



Westleigh Methodist Primary School – Year 5 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 studied some wonderful books as hooks with War Horse, The Highwayman and the Island. We have created balanced arguments, written diary entries in role as the main characters, produced non-chronological reports on how horses were used in the war and invented our own ballad poetry in the style of The Highwayman.

Mathematics

In maths, we have worked hard to stay on track for our year group coverage and year 5 have been amazing at learning new strategies and methods, particularly in Fractions. They are now mostly all secure in the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and are developing their understanding of how to add and subtract fractions too.



RE

In RE, we looked at the 5 Pillars of Islam and learnt about how they relate to our Christian religion. We learnt about how Muslims follow these 5 pillars every day and discussed some of the challenges they may face in doing so. We then moved on to looking at how art and architecture are evident in different religions and created our own stained-glass windows to represent a religious story.

Science

Our science topic this term has been learning about the life cycles of plants, mammals, birds, amphibians and insects. We have looked at reproduction and how amazing our natural world can be. Year 5 have produced some beautiful botanical drawings of plants and some zoological images of animals. They have really impressed with their art skills too!

History

In history, we have been studying the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. We learnt about the various invasions, including the battle of Hastings and about some of the fierce leaders, such as Alfred the Great, who were kings across the land. We learnt where they settled and looked at some maps as part of our Geography to locate what place name we have today that were named by the Saxons and Vikings.

Design Technology



This term, we have experimented quite a bit within our DT lessons. We designed and created our own Viking tunics using natural dyes: red cabbage, spinach and turmeric, as they would have done many years ago, then weaved our woollen strands together around a piece of card. We also baked our own Viking honey bread using oats, flour and water and fresh honey to drizzle over.



PSHE



In PSHE, we spent some time learning about positive relationships and how our relationships are different with each person in our life. We talked about having an understanding that we are all different and unique and learnt how that can be useful to work effectively as a team.

