



## Westleigh Methodist Primary School – Year 5 Spring Highlights

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

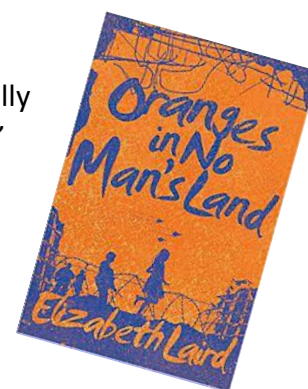


**Love Teamwork Thankfulness Generosity Peace Forgiveness Equality Justice**

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

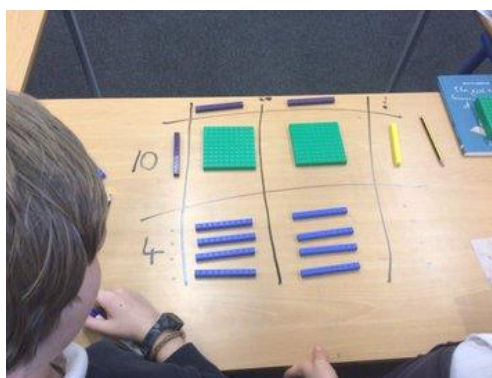
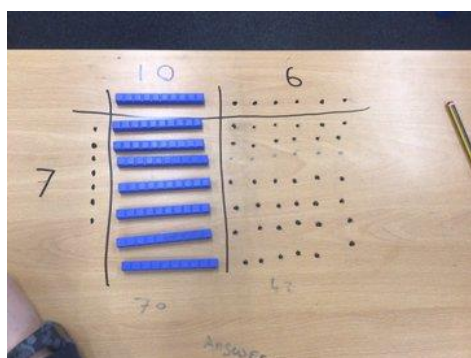
### English

In English, we have read some fantastic books this term that have really engaged and excited us! Firstly, we read, 'Oranges in No Man's Land,' by Elizabeth Laird. Year 5 really enjoyed learning about the brave teenager Ayesha and how she dared to enter no man's land of the Lebanese civil war to save her Granny. Some interesting pieces of writing were created as we improved our skills in descriptive writing.



### Maths

We have been exploring manipulatives in number to help us with our multiplication of big numbers. We then moved on to division of four digits by one, and fractions, using our knowledge of multiples and factors to find equivalent fractions. We also had some number fun taking part in the NSPCC's number day to raise some money for their charity. Next, we will be exploring shapes and their properties.



### Science

This term we have been exploring properties and changes in materials. We have conducted some exciting experiments, such as mixing bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to release carbon dioxide and vinegar and milk to make casein plastic. We also tested the viscosity of different liquids to see which allowed a marble to fall through the fastest. We also looked at reversible and irreversible changes to sort materials.

## **RE**

In RE this term, we looked at Jewish worship and how followers of Judaism celebrate various events. We took a look at the items of clothing worn by Jews and their significance to the religion. We also looked at kosher foods and sorted items into what would be on a Jewish meal menu and what wouldn't and why. Then in spring 2, we looked at why Easter is so important to Christians. We explored the meaning behind sacrifice, betrayal, denial and how these were presented in the Easter story. We also explored the meaning of the lamb of God and shared our ideas about why Good Friday has its name when it's when Jesus died.

## **Geography**

This term, we have been studying mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes in our geography lessons. We learnt about Norgay and Hillary, the first men to reach the summit of Mount Everest, and the highest mountains in each continent. We then looked at the structure of a volcano and the various types by exploring some famous volcanoes across the world. This then led us into looking at the causes of earthquakes and how they are measured.

## **Residential**



In March, year 5 went on their first residential to Low Bank Ground. We had the best time canoeing, kayaking, ghyll scrambling, orienteering, mountain walking and playing team building games. We all got very wet and cold but loved the experience and new skills we learnt. The children were all very brave and everyone attempted the activities set and faced their fears.