

Rainbow Curriculum Handbook



Parish C.E Primary School





Introduction to the Rainbow Curriculum:

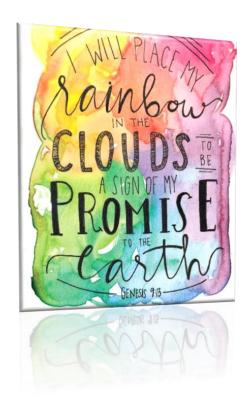
Our Rainbow Curriculum has been designed by Parish C of E Primary School to provide a bespoke, unique and exciting learning experience which, through the nurturing of curiosity, aims for our pupils to develop into articulate learners with high aspirations. Within this broad and balanced approach, we place an important emphasis on developing resilience and perseverance and promoting wellbeing and health, with reading as the key to everything that we do.

Our 'knowledge-engaged' approach to subject disciplines, provides opportunities to build upon both knowledge and skills. Subjects are discretely taught (using Development Matters and the National Curriculum as a basis and enhanced by carefully selected pedagogical research) and focussed upon progressively developing pupils' knowledge, skills and 'vital vocabulary'; attributes which our pupils can then take on through every step of their academic journey.

All subjects are centrally driven by our seven Rainbow Promises, which permeate throughout everything that we do. Each Promise has a religious foundation, with a carefully considered message from the Bible that promotes our Christian distinctiveness. With all seven Promises woven throughout all subject disciplines, each year group then has a poignant focus Promise, that they explore in depth throughout the year. These interlinked Promises, based on developing both character and spirituality, ensure that the pupils of Parish Primary School accrue the attributes necessary for a happy and successful future based on faith, hope and love in all that they do.

<u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of our Rainbow Curriculum is to ensure that our children are successful in life and learning, no matter what their starting points and barriers to learning may be. Just as the Rainbow symbolises hope from a Christian perspective, the Rainbow Curriculum is designed to offer our children hope for the future in terms of their achievements and aspirations. As a school, our curriculum sets high expectations for each and every child, meaning that we are relentless in our commitment to overcoming barriers faced by our pupils and to developing children who are self-motivated in their pursuit of learning. In Genesis, God tell us that the Rainbow signifies his promise to the Earth; following his lead, our Rainbow Curriculum signifies our promise to the education of the pupils that we serve.



Our Curriculum Promises:

Encourage Resilience and perseverance
Develop Articulate learners
Influence aspirations
Nurture curiosity
Instil British and Christian Values
Provide Opportunities to build upon knowledge and skills
Promote Wellbeing and health



The Rationale of our Rainbow Promises:







A = Develop Articulate Learners.



= Influence Aspirations



N = Nurture Curiasit



B = Instil British and Christian Values



O = Provide Opportunities to build upon knowledge and skills



W = Wellbeing and Health



ENCOURAGE RESILIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE

At Parish, we know that the pupils who develop the skills of resilience and perseverance will progress and be successful. Consequently, instilling all our pupils with 'growth mindsets' is an embedded part of our daily practise, as we reflect often on the fact that we can do all things through God who strengthens us.

We want all our pupils to relish challenges, embrace their mistakes as part of the learning process, value the importance of effort, have the perseverance to complete challenging tasks, respond carefully to feedback and take inspiration from others. This will help them to achieve, not only with us, but also in their future lives as adults.



DEVELOP ARTICULATE LEARNERS

At Parish we place oracy at the heart of all we do, as we feel this is vital for the pupils within our community. It is very much woven into the fabric of our school and we value it as part of our culture, not just our curriculum. We endeavour to give pupils a place to talk, a reason to talk and the tools to talk in the classroom and beyond. Through this approach, we strive to develop articulate learners who can express their ideas, thoughts and feelings confidently and clearly. Our 'Speak Its' are embedded throughout all areas of our curriculum, supporting our work with Voice 21 to continually enhance our Oracy offer across school.



INFLUENCE ASPIRATIONS

At Parish we believe it to be our mission to influence children's aspirations for their futures. We realise that studies have shown children's aspirations are often shaped by their background and, importantly, who they know and what they are exposed to. These factors can, and do, go on to influence the academic effort children exert in certain lessons, the subjects they choose to study and the jobs they choose to pursue.



NURTURE CURIOSITY

Children are naturally curious and have a built-in desire to learn first-hand about the world around them. With the needs of our school community in mind, our Rain-

bow Curriculum has been designed to nurture this curiosity and instil a deep love of learning. Giving our children the opportunity to experience first-hand the wonder of God's beautiful world and to appreciate the incredible accomplishments of human society, is inbuilt in all we do as we strive to ensure that children appreciate 'life in all its fullness'.



INSTIL BRITISH AND CHRISTIAN VALUES

As a Church of England School, our vision (which reflects the vision for Education of the Church of England) is at the heart of all we do.

By embedding both British and Christian values throughout our Rainbow Curriculum, we ensure that we educate for community and living well together and for dignity and respect.



PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD UPON KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Our knowledge-engaged approach to subject disciplines allows children to accrue and build upon carefully selected knowledge and demonstrate understanding through applying this to subject specific skills. There is a carefully planned progression of knowledge, transferrable concepts, skills and vocabulary across each subject area, all of which are taught in discrete subjects.

Developing the children's knowledge and skills in this way ensures that learning is retained successfully and can therefore be drawn upon to secure future academic and personal successes.



WELLBEING AND HEALTH

At Parish, this aspect of our Rainbow Curriculum is central to healthy development, the forming of positive relationships, the improvement of employability prospects of our learners and the realisation of rewarding and fulfilling futures.

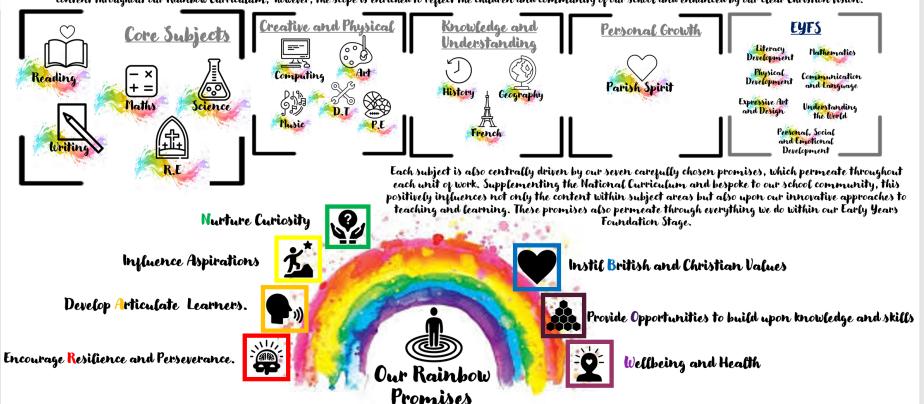
In addition to the obvious subject specific links (i.e. Science and PE) we are incredibly proud of our bespoke Parish Spirit offer, which encompasses both statutory and tailored content based upon the needs of our school community.



Our Rainbow Curriculum:



In the Early Years Foundation Stage, the delivery of our Rainbow Curriculum begins through our provision across the seven areas of learning and development. We view EYFS as the 'bedrock' of puture subject specific learning and as such EYFS pupils explore subject disciplines in an appropriate manners. In Year 1 and beyond, subjects are then discretely taught — all of which have a carefully crafted purpose and are sequenced to be delivered based upon proven research led, pedagogical approaches. Here, the National Curriculum provides the basis for the sequencing of content throughout our Rainbow Curriculum; however, the scope is enriched to reflect the children and community of our school and enhanced by our clear Christion vision.





Resilience and Perseverance

"Every persistent seeker will discover what he/she longs for."

[Matthew 7:8]



Articulate Learners

"Wise speech is rarer and more valuable than gold and rubies."

[Proverbs 20:15]



Influence Aspirations

"Don't be agraid. Just believe."

[Mark 5:36]



"Come and see the wonders of God."

[Psalm 66:5]



British and Christian Values

"Love one another as I have loved you."

[John 13: 34-35]



Opportunities to build upon knowledge and skills

"An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge."

[Proverbs 18: 15]



Wellbeing and Health

"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be healthy, even as your soul prospers."

[Proverbs 18: 15]

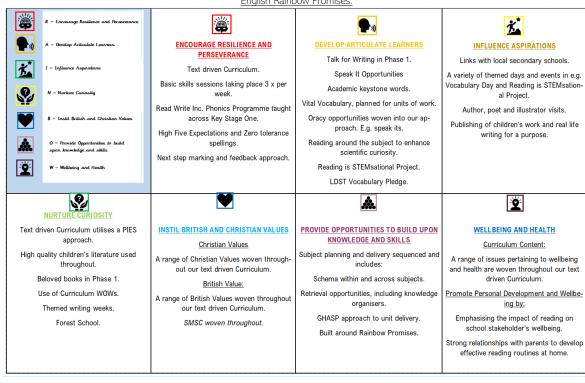
Curriculum Statements: Core Subjects.



English

Our teaching of English aims to enable children to enjoy using language in different contexts and have the confidence and ability to do so. We strive to encourage our pupils to become independent, enthusiastic and lifelong readers and writers. Our bespoke writing curriculum, which is text driven, innovative and inspiring - alongside our various strategies and systems for ensuring reading is at the "beating heart" of all that we do - allows us to nurture this love of language and of the subject itself. We aim to equip children with the skills they need to read and write confidently in all areas of the curriculum.

English Rainbow Promises:





<u>Mathematics</u>

At Parish Church of England Primary school, we provide a high-quality mathematics education utilising a mastery approach so that all children: become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics; are able to reason mathematically with increasing articulacy; and can solve problems by applying their understanding to a variety of problems. Our inclusive mathematics curriculum provides challenge for all pupils with teachers choosing to progress to new learning only when the majority of learners have a secure understanding. Challenge occurs through depth of understanding with an offer of rich and sophisticated problems rather than new content. Our mathematics curriculum aims to develop the five core mathematical competencies in all of our learners – therefore providing a foundation for our children to understand the world around them knowing both the beauty and power of mathematics in its own right and how it can be applied to other subjects across the curriculum including Science and Computing.

Mathematics Rainbow Promises:





Religious Education

The intent of our Religious Education curriculum, reflecting our Christian distinctiveness, is for all of our pupils to acquire and develop a deepening knowledge and understanding of global Christianity, alongside the other principal religions that are represented throughout our multi-cultural world. Our core religious teaching encourages pupils to develop positive attitudes to all aspects of their learning and also to enhance their personal spiritual, moral, social and cultural development—thus providing our learners with the wisdom, knowledge and skills to be a functioning member of society. These attitudes include: self-awareness, respect, open-mindedness and appreciation and wonder. A key feature of our curriculum is within the large number of questions included in each unit, nurturing our children's curiosity around the impact of Religion within their lives. The purpose of these questions is to give pupils the opportunity to investigate, reflect, evaluate and make meaning. In doing so, they will discover more about themselves, their relationships with others, their relationship with the world around them and their relationship with God. Through our RE teaching, we also prepare children for citizenship in today's diverse society and enabling our children to celebrate difference and diversity by developing ways to show respect for others.



and religions.

Study of other faiths, with 80/20 teaching

split across the school year.

SMSC woven throughout.

Eight key concepts taught progressively

within R.F.



WELLBEING AND HEALTH

Curriculum Content:

Schemes of work and resources used for both lessons and worship are centred upon developed spirituality.

Timetable of collective worship throughout the year.

Promote Personal Development and Wellbeing by:

Opportunities for spontaneous prayer.

progression to build understanding.

Units built around RAINBOW curriculum

drivers and use of retrieval activities to

support knowledge retention.

Built around Rainbow Promises.

Use of classroom reflection area and prayer spaces for each Phase.



The The intention of our Science curriculum is for all of our children to develop an age-appropriate understanding of the knowledge, methods, processes and uses of Science, through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics. Understanding 'The Bigger Scientific Picture' of their learning will allow our children to develop their own understanding of the impact of Science upon the world around them and answer deepening scientific questions— comprehending that this has implications both today and in the future. Our bespoke curriculum design, promotes children's natural curiosity and excitement of Science with a rich variety of experiences and observations, tailored to the meet the needs of our learners. As children progress through school, they will become more proficient in different types of scientific enquiry, applying their growing knowledge to work scientifically through our knowledge-enabled approach. With rich links to reading and employment in Scientific industries, science capital can be developed while promote positive attitudes to STEM, thus influencing aspirations for future study and employment.

Science Rainbow Promises:



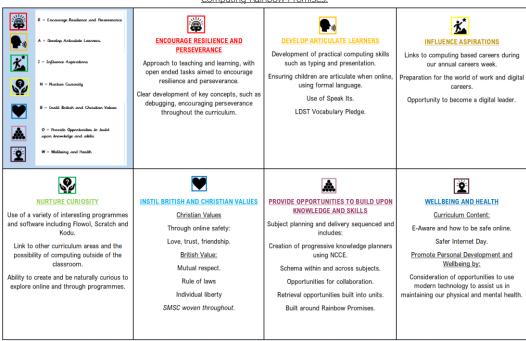
Curriculum Statements: Creative and Physical.



The intention of our Computing Curriculum is to prepare our children for a rapidly changing world through the use of technology. Our high-quality Computing Curriculum is designed to enable them to use computational thinking and creativity to further understand the world.

At the core of our Computing Curriculum is computer science, in which pupils are taught the principles of information and computation, how digital systems work, and how to put this knowledge to use through programming. Building on this knowledge and understanding, we intend for our children to use information technology to create programs, systems and a range of content. We aim to ensure that pupils become digitally literate — able to use, and express themselves and develop their ideas through information and communication technology — at a level suitable for the future workplace and as active participants in a digital world.

Computing Rainbow Promises:





The intention of our Art curriculum is to ensure all pupils produce creative, imaginative work. Children at Parish are able to explore their ideas and record their experiences (beginning in EYFS in class portfolios and progressing to independent sketchbook work), as well as exploring the work of others and evaluate different creative ideas. In addition to this, children will progressively develop their confidence and proficiency in a variety of techniques including drawing, painting, 3D, printing, collage and digital media. They will also develop their knowledge of famous artists, designers and craft makers. We have chosen to deliver art thematically through religion/culture, curriculum links and art appreciation to encourage them to naturally become more curious about the world and retrieve key knowledge.

Art Rainbow Promises:

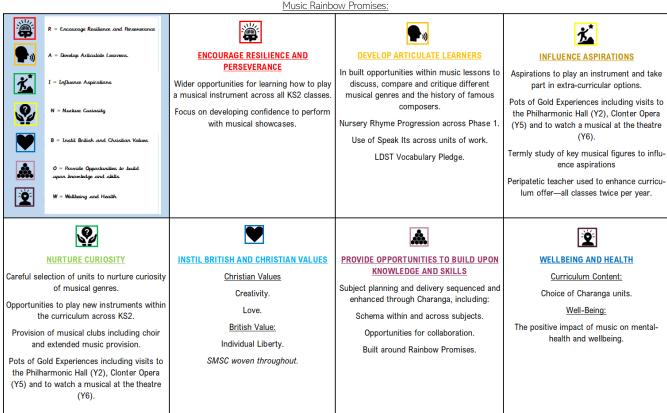




The intention of the Music curriculum is for all children to develop a knowledge of the interrelated dimensions of music through discrete units of work. They will be encouraged to develop a love of music and their skills as musicians through a creative and engaging curriculum supported by various expertly produced resources. The children will listen critically to and engage in a variety of musical genres. They will be encouraged to explore their own thoughts and feelings in response to music from a variety of genres and historical eras.

Alongside the teaching of knowledge, skills and understanding within the subject, it is our aim to promote positive mental health and well-being in all pupils through the development of SMSC within the listening and appraising section of the lessons.

Music Rainbow Promises:





The intention of our physical education curriculum is to develop physical literacy through a holistic, knowledge-based design.

In EYFS, our children develop their fine and gross motor skills in order to participate in non-sport specific team and individual games. At KS1, we aim to provide children with the foundations to become adept at a wide range of sports through a broad, non-sport specific approach to PE. In KS2 we combine the knowledge and skills developed at KS1 with a sport specific approach to prepare the children for competitive events, including swimming lessons in each year group. We have strong links with many clubs in our local community that enable our children to take their skills further with specialist coaches. An important part of PE delivery at Parish, is teaching the pupils the importance of looking after their own body, and the benefits of exercise and a balanced diet.

P.E Rainbow Promises:





Design Technology

The intention of our Design Technology curriculum is to encourage children to foster an interest in designing and making, whilst developing their curiosity about how different technologies operate within the wider world around them. This allows children to utilise their own creativity and imagination to design, make and evaluate real-life products, that have been carefully selected to make crosscurricular links throughout our Curriculum and support retrieval. Our bespoke Curriculum design ensures that children take part in focused purposeful tasks in which they progressively develop practical skills and technical knowledge, spanning across the four disciplines of food, textiles, structures and mechanisms throughout each year group. Each of the units follow a clear design process adhering to a strict design brief; through discussion and research, designing and making, evaluating and modifying their work, children record their achievements in individual pupil workbooks.

Design Technology Rainbow Promises:



Curriculum Statements: Knowledge and Understanding.



The intention of our History curriculum is for our children to begin to understand the impact of both British and World History upon our lives today by learning about significant events, people and changes from the past. Through the study of carefully selected Historical units and Historical figures (chosen to meet our bespoke community needs), our children are able to coherently recall key knowledge whilst also developing their skills of communication and historical enquiry skills by interpreting and analysing of a range of sources. By the end of KS2, our children will begin to piece together how significant periods of History have impacted upon one another applying a deepening understanding of chronological frameworks. They will be curious about the role of History within their lives today and how it has impacted upon their own identity.

History Rainbow Promises:





Geography

The intention of our Geography curriculum is for our children to have a growing knowledge of 'locations, places and regions' on a local, national and international scale through the study of significant Geographical topics. Beginning on a local and national scale before broadening to an understanding of carefully selected diverse places, people and resources spanning the globe, this fundamental knowledge of 'location, place and region' is progressively built upon through a deepening understanding of Human and Physical Geography alongside the application of key geographical skills throughout all units.

By the end of KS2, our children will begin to appreciate the influence of both humans and movement of people, enabling them to become geographically aware of the world around them today. We strive for our children to be environmentally sustainable, 21st century citizens, that can begin to appreciate our ever-changing world—something our children will take with them for the rest of their lives.

Geography Rainbow Promises:





Modern Foreign Languages

The chosen language for our MFL curriculum is French, delivered by a subject specialist from the Janet Lloyd Primary Languages Network. The content of our curriculum is mapped progressively, within the four areas of language, speaking, listening, reading and writing. Although non-statutory, French is introduced in KS1, as it allows our children to have a great starting point in learning a language and means our children begin to develop their knowledge, primarily within the areas of speaking and listening. Building on the knowledge accrued within Key Stage 1, reading and writing are progressively taught alongside speaking and listening, throughout Key Stage 2, for 30 minutes per week. The learning of a language also promotes global citizenship, developing cultural understanding and providing our children with a deeper insight into beliefs, customs and cultures within the world around them. This is an integral part of our Parish Spirit Curriculum.

Modern Foreign Languages Rainbow Promises:





ENCOURAGE RESILIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE

Resilience is needed in progressing to learn a language over time.

Resilience is needed in finding the 'courage' to speak a language in front of peers and native speakers.



DEVELOP ARTICULATE LEARNERS

Aspirational and challenging content supported by the Primary Language Networks.

Extensive opportunities for oracy woven throughout the curriculum as a key strand of learning.

LDST Vocabulary Pledge.



INFLUENCE ASPIRATIONS

Discussion of jobs incorporating the importance of speaking a foreign language.

Partner school links with both international and local schools

Promote a desire and opportunities for international travel.

Activities towards International Schools Award, such as Come Fly with Me Week.

NURTURE CURIOSITY

Activities towards International Schools Award, including study of Chinese New Year and Come Fly with Me Week.

Learning about other cultures and traditions woven throughout the curriculum preparing children for life in Modern Britain.

Knowledge about the world around us.



INSTIL BRITISH AND CHRISTIAN VALUES

Christian Values

Endurance.

Determination.

British Value:

Tolerance of different cultures and religions SMSC woven throughout, including the role of Global Citizenship.



PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD UPON **KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS**

Subject planning and delivery sequenced and includes

Creation of progressive knowledge planners.

Schema within and across subjects.

Opportunities for collaboration.

Retrieval opportunities, including knowledge organisers.

Built around Rainbow Promises.



WELLBEING AND HEALTH

Curriculum Content:

Learning about the lifestyles of others e.g. French Culture and reflecting on own positive lifestyle choices.

Promote Personal Development and Wellbeing by:

Deep sense of pride and accomplishment with communicating with someone in a foreign language.

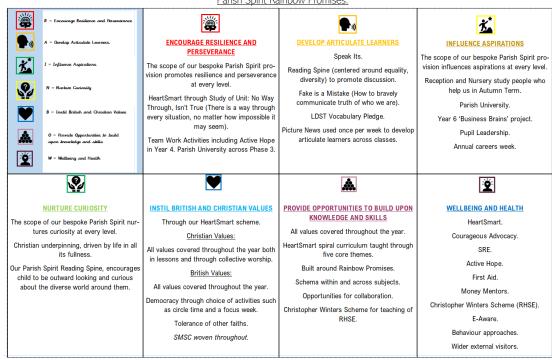
Curriculum Statement: Personal Growth.



Parish Spirit

At Parish CE Primary School, we believe that Parish Spirit helps our pupils to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to manage many of the critical opportunities, challenges and responsibilities they will face as they grow up and in adulthood. It also helps them to develop the qualities and attributes they need as individuals, family members and also members of wider society. By teaching pupils to stay safe and healthy, and by building self-esteem, resilience and empathy, Parish Spirit can tackle barriers to learning, raise aspirations, and ultimately improve the life chances of all. We believe there is 'Parish Spirit' in us all, preparing our children for 'Life in Modern Britain.'

Parish Spirit Rainbow Promises:



Curriculum Statements: Early Years Foundation Stage.

The intention of our Early Years curriculum is to teach key knowledge which will help to develop fundamental skills across the seven areas of development and beyond. We want to give each child a positive and meaningful start to their school life, in which they can establish solid foundations on which to develop into independent and fearless lifelong learners. Our bespoke seven rainbow promises permeate through everything we do. We demonstrate this through rich and stimulating play, following the EYFS Framework and using Development Matters as a supporting document.

Early Years Foundation Stage Rainbow Promises:









Our 'Pots of Gold' Experiences:

These experiences are a key component of our Nurture Curiosity Promise.

Year Group	Pot of Gold 1:	Pot of Gold 2:	Details	Rationalez	Gifts of Golds
Nursery	Visit Parish Church	Down on the Farm	Acom Farm	To allow children to visit a rural setting and encounter common British farm animals.	Mary's Meals ("It's not nice to be hungry")
Reception	Visit Parish Church	Reach for the Skies	Manchester Airport	To explore the world of aviation and influence aspirations in terms of the world of possibilities air travel offers.	North West Air Ambulance ("People who help us are heroes!"
Year I	Visit different churches from different Christian denominations across St Helens	Animal Adventure	Knowsley Safari Park	To encounter wild animals, often only seen on TV or films, in real life.	Adopt an Animal at Knousley Park ("God made such beautiful creatures.")
Year 2	Visit different churches from different Christian denominations across St Helens	Beach Life	Investigate Southport Beach and have an ice cream on the pier	To allow children to visit a beach (perhaps for the first time) and to discuss sand, the ocean and common wildlife.	Guide Dogs. ("Dogs are a man's best friend").
Year 3	Visit a Hindu Temple	Forest Fun	'Winter Warmer' experience including den building and campfires	To allow children to encounter a forest setting (perhaps for the first time). To foster teamwork and inspire a love of 'the great outdoors'.	The Hope Centre. ("We should help those around us")
Year 4	Visit Liverpool Mosque	City Explorers	Visit Liverpool Museum and then go for a ride on a ferry across the Mersey.	To allow children to visit a big city and experience the buzz of busy city life. To nurture curiosity into the history of Liverpool itself, to appreciate the architecture and ponder on how Liverpool's docks played a crucial part in our Northern heritage.	Young Carers ("Let's give us some hope.")
Year 5	Visit Manchester Synagogue and Museum	Musical Magic and World of Wow	Liverpool Philharmonic Hall and World Museum	Inspire awe and wonder and an appreciation of culture and history across the ages.	Willowbrook Hospice (Supported by the Young Leaders Award). ("Let's show love to those who are poorly or have lost someone poorly.")
Year 6	Faith, Liwing Room Workshop	In the Spotlight	Salford Media City	To influence aspirations to a career 'in the spotlight'!	Teardrops. ("They help us so we must help them.")





Some Special Features:





These experiences are a key component of our Rainbow Curriculum, that supplement our Core Curriculum Offer.



Looked at by all but a special jocus for y1.

Close links with Imagine.

Young Leaders Award



Develop Articulate Learners:

Looked at by all but a special jocus jor 42.

Class assemblies, poetry recitals and religious performances at our beautiful Church.



Speak Its across school.



Looked at by all but a special focus for y6.

Parish University for 44M5M6.

Annual careers week.

Author, poet and illustrator visits.





Nurture Curiosity:

Looked at by all but a special jocus for EYFS.

Commitment to Subject WOWs.

Pots of Gold Experiences.



Forest School across EYFS.





Instil British and Christian Values:

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Events across the religious calendar.

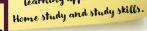
Courageous advocacy.

Pupil leadership.



Looked at by all but a special focus for 45.

Knowledge-enabled curriculum Research-led teaching and learning approaches.





Wellbeing and Health:

Looked at by all but a special jocus for 44.

External agency links.

Parish Spirit led by the needs of community.

Extensive extra-curricular ouer.

