Over the last couple of weeks we have been learning about division. We began by brainstorming the language of division. The words we came up with were:

- share into
- divide
- quotient
- groups
- how many

We looked at fact families and learned that division is the times tables backwards. Some examples of fact families are:

**3 7 21**

- $3 \times 7 = 21$
- $7 \times 3 = 21$
- $21 \div 3 = 7$
- $21 \div 7 = 3$

**4 6 24**

- $4 \times 6 = 24$
- $6 \times 4 = 24$
- $24 \div 4 = 6$
- $24 \div 6 = 4$

**5 8 40**

- $5 \times 8 = 40$
- $8 \times 5 = 40$
- $40 \div 5 = 8$
- $40 \div 8 = 5$
The class then had a go at dividing using counters and we learned about remainders.

Finally we learned how to divide two and three digit numbers by a one digit number using the written method.

Once we were confident with using the written method we then applied our newly developed skills to solving worded division problems. We also wrote our own division worded problems.

We learned our division facts by playing the game ‘Division Revision’ and we also completed activities on Mathletics.
Writing

The poetic devices we have learned about this fortnight are similes and metaphors. We wrote a simile poem about a family member.

My Sister
Her face is as happy as a clown.
Her smile is as proud as a peacock.
Her hands are as cold as ice.
Her arms are as dead as a doornail.
Her legs are as slow as a tortoise.
Her fingers are as thin as a rake.
Her heart is as big as an elephant.
Her stare is as sharp as a razor.
Her voice is as quiet as an ant.
Her laugh is as loud as a hyena.

By Venukesh

My Dad
His face is like a piece of chocolate.
His smile is as sweet as a flower.
His hands are like a button.
His arms are like fire.
His legs are fast like a cheetah.
His fingers are as white as snow.
His heart is as fast as a drum.
His stare is as sharp as a blade.
His voice is like lightning.
His laugh is as funny as a clown.

By Mia

My Mum
Her face is as bright as a button.
Her smile is as cute as a ladybird.
Her hands are as busy as a bee.
Her arms are as gentle as a lamb.
Her legs are as fit as a gymnast.
Her fingers are as gentle as a rabbit.
Her heart is as brave as a lion.
Her stare is as fresh as a daisy.
Her voice is as sweet as a lollipop.
Her laugh is as light as a feather.

By Nicole
We wrote a metaphor poem about ourselves.

**Bailey**
- He is a sloth.
  - Always tired and always sleepy.
- He is a lamborghini.
  - Speeding past everyone.
- He is a couch potato.
  - Eating chips and staring at the TV.
- He is a dragon.
  - Yelling and calling out.
- He is a sausage.
  - As skinny as can be.
- He is a hungry pig.
  - His eyes are bigger than his belly.
- He is Einstein.
  - Smart as a computer.

**Kade**
- His brain is a computer.
  - Sharing answers with everyone.
- His speed is a lightning bolt.
  - Running at the speed of the wind.
- His eyes are a blue ocean.
  - They are super blue.
- His voice is a thunderstorm.
  - Really loud and nice.
- He is an athlete.
  - Super good at all sports.
- His muscles are an elephant.
  - He can lift anything he sees.
- His teeth are a white glowing star.
  - Sharing a shining smile with all.

**Oliver**
- His eyes are fireflies.
  - Shining brightly for all.
- His heart is cotton candy.
  - Soft and sweet to all he meets.
- His brain is a computer.
  - Constantly thinking.
- He is the cookie monster.
  - Stuffing his face with biscuits.
- He is a speeding sports car.
  - Zooming past, always in a hurry.
- He is a couch potato.
  - Sitting endlessly staring at the TV.
- He is a cheeky monkey.
  - Getting up to mischief.

**Ava**
- She is a couch potato.
  - Always ready to relax.
- Her life is a roller coaster.
  - Unexpected twists and turns.
- She is a stage.
  - Always ready to perform.
- She is a mud puddle.
  - Trying to be a sweet chocolate.
- She is a firefly.
  - Trying to light up everyone's life.
- She is a sugar cube and a lemon.
  - Both sweet and sour.
- She is a band aid.
  - Mending the hurts.

**Phoebe**
- She is cotton candy.
  - So soft and smooth.
- She is a sun.
  - So bright in the room.
- She is a movie star.
  - So famous and on stage.
- She is a flower.
  - Smelling so nice.
- She is an astronaut.
  - Floating in the air.
- She is a cheetah.
  - So fast you can't catch her.
- She is a cupcake.
  - So sweet and nice.
This fortnight we have continued to work on our ‘Build - A - Book’ team project. So far each group has planned their story using a lotus diagram, created a story board outlining the main events and each group has written the draft copy of their story. Some groups have even written a second draft. We are currently drawing the pictures for our book and next week we aim to construct our picture story book using the app ‘Book Creator’ on the iPad.
In class we read stories about people who were strengthened by the Holy Spirit. These stories taught us how the Holy Spirit can help us too.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, was filled with the Holy Spirit from the first moment of her life. Some of the examples of her being helped by the Holy Spirit are:

- Having the strength to say 'yes' to the Archangel Gabriel's request from God that she become the mother of Jesus.
- Being strengthened to take care of Jesus, born in difficult conditions in a stable.
- Being strengthened to face the difficult journey with a baby to Egypt, so that he would be safe from Herod.
- Being strengthened to bring up Jesus as God, his real Father, wanted him to be brought up.
- Being strengthened to stand by Jesus when he was dying on the cross.

Saint Peter was one of the first called by Jesus to be his follower. Jesus made Peter the leader of the Apostles – the first Pope. Peter was strengthened by the Holy Spirit to courageously proclaim the Gospel and to preach the teachings of Jesus despite the risk of arrest and imprisonment.

Saint Paul was a leading Jew who, at first, persecuted Christians. However, when on a journey to arrest more Christians he saw a vision of Jesus that blinded him, but also converted him. He was then filled with the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel despite threats and knowing that the Jewish leaders were plotting his death.