

# Westleigh Methodist Primary School – Year 4 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**

At the start of this term, we were greeted by a strange sight! A mysterious box had appeared in Year 4. We used our inference and deduction skills to analyse the evidence and make predictions as to what was in the box. Later we found out it contained Roz the robot from our book as a hook 'The Wild Robot'. We loved reading this book and writing character descriptions, setting descriptions and newspaper reports linked to this text.



## **Mathematics**

This term we focused on multiplication and division and fractions. We showed lots of resilience to solve mathematical problems where we used our reasoning and thinking skills. We learnt about factors and multiples and how to use the inverse to solve division problems. We learnt how to find fractions of amounts and how to understand mixed numbers and improper fractions.

## RE

This term we visited Whitefield Synagogue in Manchester. We really enjoyed our visit and learnt lots of new information. We loved exploring the features of the synagogue. We learnt about Jewish culture and traditions and some special events in the Jewish calendar including Passover and Hanukkah. We also had the opportunity to examine objects that are used at these events such as a Passover Seder plate and the Menorah.

#### Science

This term we learnt about living things and their habitats. We investigated our playground area and discovered different living things. We described the conditions of their habitats. We created branching diagrams and classification keys to classify the living things. We learnt about how living things have adaptations which enable them to survive in their habitat. We also discussed some environmental dangers to habitats and about things we can do to help protect the environment.



#### Art

This term in Art, we have been studying the work of the artist John Piper. John Piper was known for his paintings of buildings. We linked this to our Geography topic of Europe and created paintings of European landmarks. We began by sketching European landmarks and then we experimented with depicting the landmarks using different materials including watercolours, oil pastels and pen.

# **Computing**

This term in computing we have looked at how we can use software to write for different purposes and audiences. We created news reports on Purple Mash and then we learnt how to use Microsoft Word effectively to produce text. This term we have also learnt how to create animation using Purple Mash.



# **Music**

This term in Music we have enjoyed learning to play the xylophone with Mr Parr as part of our wider opportunities music lessons. We have also learnt about gospel music. We learnt how to sing the song 'Lean on me' by Bill Withers and learnt how to play this song on the glockenspiel.

