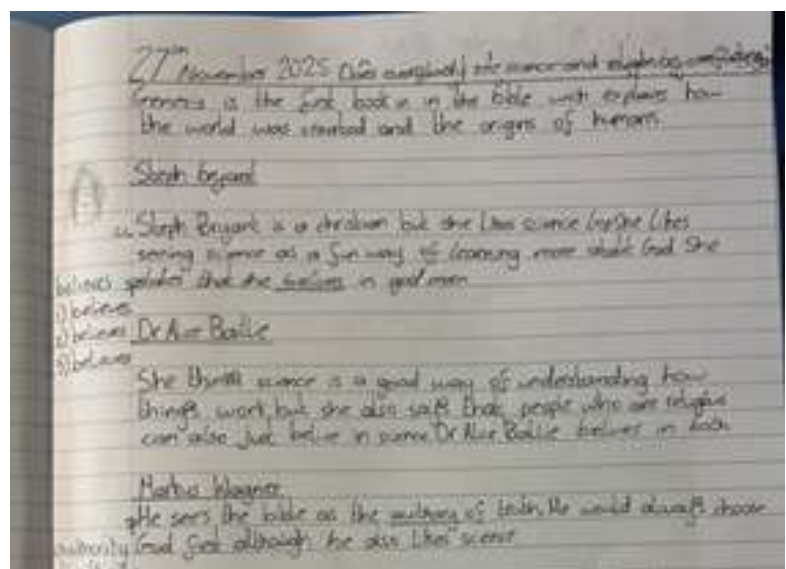
The children have been looking at Christian and Scientific ideas around Creation. They have researched The Big Bang and explored the views of different scientists. This has helped them understand whether there is any connection between the two, so they can begin to form their own ideas about creation.

*The children started off exploring their own ideas around creation.*

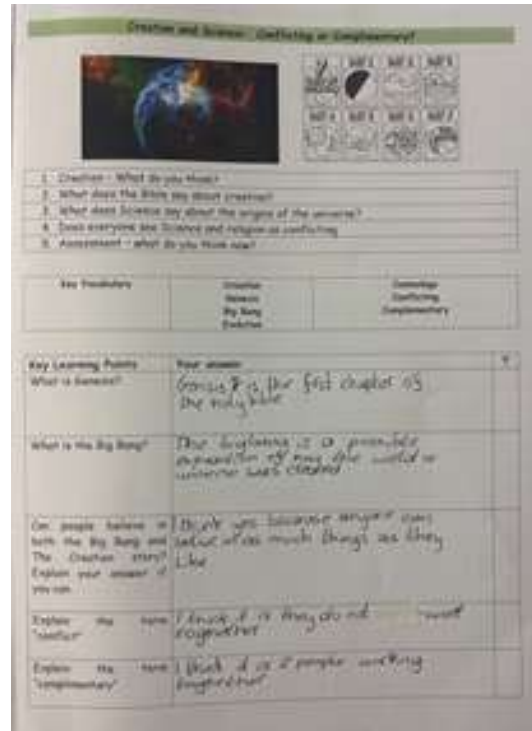
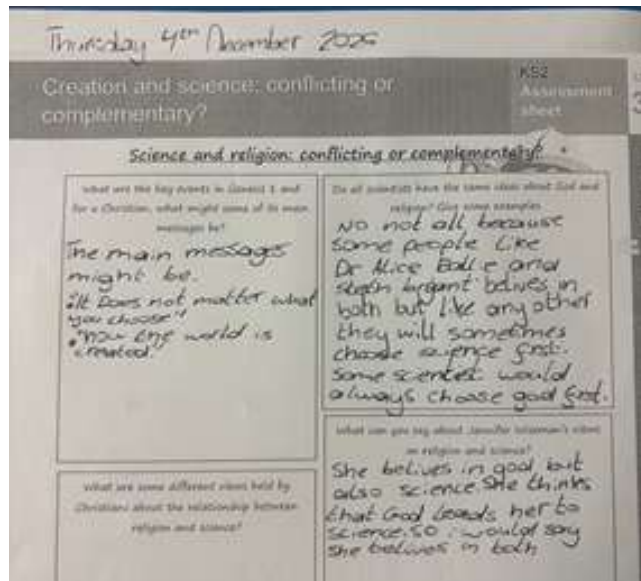


Then they looked at the Bible ideas around creation.

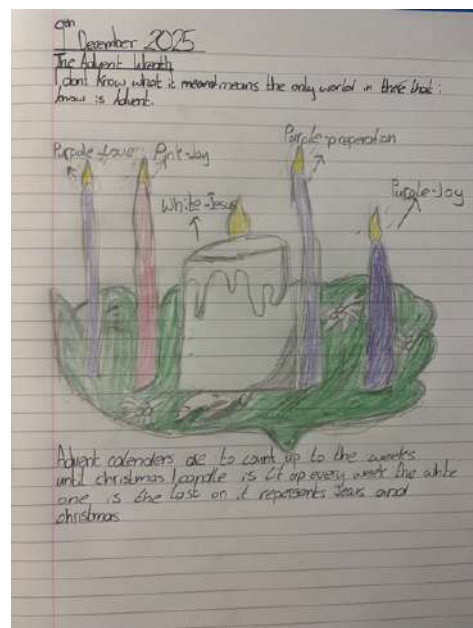
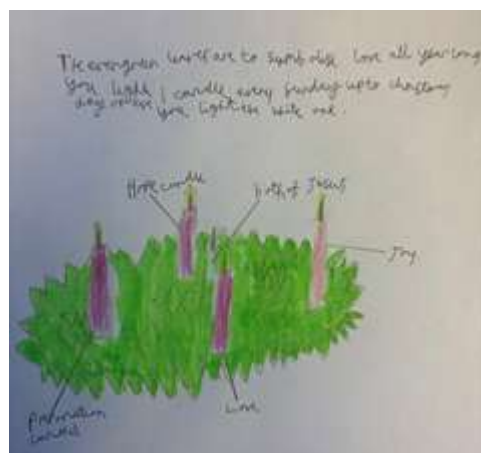
They explored The Big Bang and found out different scientists' ideas around creation. Some children thought The Big Bang was referring to the TV show!



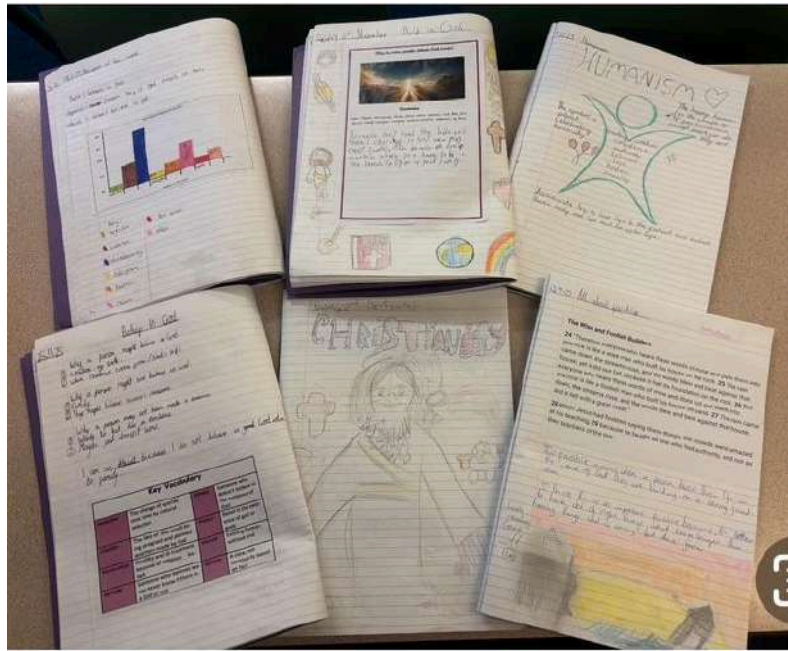
Finally they tried to think whether these ideas were conflicting or complimentary and completed their assessment. Luckily they realised The Big Bang is not just a TV show!



To finish off the term we have also found out all about Advent Wreaths and why they are used at Christmas time.



## Year 6



## Year 7

Next half term Year 7 will study Buddhism and ask the questions:

How and why did Siddhartha Gautama become 'The Buddha'? Key events in the life of the Buddha

How and why do Buddhist people try to follow the Four Noble Truths? Suffering, desire and the Middle Way.

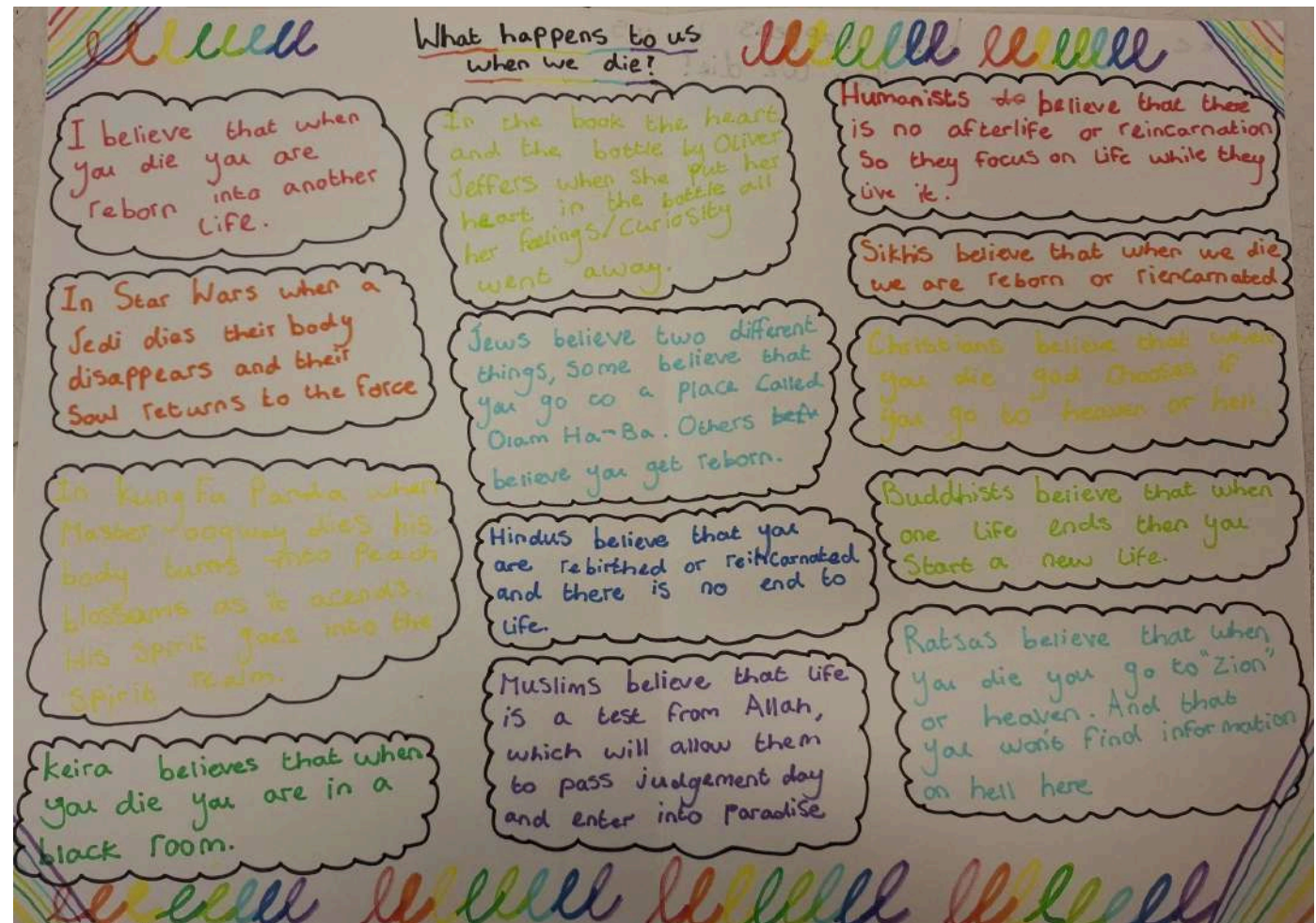
How and why do Buddhist people use the symbols of the Wheel of Life to teach the Dharma?

How and why do Buddhist people use the statues of Buddha (rupas): lotus flower, stupa, bells, mala (beads), prayer wheel, prayer flags, singing bowls, mudras (hand gestures)?

How and why do the teachings of Buddha have meaning today?

## Year 8

Last half term Y8 investigated different beliefs about what happens when we die and how these beliefs influence the way an individual lives their life.



## Year 8 English Homework

Our homework topic for this half-term has been Cast Away, and 8/1 have consistently produced some really skilful and thought-provoking responses to tasks such as 'Desert Island Survival Guide' and 'Which famous people would you choose to be stranded with and why?' They've also made some amazing models, and this week has seen three particularly lovely ones made out of cake from Ash, Zac and Sophia - well done, all!



A huge well done to Luca in Y7. He spent a morning raising money for the Dogs Trust. He raised a grand total of £435 and sold out of his mugs and dog biscuit gifts. We are really proud of him!



### Stars of the Week:

Y5 - Xander H, Reece L, Juliet M, Freddie R  
Y6 - Alice C, Summer M, Florence L, Chloe G, Daisy O  
Y7 - Erin B  
Y8 - Millie C



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## Attendance

Please remember to call in or send a message via MCAS if your child is unwell and will not be attending school by 8:30am. It is important that we have evidence for each day your child is absent, even if they were sent home the previous day.

**To report an absence via telephone call please dial 0191 2370629, select 4 for Seaton Sluice Middle School, then select 8 to report a student absence.**

Please send evidence of medical/dental appointments/medication to [ssms@svf.org.uk](mailto:ssms@svf.org.uk) so we can attach these to your child's profile on our system.

If you are submitting a Leave of Absence request, please ensure any documentation supporting the exceptional circumstances is handed in at the same time as the Leave of Absence form.



**This week's whole school attendance (YTD): 92.1%**

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
95.1%	94.3%	90.3%	89.3%

**The current best attending class is: 5 North**

### Dates for the diary:

16.12.25 - KS3 Cinema trip

17.12.25 - KS2 Panto trip

18.12.25 - KS2 Reward morning and KS3 Reward afternoon

19.11.25 - School closes for Christmas - 1pm

### Social Media Channels

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