



Westleigh Methodist Primary School – Year 5 Spring Highlights



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

Love Teamwork Thankfulness Generosity Peace Forgiveness Equality Justice

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

English

Year 5 have had a great term working on our grammar and writing skills through our class texts: Boy in the Tower and Macbeth. We used these stories as a stimulus to write fantastic character descriptions, diaries and balanced arguments. We have also continued to work on our reading and poetry listening to poems such as Blynken, Wynken and Nod.

We also had a visit from author and illustrator, Kate Pankhurst, who discussed her books with us and modelled how to illustrate a story in her style.

Mathematics

In mathematics, we have worked on shape – learning to draw and measure angles. We have used graphs to draw shapes, look at symmetry and plot coordinates. We have continued our work on number, building on our knowledge of negative numbers and decimals and we have demonstrated our understanding of measurement by converting units and working on volume.

RE

In RE this term, we have been learning ‘Why do believers see life as a journey?’. We discussed the different religions and their traditions and how this varies for people. We spoke about rites of passage and the symbolism within this, giving opportunity for us to reflect on our own journeys.

We also took part in a Spirituality Day organised by our Ethos Council. During this day, we took time to reflect and discussed what spirituality means to us and what we can do to be spiritual. We spoke about courageous advocates such as Rosa Parks and how this ties in with our class Christian Value of Equality. We also created our own Methodist artwork based on Three Kings by David Jones.



Science



This summer term in Science, we have been learning about forces. We explored air resistance by investigating how the shape and size of objects affect how fast they fall. We also learned about friction and carried out tests to see how different surfaces affect movement. We discovered that adding oil can reduce friction, making surfaces smoother and objects easier to move. We also found out about Galileo Galilei and his important discoveries, which have helped scientists understand how forces work today.

Art and Design

In art and design, we have been studying the artist, Nicholas Hilliard. We learnt about the skill of limning and used our sketching skills to draw a face in proportion. We experimented with paint, looking at primary, secondary and tertiary colours and discussed how these colours create warm and cool tones. We used this knowledge of colour to apply paint to our final piece, creating four miniature portraits in the style of Nicholas Hilliard.



Geography

Our History and Geography in our Victorian history topic explored how industry and population changed the landscape during the Victorian era. We used old and modern maps to compare how our local area developed, particularly looking at Wigan, Leigh, and Greater

Manchester. The children learned about cotton mills, the importance of canals and railways, and how the Industrial Revolution led to rapid urban growth. We also mapped Victorian trade routes, discovering how raw materials like cotton travelled from ports to mills and beyond.

PE

This summer, we have been working on sprinting in our PE lessons. The children learned techniques to improve their balance, agility, and speed, helping them to run faster and more confidently. They put these skills into practice during Sports Day. We also developed our throwing and catching skills in cricket, as well as learning how to hold the bat correctly and use timing to hit the ball further.

