

## Church Ethos update

November 2020

Despite all the current restrictions and changes to our working, we maintain a strong Church ethos in school. We are fortunate to have a strong leader in Mrs Ketley who ensures that worship is both planned and implemented appropriately. She is currently working hard to ensure there is the appropriate distinction between assembly and RE sessions in the classrooms.

### Assemblies

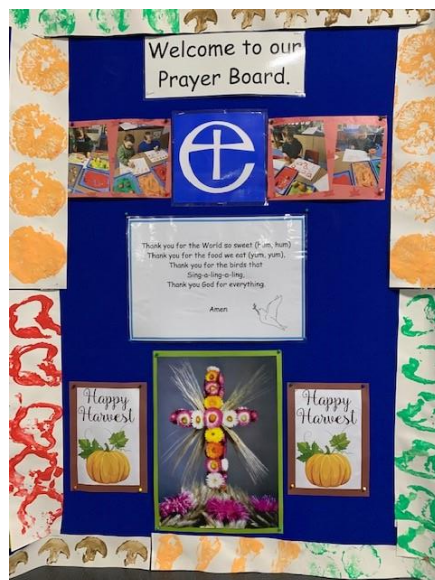
We are undertaking the majority of assemblies in class. These are planned and distributed by Mrs Ketley.

We also have started weekly Team bubble assemblies which focus on the theme or value being studied or expand to include festivals and events eg Harvest, Bonfire Night and Remembrance. This has had a major impact on the children, enabling them to feel more part of a group and community than just part of a class.

### RE

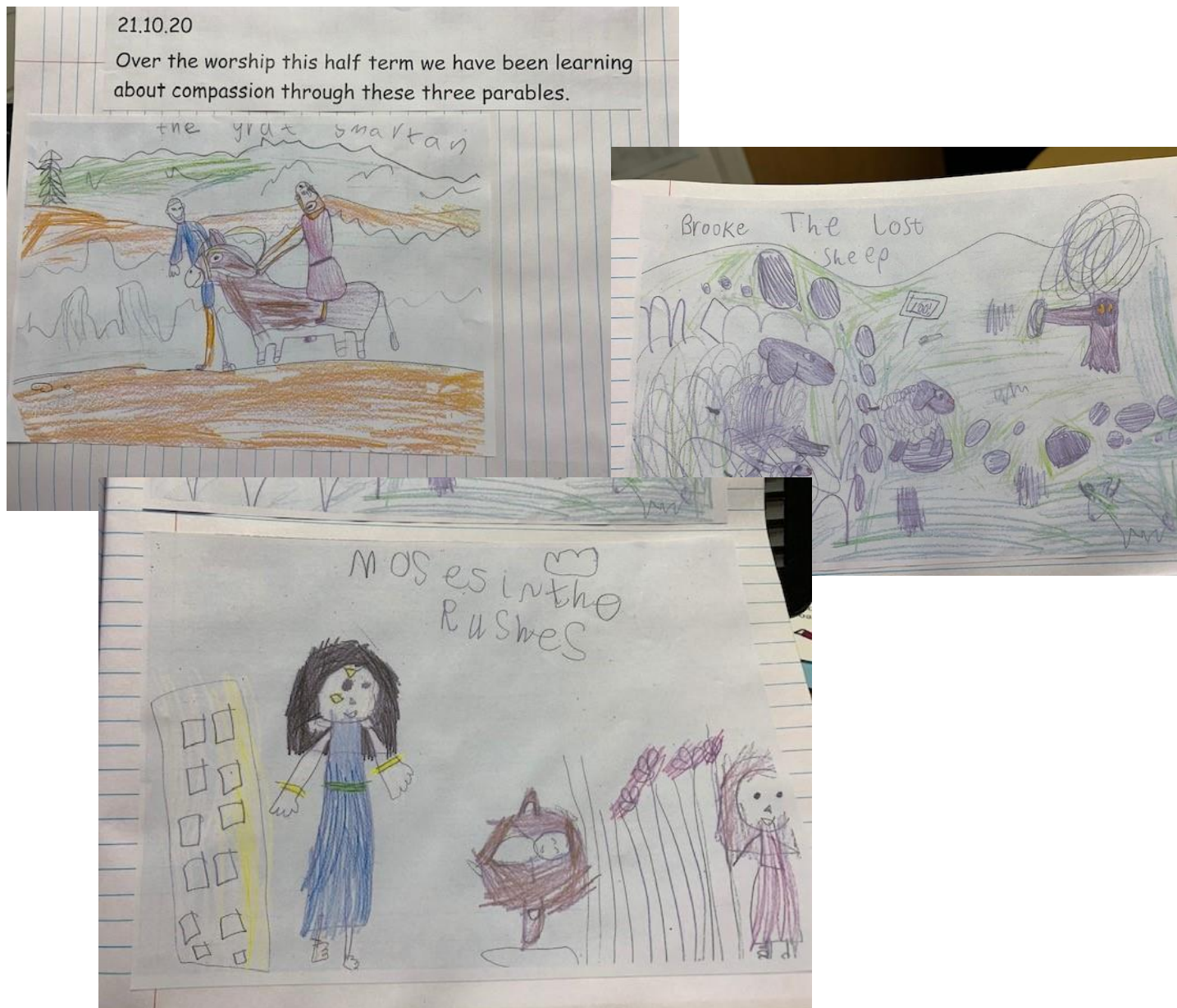
RE continues to be a discreet lesson taught by teachers to all children. Mrs Ketley plans the worship and shares this with all teaching staff. RE has a high profile in all year groups.

Children from Foundation have been responsible for the latest Prayer Board in the shared area to demonstrate their learning and understanding.



Classes also keep RE books to record their discussions and groups activities. Mrs Ketley has been monitoring these and suggesting improvements to all staff.

Key Stage One demonstrate super practice in their follow-up work. The children have clearly been learning about Bible stories and this is reflected in their pictorial representations.



### Wider Community

We celebrated Harvest by collecting donations from our parents and carers. As is always the case, we had a generous contribution which was collected by the local food bank.

At this time of the year, we undertake a number of activities around Remembrance. Mrs Ketley has worked with Service pupils to create a wreath which will be taken to the memorial outside the church.

Other Remembrance displays are visible in school and the Poppy appeal is being promoted.



