Compassion

In term 2 we have been discussing the value 'Compassion'.

These reflections are a result of some of our pupil discussions. We hope this brief summary will help you understand our thinking.

TALK ABOUT COMPASSION TOGETHER!

Compassion is about understanding, helping and being kind!

It is about standing in someone else's shoes when they are having a hard time, trying to understand how they feel and doing our best to help.

Talk together about:

- How we can be kind at home and in school
 - Stories in the news that show compassion
- Recognising when friends need us to listen and understand

Random Acts of Kindness

Kindness is often appreciated most when it is offered at unexpected times.

Choose one week this term for your family to have "a random acts of kindness" week, and do something kind for someone each day. Try to do it without telling people it was you! We have been compassionate by donating money to charity.



In November we supported 'Children in Need.' Our classes came to school wearing spots or with spotty faces! Did you know that Pudsey bear was invented in 1985 by Joanna Ball? He was named after the small town in Yorkshire where she lived and went to school. www.bbcchildreninnneeed.co.uk

At our school Carol Service we supported 'The Children's Society' who work with the most vulnerable children -listening supporting and acting on their behalf. https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk

Thanks to people all over the country these charities have become known for their real kindness and compassion made possible by generous giving.

We have also been compassionate by visiting our care homes in Harnham to sing 'Carols' and to listen to the older generation.



www.randomactsofkindness.org

IMAGINE!

We wondered what it would be like in someone else's shoes- we thought of people in our class and tried to imagine what it would be like to be them and how to help

Draw and cut out the shape of each person's hand in your family. Decorate it with all the random acts of kindness that they have shown. Display them all!

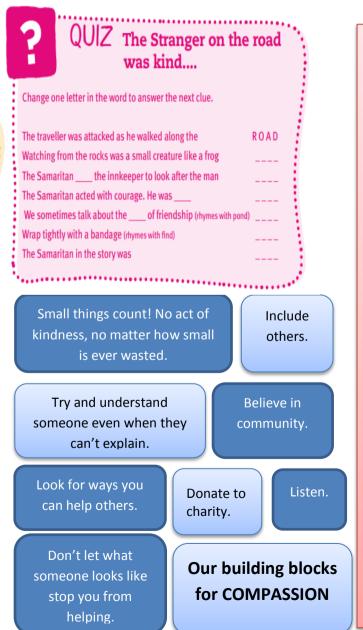
Stories of Compassion

We discussed the news story about the compassionate stranger. In November there was a terrorist attack on London Bridge. We discussed the News Story of the bystander helping out by pinning down the attacker. We talked about how brave he must have been and how he had thought of protecting others first. We decided that he was compassionate to those who were in danger. We also tried to place ourselves in the shoes of the attacker



and asked ourselves 'Why?' Why don't you watch out for compassion in the news?

We discussed the Bible story about some compassionate friends. Some friends knew that their best friend was ill and needed help. They had to carry him on his bed to Jesus. However, they could not get him to Jesus as it was so packed! They decided to remove the roof tiles and lowered their friends bed through it!! Jesus listened to the man and healed him. Jesus showed the man compassion and commended the friends for their compassion. We retold the stories of the Ugly Duckling and the Lion and the Mouse-Why don't you read them and think about how the characters did or did not show compassion?



When someone asked Jesus the question 'Who is my neighbour?' he told a story about the stranger on the road who was kind. The hero was from Samaria but those who were listening were mainly Jews. At that time Jewish people and Samaritan people usually kept well away from each other.

A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho. (The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances, they knew it was a lonely, dangerous road.) As the man reached a rocky and desolate place a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him taking all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. In the distance the man saw a man from the Temple and called out for help. But to his amazement the man walked past! As the injured man got weaker he heard footsteps again. He saw a Levite- one of his own people- and called out for help. Surely this Levite would take pity and have compassion. But the Levite kept on walking too!

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 wound and giving him water to drink. The Samaritan slowly took the man upon his own donkey to an inn. There he paid for the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the compassion and kindness of the Samaritan stranger.

Jesus said 'Go and do the same.'