



# Westleigh Methodist Primary School

## Nursery Summer 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 oceans, mini beast and lifecycles. We have also been listening to longer stories and engage in conversations linked to books with questions such as 'Why is butterfly surprised monkey's mum looks like him?' or 'what is special about Barry the fish?'.



We have started to use connecting words to extend sentences when talking about current and past events. We have also used questioning to extend our own knowledge and explore areas of curiosity.

### Physical Development

We greatly enjoy the dough disco sessions, performing finger movements and manipulating the dough in time to the music. We have also had the opportunity to create using the play dough, making ladybird models, numbers, fish, numbers and much more.



There has been lots of opportunity to improve pencil control and scissor skills. We have worked on our core strength and balance when building and traveling over obstacle courses. We have learnt many new skills and learnt sportsmanship as we take part in sports day activities.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term our scarf topic has been 'growing and changing'. We have engaged in a variety of activities linked to life cycles, families and the stages of humans. We have discussed how we have changed from baby to child, and made predict about what we will become in the future. We looked deeper at feels and facial expressions, learning to identify different emotions. We have talked about positive and negative emotions explaining the things that make us feel happy/sad.

## Literacy

We are developing a true love of stories, joining in with key phrases, answering questions and predicting what might happen next in the story. We have started to recognise letters from our names and talk about words around the environment. We have improved our sitting position and pencil grip for writing. In phonics we have focused on oral blending and segmenting, showing great enthusiasm for 'Fred talk' activities and 'crazy stir fry'



songs. The preschool children have been introduced to more letter sounds and formation rhymes in Read write Inc activities.

## Mathematics

We have built on our number knowledge during the term; exploring number composition and comparing quantity, using the vocabulary of more and fewer. We have learnt to use sequence events and use some time references. We have explored positional language through actions and words. We also explored the sequence of numbers learning to recognise what comes before and after. We have extended our shape knowledge looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We particularly enjoyed the stacking challenge.

## Understanding the World

This term we have learnt about growth and change, focussing on plants mini-beasts, oceans and life cycles. We enjoyed planting and care for herbs and vegetables, helping them grow from seeds. We were very interested in our caterpillars, observing how they grew and changed into butterflies.



We have talked about communities and developed our understanding of time as we sequenced family events. We have watched videos and talked about the different creatures that live in the ocean including sharks, whales and puffer fish. We have explored how to represent water, land and home on maps. In RE we have looked the bible story 'loaves and fishes' and 'Noah's ark'.

### Expressive Arts and Design

We looked at a variety of artists and talked about our favourite modern artwork as we shared the book 'Snail trail, a journey through modern art'. We were inspired by Henri Matisse's work 'The snail' creating our own collage snails.



We examined art by the methodist artist Maggi Hambling using foil and paint to recreate her work 'Good Friday: Walking on water'.



We explored different textures as we combine materials to create an ocean in a bottle. We also experimented with enclosing and representation as we created pirate treasure maps.

