



"I am with you always" Matthews 28:20



LOVE



RESPECT



CREATIVITY



FRIENDSHIP

This Term's Value is:
Service

Serve on another in love – Galatians 5.13

A Note from the Headteacher

Where has the year gone?

It has been another fantastic year at St Matthew's, filled with great learning opportunities, amazing achievements, numerous successes and a great deal of fun, too! I would like to thank all the wonderful staff for their tireless hard work over the year and the children for their positive learning attitudes.

We are all really looking forward to seeing EVERYONE in September. Enjoy the summer holidays; keep safe; see you on 6th September.

Well done everyone and happy holidays!

Miss Ritchie
Headteacher

Staffing

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss O'Hagan at the end of the term. Miss O' Hagan is going back to Ireland to get married and we wish her all the best for a happy future. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Mikes who is retiring. She has made a wonderful contribution to life of St. Matthew's Primary over the past 8 years and will be very much missed both in the classroom and in Forest School.

Mrs Roberts in the school office is moving onto pastures new so she can spend more time with her grandchild. I know we will miss her friendly face at the office window and helpful conversation over the phone but we wish her success in her new ventures.

Mrs Davidson and Mrs Bradley are both taking maternity leave and we wish them all the best and look forward to meeting their new additions in the Autumn term.

See what we've been up to this week:

Visit the class pages on the school website to find out more

www.st-matthews.bolton.sch.uk

Dates For Your Diary

Don't forget:

School closes for the summer holidays on **Friday 22nd July at 1.00pm**

School re—opens on Tuesday 6th September 2022

Dinner money—from September will rise to £2.30 per day which is £11.50 per week.

Please remember:

Parents please be considerate to our neighbours when parking near the school, please do not park on Nottingham Drive.

Please park a little further away and walk your child to the school.
Thank you

The afterschool club timetable is now on the school website
<https://www.st-matthews.bolton.sch.uk/>

Important reminders

The timings to the school day. All classrooms will be open at the start of the day from 8:45am. Every pupil **MUST** be in school ready to learn by 9:00am. If they arrive after this time they will get a late mark.

Uniform

Girls

skirts/pinafore dresses (grey/black), trousers (grey/black)
sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece/cardigans (navy blue)
blouses/shirts/polo-necked shirts (white)
socks/tights (white/grey/black)
footwear – black shoes/trainers (all black including laces, no obvious logos)

Boys

trousers (grey/black)
sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece (navy blue)
shirt/polo-necked shirts (white)
socks (white/grey/black)
footwear – black shoes/trainers (all black including laces, no obvious logos)

Children should come dressed to school in school uniform everyday.

PE Kit for both boys and girls is as follows:

White polo shirt or T-shirt
Dark (navy blue, black, grey) jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts
Dark (navy blue, black, grey) sweatshirt/ fleece
Black Trainers or pumps

Please check on your child's class page to see when their P.E. days are.

St Matthew's Prayer

Dear God,

You love light and peace and justice. We pray for countries and people who are at war today. We pray for those who work to bring forgiveness and reconciliation to all who have known grief, sorrow and loss as a result of war. May their work bring hope, peace and freedom from anger and bitterness.

Amen.



Ethos Team Challenge

Think of a time when you have served others.
Share this with your
family.



Reflection Time

Why do mistakes help us to
learn?



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance Information

(Monday 25th April — Friday 20th May 2022)

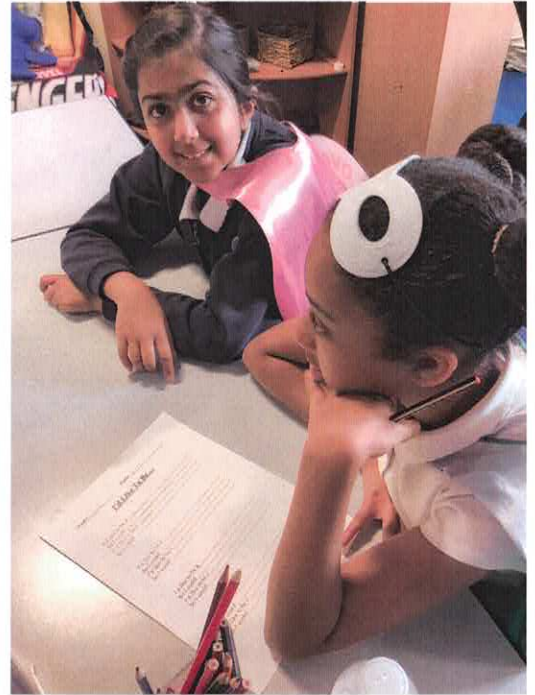
Our school attendance for 2022 / 2023 target is 96%

The last months whole school attendance was 91.4%

Rec E — 91.5%
Mrs Elliott
Rec S — 90.6%
Miss Smith
Y1D — 89.5%
Mrs Davidson
Y1O — 93.1%
Miss O'Hagan
Y2B — 89.4%
Miss Bateman
Y2W — 88.7%
Mrs Shaw
Y3J — 94.3%
Mrs Johnson
Y3P — 92.1%
Mrs Phillips
Y4F — 92.6%
Miss Foster
Y4M — 89.8%
Miss Manly
Y5Mc — 90.5%
Mrs McIlhagga
Y5R — 90.5%
Mrs Rotherham
Y6Cl — 92.3%
Mrs Clarkson
Y6Cu — 93.8%
Mr Currid

Ethos Team

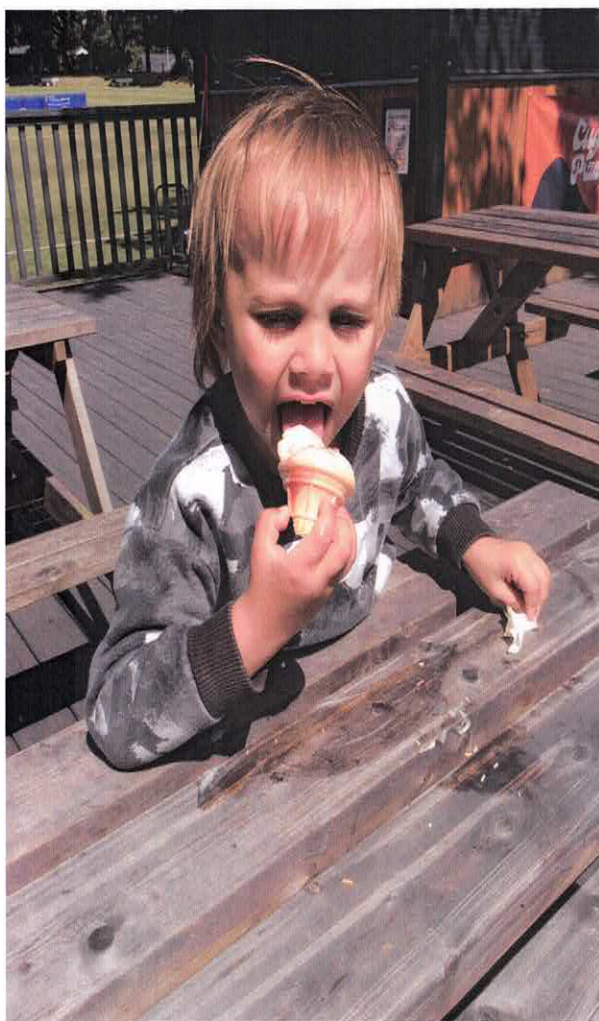
Our fantastic Ethos Team loved our visit to the annual Bishop Bridgeman Multi-Faith Ethos Conference. We had the most amazing time visiting the different prayer spaces and attending different workshops. All of the workshops focussed on developing our spirituality - which they certainly did! We loved coming together at the end of the day and releasing doves and setting off confetti canons! What an amazing and inspiring day it was.



Nursery

Last Thursday both Nursery classes went to Edgworth Park on the minibuses. We had a fantastic time exploring the woods, searching for fairies and playing on the playground equipment. We all had an ice-cream to cool down at the end! It was a great adventure with all of our friends!





Sports Day

Reception have been practising for Sports Day over the last week and have been learning how to run the different races, cheer on our team and learn that we do not always win! The children really did give it their all and tried so hard to do their best in each race. Our parents were very proud and cheered us on too.



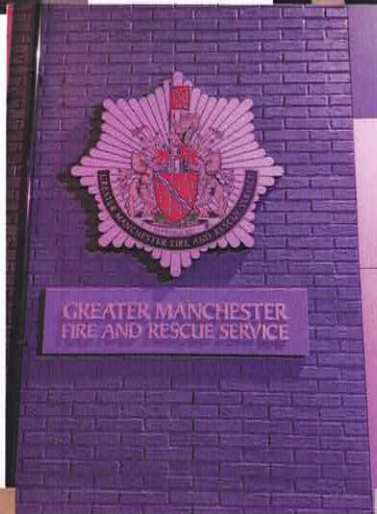
Little Lancashire Village

Reception have loved visiting Little Lancashire Village in Burnley and the children played and behaved amazingly! We enjoyed it so much, and some of the children said it was "the BEST time". We used our imaginations, acted out in role and explored the different shops, cafes and occupation role play areas in the pretend village. It was so much fun, and we shared and took turns beautifully.



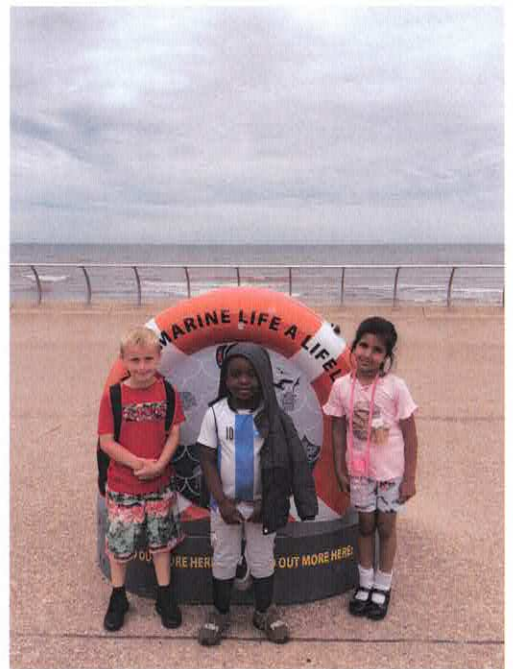
Y2

Year 2 paid a visit to the Fire Training School in Bury. We learnt about road safety, call centres and fire safety. It was a great day!



Y2

Year 2 went to Blackpool and had an amazing time. We walked along the pier, ate fish and chips, played in the sand and paddled in the sea.



In Year 3 we have had a busy and fabulous half term. Some of our highlights include: visiting the Bridgewater Hall and drumming with the Halle orchestra, sports day, art day with local artist James Naughton, Stone Age day learning about the Stone Ages, sessions with Commando Joe, author visits, art day and much more... Look at our class page.

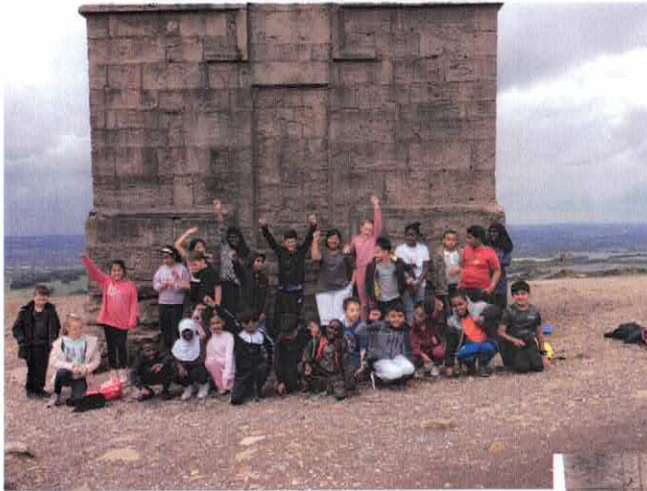
Chess champion for 2021-22 was Siena Aliu from Year 4F. Well done Siena!



Y4

Rivington Trip On the 28th and 29th June, we had a fantastic day walking all the way to the top of Rivington Pike and back down again. We walked over 5 miles and felt very accomplished when we had finished!

Our Year 4 children went on a trip to Skipton Castle to learn about castle defences and the history behind castles. We learned lots of interesting things and saw some very beautiful views. The weather stayed nice for us too. It was a great day.





Year 5

Fun
in the
Sun

Formby
7th/8th July 2022

Social

Moral

Cultural

Spiritual

Geography



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2022



Social

Moral

Cultural

Spiritual

Enrichment

P.E

Y5

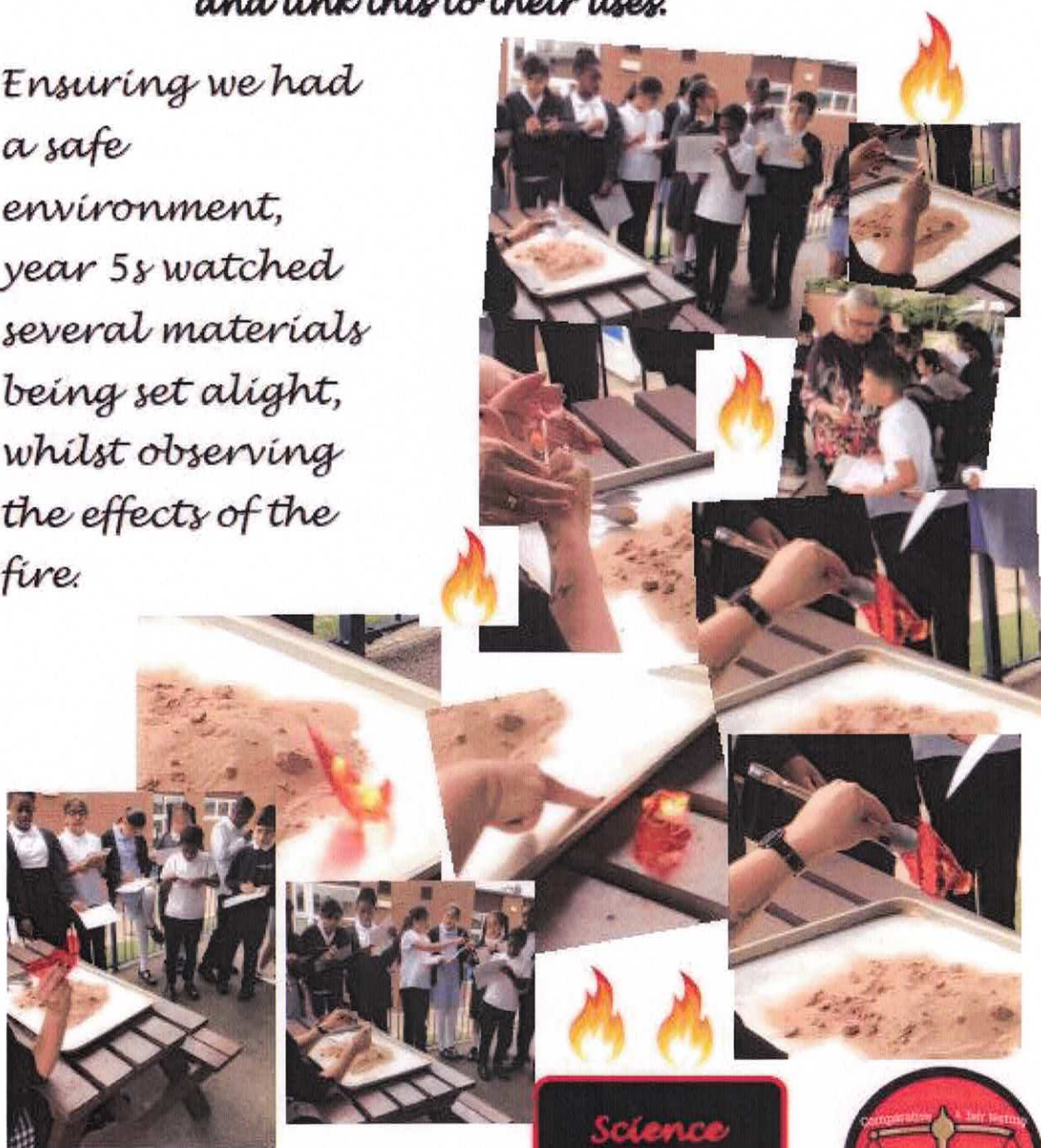
For our part of a science investigation, we scoured the school for any fire extinguishing equipment. We took photos of all the devices we could find as well as some of the information posters.



FIRESTARTER

*Understand the effects of fire on certain materials
and link this to their uses.*

*Ensuring we had
a safe
environment,
year 5s watched
several materials
being set alight,
whilst observing
the effects of the
fire.*



Science

Social Moral Cultural Spiritual



Friday 24th June 2022

Walt.: Understand how sound is made

Water in glass to
create music.



Make a glass
orchestra



When you tap
the bottle, it
makes the



The vibration
makes the
sound we hear



Adding water
slows down the
vibrations

MUSIC

The more
water the
lower the
sound



Tuesday 5th July 2022

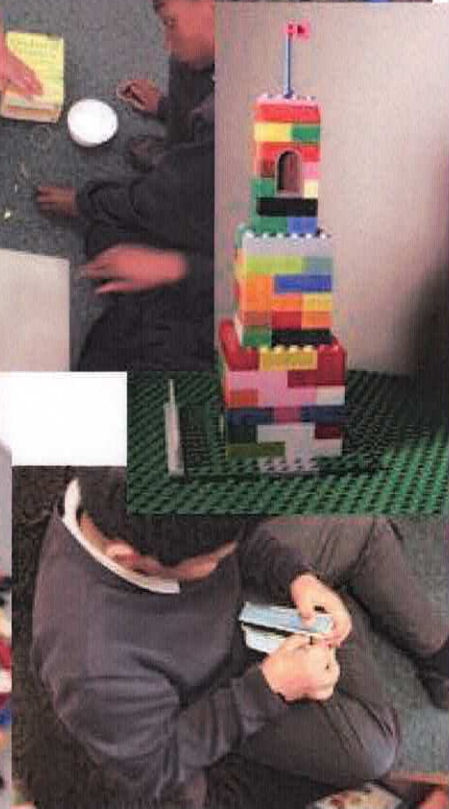


Walt. understand the strength of an earthquake
and the integrity of a building (Sc)

We learnt how to judge the integrity of a building and how they can be compromised by an earthquake.

Keeping this in mind, we designed and made a structure we believed to have the highest integrity possible.

To help our investigation, we created our own wobble boards, taped our buildings to them, and moved the board at different speeds to emulate an earthquake.



RandR: What shapes are the strongest when designing/constructing buildings?



Social

Moral

Cultural

Spiritual



IGOR STRAVINSKY THE FIREBIRD



This week we've been working with The Firebird Suite written by Igor Stravinsky (1910). Firstly, we listened to segments of the piece without knowing it's meaning, whilst thinking about the pitch, tempo and instruments used, as well as trying to interpret how the music made us feel and what it could be telling us.

On the second listen, we knew the tale being told and what the firebird represented. We then considered what the firebird could mean to us in a religious sense. As a class we had a lot of ideas, including; strength, rebirth, resilience, hope and eternal life.

We then had the opportunity to create our impressions of the firebird using pastels.



Art

R.E

Music

Moral

Social

Spiritual

Cultural



During the morning, we created collages in line with our current theme. We could imitate the elements of either fire or water.

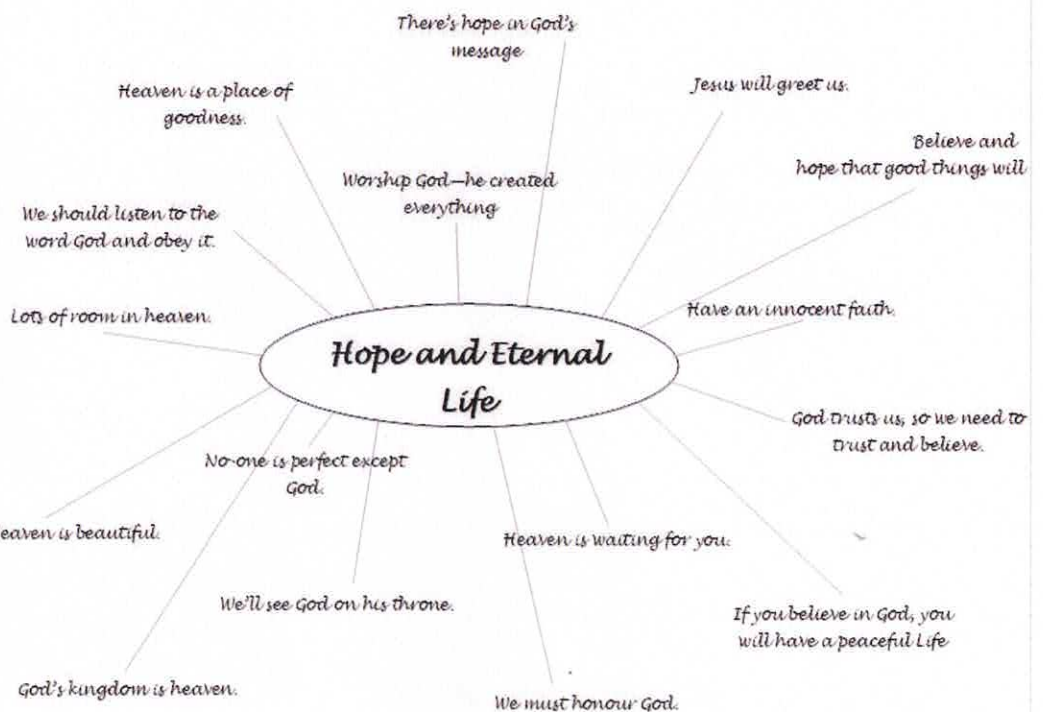
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James Naughton:
Professional Contemporary
Artist



Painting workshop

ART
DAY



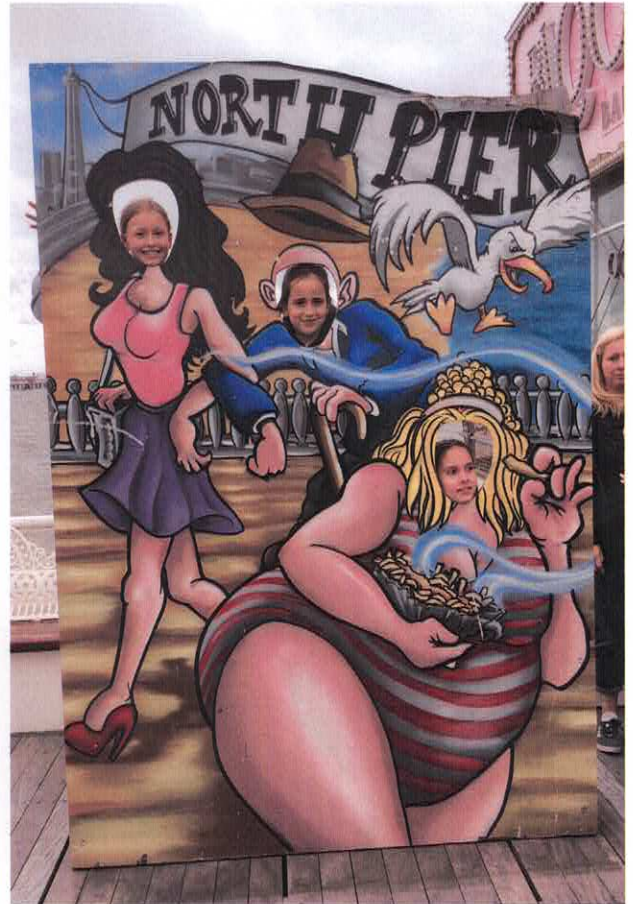
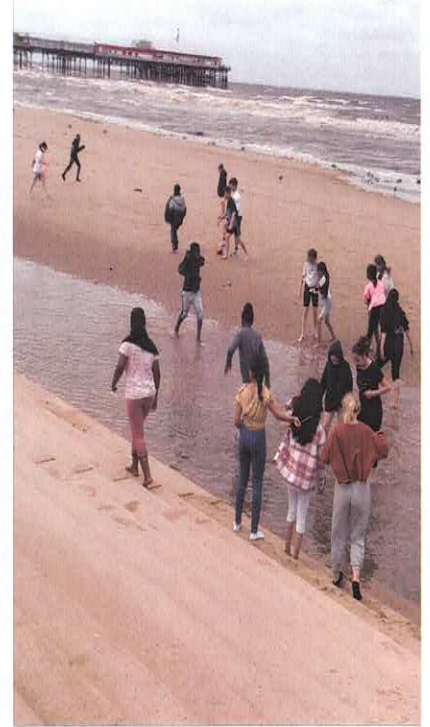
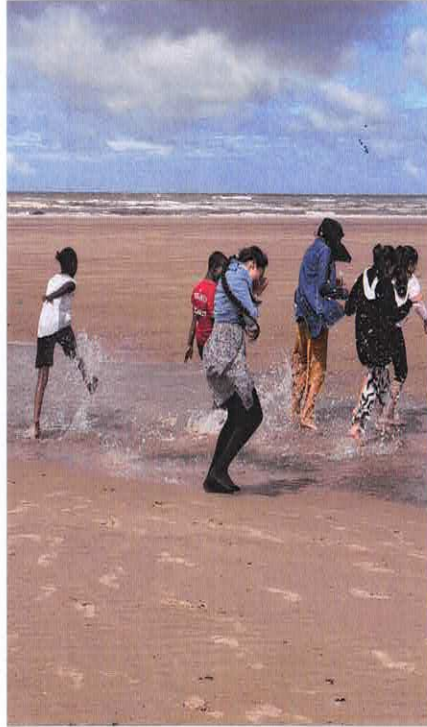
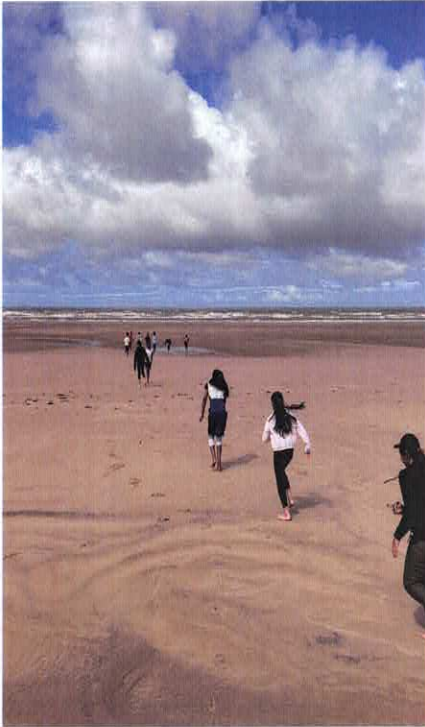
Thursday 7th July 2022

RE

Social Moral Cultural Spiritual

Y6

Over the last few weeks both Year 6 classes have taken a trip to Blackpool beach. We had a wonderful time and here are some of our pictures.



Y6

Year 6 have recently come back from their residential at the Anderton Centre. We all had a whale of a time, climbing, sailing, doing archery, paddle-boarding and much more! Here are a few pictures.

Year 6 have also done their final performance of Aladdin, which was a resounding

