



Westleigh Methodist Primary School – Year 1 Autumn Highlights



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

Love Teamwork Thankfulness Generosity Peace Forgiveness Equality Justice

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

English

In English we have loved our books this term. Our first book was *The Night Pirates*, we explored all the different parts of the book and learnt what an author, illustrator and text parts of the book are. We made lots of predictions about what the story would be about and explored the vocabulary. We started writing some fantastic sentences. Our second book was *Cops and Robbers*. We used this to learn about adjectives and nouns and this inspired some amazing writing from year 1! We even had a visit from some real police!



Mathematics

Year 1 have been amazing mathematicians throughout the Autumn term. They have used lots of concrete materials such as Numicon, base 10 and ten frames to practice different skills such as counting backwards / forwards and adding / subtracting. They then learnt to transfer this skill into a written method by drawing the calculations pictorially in their maths books. They have also been learning to write digits in their maths books, learning to grip their pencils correctly and form the numbers in the correct orientation.



RE

In RE this term, we have looked at what it means to belong. We have explored all the different ways in which we belong, such as religion, clubs, family and schools. We enjoyed looking at pictures of some children's baptisms and acting out our own baptism to understand the meaning of each part. We have also looked at 'Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?' We had an exciting visit from the Vicar who told us all about the Christingle story. We acted out our own nativity story to understand the story of Jesus and his birth.



Science

As scientists this term, we have been learning all about animals including humans. We have had so much fun investigating animal poo to identify if it was a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore, we have labelled the different parts of the human body and we have investigated different smells, tastes and touches. We have found out about reptiles, amphibians, mammals, birds and many more.



Music

We have loved our music lessons this term! We have been learning all about pitch, rhythm and beats. We have enjoyed playing the glockenspiel and singing lots of different songs. We have been using our bodies to make music and create our own beats and rhythms. We even performed some of our own music to the class.



Art and Design

Year 1 explored the work of the artist Picasso. They began by exploring different shapes to create their own Picasso style collage. They then worked hard to practice drawing different facial features including eyes, ears and mouths. Finally, they chose their favourite designs and started to paint their own self-portraits. The children chose their favourite colour mixes and shapes to create their own portrait.



Geography

The children have learnt about the United Kingdom. Year 1 began to explore the four countries that make up the UK and had a go at drawing the different flags for each country. They have been learning about the different capital cities through music and song and have learnt about the famous landmarks in London. The children also used coordinates to direct their friends from one landmark to another.