

Newsletter Term 2 2021

Our Christian value this term was:

Compassion



COMPASSION HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value COMPASSION. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT COMPASSION TOGETHER...

Compassion is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help



THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop



READ TOGETHER...

The good Samaritan

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers. "As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking. The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

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QUIZ The Stranger on the road was kind....

Change one letter in the word to answer the next clue.

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| The traveller was attacked as he walked along the | ROAD |
| Watching from the rocks was a small creature like a frog | _____ |
| The Samaritan _____ the innkeeper to look after the man | _____ |
| The Samaritan acted with courage. He was _____ | _____ |
| We sometimes talk about the _____ of friendship (rhymes with pond) | _____ |
| Wrap tightly with a bandage (rhymes with find) | _____ |
| The Samaritan in the story was _____ | _____ |

DATES TO REMEMBER

20/12/21 - 03/01/22 - Dec Half Term

04/01/22 - INSET Day

21/02/22 - 25/02/22 - Feb Half Term

28/03/22 - INSET Day

11/04/22 - 22/04/22 - April Half Term

02/05/22 - Bank Holiday

30/05/22 - 01/06/22 - May Half Term

02/06/22 - Bank Holiday

03/06/22 - Bank Holiday

22/07/22 - INSET Day

25/07/22 - 02/09/22 - Summer Holidays

BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Happy Birthday to Lilly and Poppy who both have their birthdays in November! ☺



SPIRITUALITY



We have been thinking about spirituality and how we can develop our understanding. We recognise that there are moments in our lives that have a greater significance. Through the symbolism of kintsugi and golden glue, the children have been reflecting on how the ews, wows and nows in their lives can change them. These are the moments that help us to grow spiritually.

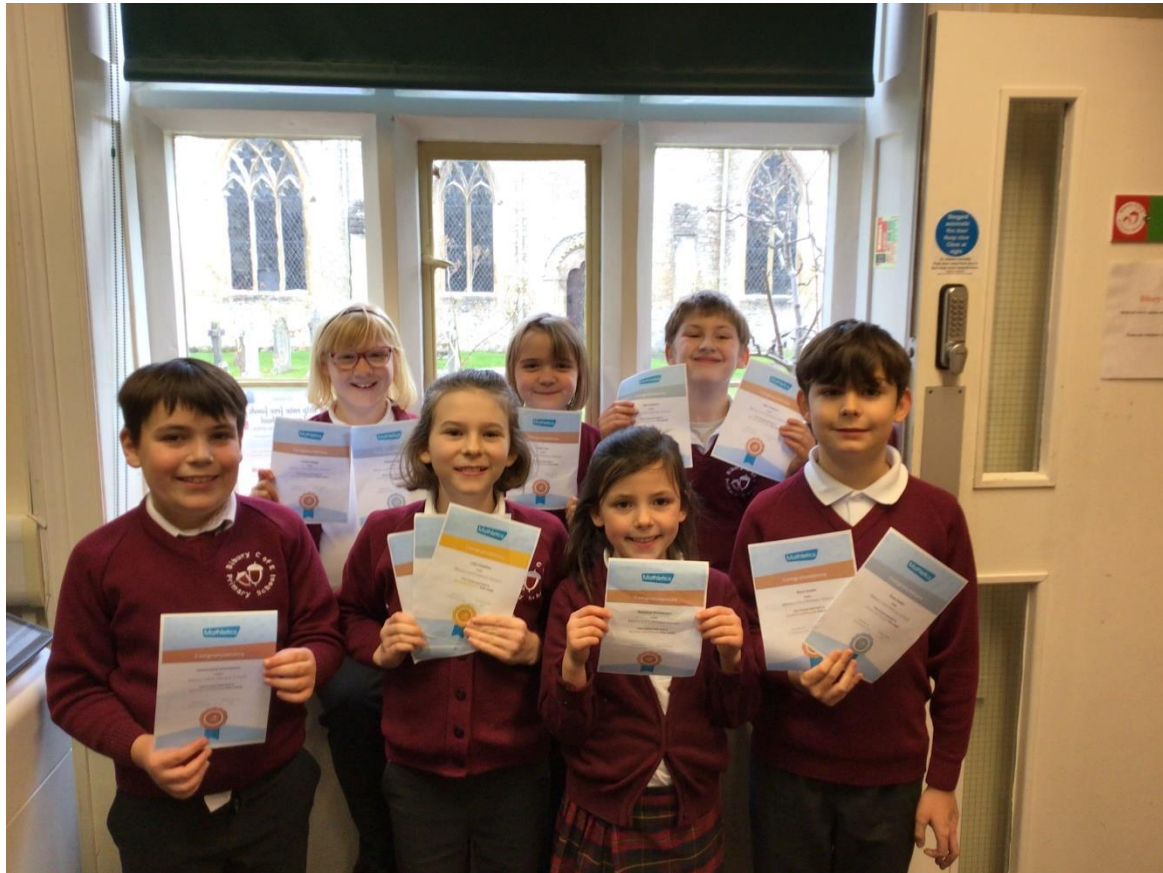
WORSHIP

Our worship council at Bibury and NC wanted to help parents understand how our Christian values are relevant to our daily lives. Bibury children have written this acrostic poem for compassion.

Caring
Willingly offering time and help
You first, me last
Help people who are hurt
Playing with lonely people
Make sure people are happy
Listening to others
Showing sensitivity to all
Being a companion
Noticing when support is needed

MATHLETICS

Congratulations to all the children who achieved their Mathletics certificates this term! Well done to all you budding Mathematicians! ☺



ACORNS

This term Year 1 and Year 2 have been writing stories based upon the book, The owl who was afraid of the dark. The development of writing is a strong area at Bibury C of E Primary School as noted by the DGAT Quality Assurance Lead who visited us recently. EYFS have been hearing the story of The Gruffalo and we have produced some of our own independent writing based on the story.

In Maths we have been exploring 3D and 2D shapes as well as adding and subtracting money. The children have become very skilled in being able to talk about the maths they are exploring.

In Science we have been looking at light and dark, looking at sources of light, and exploring how materials block light as well as allowing light through.

Later in the term we have been investigating nocturnal animals and in English we will be writing a non-chronological report about what we have discovered.

In Art Mrs Russell has helped the children develop their self-portrait drawing skills.

OAKS

Oaks class have been exploring topics from multiplication and division in Maths to writing in the style of an author in English, from states of matter in Science to constructing strong structures in DT. All of which have been incredibly fun and have produced wonderful results.

In Science, Oaks have needed to answer some tricky questions such as 'Does wax, butter, chocolate or ice have the highest melting point?' and 'How can I tell whether a material is not a solid?'. In order to answer these, we have predicted our answers, planned our tests and carried them out fairly before analysing our results and making a conclusion. There has been lots of excellent scientific thinking going into all of these investigations.

Our DT topic on construction has consisted of two separate forms of building. Our first few weeks were spent meeting different design briefs such as 'Build a vehicle with no more than 4 wheels that can carry a book across a distance of 2 metres'. Children had to plan, design, build out of K'NEX and evaluate their model against the judging criteria whilst also considering things like 'How could this design be more environmentally friendly?'. As we have journeyed into the last weeks of term, the children have moved onto constructing their own model houses with working doorbell and light features.

A term filled with lots of enjoyment and plenty of hard work. Well done, Oaks!

MIGHTY OAKS

This term, Mighty Oaks have been learning about different materials in science. We particularly enjoyed using edible 'foam' to try and prevent ice cubes from melting in the oven - we discovered that meringue mixture worked particularly well.

In English, we have written some lovely imaginative poetry entitled 'If I were' or 'If I could' as well as a story based on Neil Gaiman's 'The Graveyard Book'. We are now going to write a letter to Mr. Scrooge to try and convince him to embody the spirit of Christmas. In maths, we have completed our work on arithmetic and can now use efficient methods to calculate with all four operations. Our geography work this term has looked at how and why places have changed over time.

This week, we looked at maps of Cirencester, Fairford and Bibury from 35 years ago and compared them with the present day. The children were surprised by how much the trout farm has grown, and discovered that there used to be a police office in the village!

GALLERY

Here are some photos of what we have been getting up to this term.

We all enjoyed cooking a 'Bonfire banquet' of jacket potato with chilli followed by parkin cake with the lovely ladies from The Kitchen Club.



In PE we have been doing *Gymnastics* in particular we are looking at shapes, balances and pathways of movement which involves rolling and jumping. In Tag Rugby we have learnt how to handle the ball and pick up the ball whilst running.





EYFS head over to North Cerney Primary for their Forest School morning every week, here George is making a wormery.



EYFS and Year 1 identifying and placing 3D shapes.



Vicar Tim Hastie-Smith explaining to the children how a baptism is carried out on babies (the baby wasn't real ☺)





Hammond and Evie our Head boy and Head girl laying the poppy wreath at Barnsley Church for Remembrance Day.



The children got to see the panto Beauty and the Beast. It was brilliant with lots of singing, dancing, booing and cheering. A great afternoon...oh no it wasn't...oh yes it was!!!

