



Westleigh Methodist Primary School

Nursery Spring Highlights



With God, all things are possible – Matthew 19:26

Love Teamwork Thankfulness Generosity Peace Forgiveness Equality Justice

What a fantastic Spring term we have had together learning and growing realising 'With God, all things are possible'.

Communication and Language

We have extended our vocabulary, learning new words and concepts linked to transport and farm animals. We have been exploring vocal sounds as we listen and recreate animal sounds.



We have also been listening to longer stories and engage in conversations linked to books with questions such as 'Who lives under the bridge?' or 'What is going to happen to the fox?'. We have been developing our confidence and expressive language as we described and shared pictures from home.

Physical Development

We greatly enjoy the dough disco sessions, performing finger movements and manipulating the dough in time to the music. We squashed and squeezed the dough in interactive story sessions linked to 'A squash and a squeeze'. We have also had the opportunity to create using the play dough to make trolls, birthday cakes, easter chocolates and much more. There has been lots of opportunity to improve pencil control and fine motor skills. We have played games to help develop ball skills and explored different ways to travel around the floor and over benches.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our spring scarf topic have been 'keeping safe' and 'Rights & respect'. We have engaged in a variety of activities linked to staying safe and people who help us. We have been talking about how to look after ourself, others and the environment. We have been encouraged to play cooperatively and join in with ring games which is helping improve or social interactions.

Literacy

We enjoyed a variety of book themed activities and had a pyjama party to celebrate World book day. We especially enjoyed talking about our favourite books and hunting for books with specified characters. We have used roleplay and small world games to act out familiar stories.



We have been learning to identify our name and logos this term. We have engaged in a variety of mark making activities and writing some letters from our name.

Mathematics

This term we have focus on three, four, five and six; learning to recognise these numbers in different forms. We have also looked at shapes with the corresponding number of sides: triangle, square, rectangle, pentagon, hexagon. We have been learning the mathematical vocabulary of tall/short, long/short heavy/light and same with a variety of interactive learning opportunities. We especially enjoyed using the balance scales to compare the weight of animals and toys.



Understanding the World

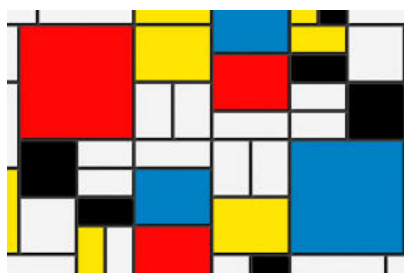
This term we have been developing our interest and compassion towards animals, learning to categorise them as pets, birds and farm animals. We learned about their behaviour, appearance and sounds.



For shrove Tuesday we created pancake faces and practiced flipping pancakes high in the air. We had lots of Easter themed fun at the end of the term learning about the significance of the cross on our hot cross buns, creating cards, making easter nest cakes and hunting for chocolate eggs in the nursery garden.

Expressive Arts and Design

We enjoyed exploring lines and shapes learning how to combine these to create pictures. We looked at artwork by Piet Mondrian and how this design is transferred onto cars by the modern artist Vasily Klyukin.



This term we have been experimenting with different forms of creative expression including music, dance and imaginative play. We have acted out different occupations and family roles in our play including police, fire fighter, party planner and bus driver.