



# Westleigh Methodist Primary School – Year 3 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’.

## English

In English, we have loved reading our class book ‘Where the Forest Meets the Sea’. We have written a non-chronological report about the Great Barrier Reef and a diary in the role of the little boy. We have created a formal letter to send to the Australian Government because we don’t think it is fair that people are destroying the Daintree Rainforest to make way for tourist attractions and hotels.

## Mathematics

In Maths, we have developed our knowledge of multiplication and division. We have used concrete resources to explore column multiplication and moved onto the pictorial method when we were confident. We are now confident to use the abstract method to solve a two-digit number multiplied by a one-digit number. We have also use concrete and pictorial methods to explore division. We are gradually getting more confident with the bus stop method to divide a two-digit by a one-digit number.



## RE

In RE, we have been learning about Holy Week and the Easter Story. We have ordered the key events that happened during Holy Week and we have delved deeper into east one. We have learned that during the Last Supper Jesus demonstrated 'humility' and 'service'. We know that this means he washed his disciple's feet to show them that he was equal to them and he did this without expecting anything in return. We have also learned the story 'The Road to Emmaus'. In the story, Jesus appeared to two of his followers and proved it was him by breaking bread at a meal. When they all returned to Jerusalem, Jesus' followers were so delighted to see him. He told them to wait for the Holy Spirit. We enjoyed sequencing the story and retelling it in our own words.

## Science

In Science, our topic has been 'Plants'. We have enjoyed learning about the functions of the roots, leaves, stem and flower. Our favourite experiment has been investigating what would happen to celery sticks that were placed in coloured water. We learned that the water travels up the stem and because it is coloured, it changes the colour of the celery.



## Geography

In Geography, we have been learning about 'The UK'. We have used atlases and digital maps to locate the four countries of the UK, regions of the UK and key capital cities in the UK. We have also explored key mountains and rivers across the UK. This led us to learning about the features of a river. Through a practical approach, we created our river using sand, rocks and water. It was interesting to see how the river meandered, created tributaries and how the delta gathered at the river mouth. We have also learned about the Water Cycle.

We can explain how water goes through the following stages – evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection. We created a Water Cycle in a Bag' to demonstrate this.



## PE

In PE, we have enjoyed starting our swimming lessons at the local swimming pool. We have explored different strokes such as the breaststroke and back stroke. Some of us have also enjoyed jumping into the deep end of the swimming pool. We can't wait to see developing our swimming skills in the Summer Term.