

# Newsletter

## News from Mrs Patchett

In Collective Worship on Monday, we reminded ourselves of what our Value of Compassion means. We reflected that Compassion is about not just noticing the suffering of others, but doing something about it.

Together we read the story of the Good Samaritan, which you can read in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 10. The story of the Good Samaritan is a parable that Jesus told in response to a question from one of the teachers of the Law. The teacher of the Law was trying to justify himself and he thought he might be able to trick Jesus by asking him, 'Who is my neighbour?'

In the story a man is attacked on a notoriously dangerous route and left for dead. Shortly afterwards a priest walks by, but he takes one look at the injured man and walks by. Later a Levite, a man who worked in the temple, also walked by; he also took one look at the man lying bleeding on the ground and walked by. Finally a Samaritan walked by, he stopped to help the man, bandaging his wounds and then putting him on his donkey and taking him to an inn where he could be cared for. Furthermore the Samaritan man left money with the innkeeper to cover any future costs of caring for the injured man.

What was remarkable about the story, was the fact that the man who was injured was a Jew and the man who helped him was a Samaritan. The Jews and the Samaritans were enemies. Jesus chose to answer the question 'Who is my neighbour?' by telling a story about a man showing Compassion on his enemy.

Together we thought about who our neighbours are and the importance of treating everyone as we would like to be treated. The children could easily identify others who they might not think of as their neighbour, but who are part of our community. We agreed that Jesus would want us to show Compassion on others, whatever football team they support, whether they are in our group of friends, or even if they don't go to our school.

The Good Samaritan went out of his way to show Compassion on someone nobody would have expected him to. The challenge for each of us is to show Compassion on others, whether or not they would be someone we would be expected to care for.

## Values Awards

At the start of this New Year, it was wonderful to celebrate children who have been showing our Values.

Despite the chilly and grey weather, children have been living according to our Values and making a difference to our community.

Well done to all the children who received a certificate this week, but also a big thank you to all the children who week by week are seeking to make a difference by living our Values.



## News from Around the School

The children in Year 4 have spent the week carrying out experiments to establish the effect of different liquids on teeth. The children used an egg for their experiment and then recorded their findings. The children also made models of their teeth – we think their models are great!



### Teeth

It's time to observe your findings.

**Diagram**

**Recording Observations**

The milk egg was the best because it looked healthier. The egg in coke cracked.

**Reflection**

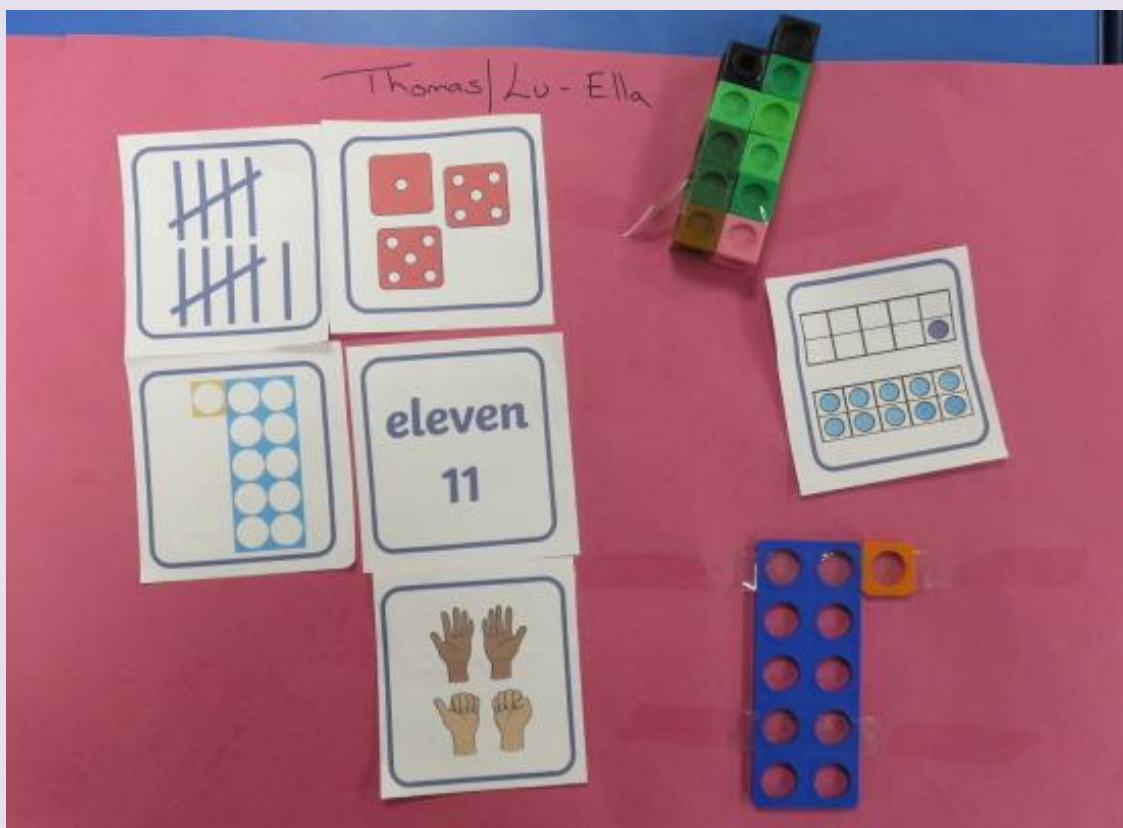
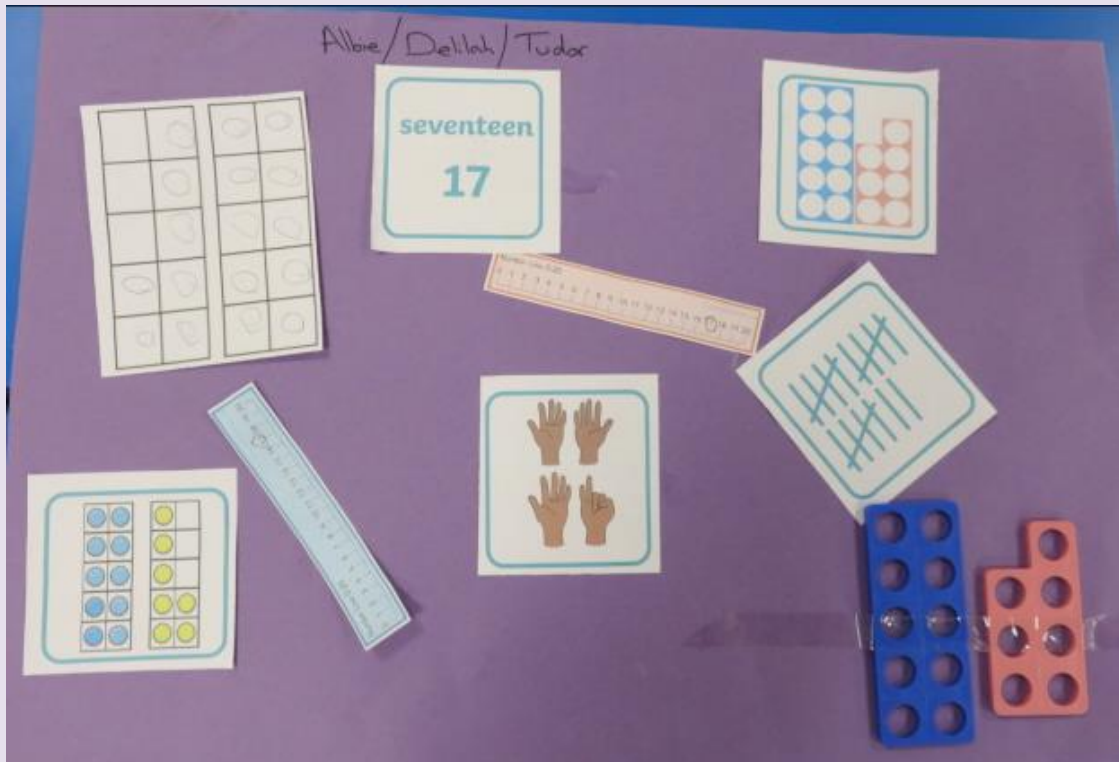
I was wrong the milk was best for our teeth.

Become a Scientist

The children discovered that milk was the best substance for their eggs. The eggs in all of the other substances cracked or discoloured. It was a reminder to the children to protect their teeth by cleaning them every day.

## More News from Around the School

The children in Year 1 have been working very hard on their Maths, making posters that show all the different ways of making a number.



Loving, learning and flourishing in community