



# Westleigh Methodist Primary School

## Reception Spring Highlights



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

**Love Teamwork Thankfulness Generosity Peace Forgiveness Equality Justice**

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

### Communication and Language

- This term we have had lots of opportunities to talk about our favourite memories from our year together. We reflected on how much we have done as a class and looked at our photos and work to recall our knowledge of what we have learnt.



*"I love dressing up days because we can wear our own clothes"*

*"I like it when we get a new story area in the classroom"*

### Physical Development

In PE, we developed our teamwork skills to prepare for Sports Day. We loved showing off our throwing, balancing and running skills. Thank you to all our families for taking part and cheering everybody on.



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We have looked at different media when exploring the seasons and can name and describe the differences between the seasons.

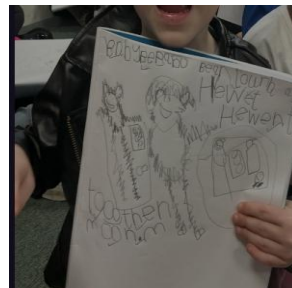
We enjoyed a class trip to the farm to understand that animals and humans change in appearance over time. We have been introduced to key vocabulary and answered key questions relating to life stages, plants, animals and humans.

The children were so excited to visit their year 1 classroom and have designed some areas they would like to have in there.



### Literacy

We have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the different environments when reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We loved using words such as squelchy and swishy in our writing and drew some very cute (and scary) looking bears in our Drawing Club books!



### Mathematics

We have looked at numbers beyond 10 and have been using the number line to count how many days until special occasions such as our farm visit and sports day. Every day the children vote on which character they think will bring the maths challenge (Tiger, Penguin, Owl or Elephant) they then tally how many votes and work out the winner. We have really loved our maths sessions this term and it is wonderful to see how confident the children are when sharing their ideas with their talk partner.



### Understanding the World

We had a fantastic trip to Smithills Farm and the children were so well behaved, I was very proud of them. Some of the children walked past a pen and saw a goat being born at that exact moment! We watched the cows being milked and enjoyed a bumpy ride on a tractor and a donkey! When we returned to school, we used our experiences to create farms and match animals to their adult and baby



### Expressive Arts and Design

We have been fantastic artist and designers in reception this year. Our classroom walls are always full of their amazing models and pictures and I love seeing the sense of pride when they spot their work on display. We used our joining techniques to create train models. We also explored the artist Andy Goldsworthy and used natural materials to create art and patterns outdoors. Our final project to end our year was a wonderful creation of clay farm animals based on our visit to the farm and class story 'What the Ladybird Heard'.



**Thank you for such a fun year!**