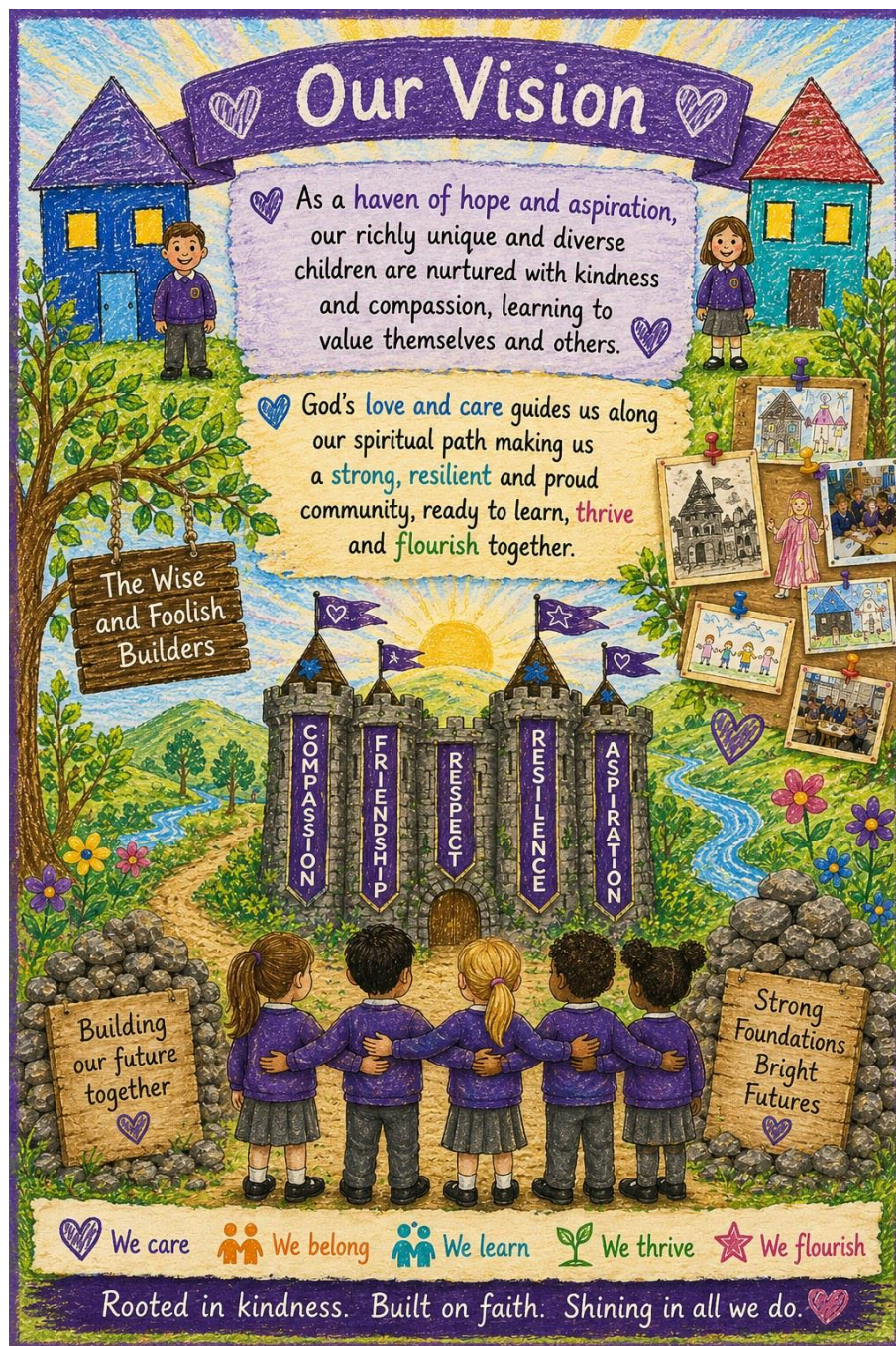
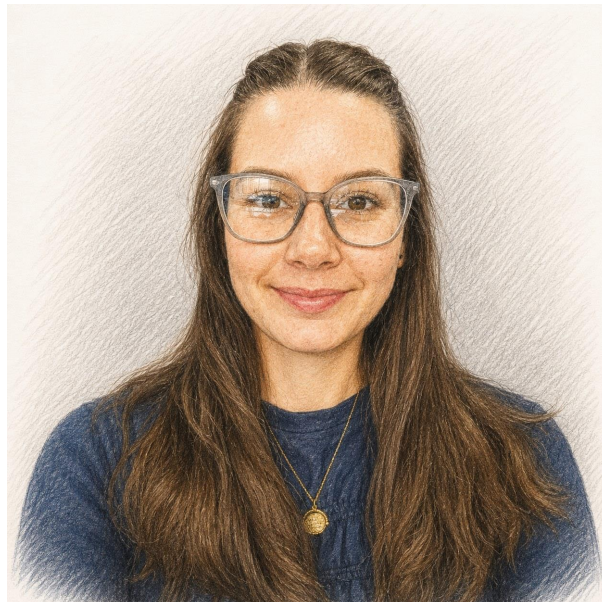




Archbishop Courtenay Primary School -
Friday 9th Oct



Welcome



What a lovely way to end the week with our Harvest Collective Worship! We were delighted to be joined by Alan from Maidstone Homeless Care, who came to collect the generous harvest donations from both our main school and nursery. A huge thank you to all our

families for your kindness and generosity. Your donations will make a real difference to those in our local community who need a little extra support.

Harvest is such a wonderful time of year to stop for a moment and reflect on all that we have to be thankful for, whilst also remembering the importance of sharing what we have with others. It brings to mind the biblical story of Ruth and Boaz, where Boaz showed kindness and compassion by allowing Ruth, who had very little, to gather food from his fields. Rather than keeping everything for himself, he recognised the importance of sharing his abundance with someone in need. It is a lovely reminder that generosity isn't always about giving something big, but about looking out for one another and showing kindness wherever we can. These are values that sit at the heart of our school community and it is wonderful to see them reflected in the generosity of our families.

As the autumn weather begins to turn a little chillier, please can we remind families to ensure children come to school with a warm coat each day. We love making the most of our outdoor spaces and OPAL playtimes, whatever the weather, so having suitable clothing really helps!

Wishing all our families a lovely, restful weekend.



1 - Require medication for anaphylaxis?

Following the new legislation, The School Safety Allergy Bill, 'Benedict's Law', parents must now provide schools with an 'Allergy Action Plan', if their child requires medication for anaphylaxis. This will be provided by the hospital or GP.

If this applies to your child, please ensure you bring the information to the school as soon as possible which will work together with the Healthcare. Any queries please email the school office via office@abc.aquilatrust.co.uk¹

Attendance and Fundraising



Only one week left until we are on the half term holiday and so many of you are going to reach the end of Term 1 with 100% attendance that is fabulous, we are so proud of you. For the few that have had a couple of days illness well done for showing resilience and bouncing back quickly.

School starts at 8.30am and finishes at 3.15pm If you have any difficulties with getting to and from school please note we have full wraparound care with breakfast club starting at 7.30am and after school care available until 6pm.

¹<mailto:office@abc.aquilatrust.co.uk>



2 - Only 4 weeks to go, please make sure you have your tickets preferaby before half term. Bring with you some extra money as there will be food, drinks, glow sticks and many other items for sale on the night.


STALL HOLDERS WANTED
 for our
FIREWORKS DISPLAY EVENT
Wednesday 4th November
from 5pm
 We are looking for a variety of stall holders, including:
 Toys
  Craft items
  Homemade items
  Bakers
  Sweets etc.
 Please get in touch with
 Mrs Barnes at sbarnes@abc.aquilatrust.co.uk
 or Mrs Gooding at tgooding@abc.aquilatrust.co.uk
 or telephone either at **01622754666**
 alternatively pop into school.
 = We look forward to hearing from you! =

3 - We have just a couple of spaces left - please contact us if you would like to join this event



School Year 2026 - 27
Headteacher: Sue Heather
Telephone:
01622 754 666
Start time - 8:30am
Gates close - 8:45am
Finish time - 3:15pm
For latest School information go to:
www.archbishopcourtenay.org.uk
or email:
office@abc.aquilatrust.co.uk
ArchbishopCourtenay

Bank Holiday

Holiday

1:30pm Finish

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4 - Our Pre-Loved Uniform shop will be available on 2nd October from 8.30am

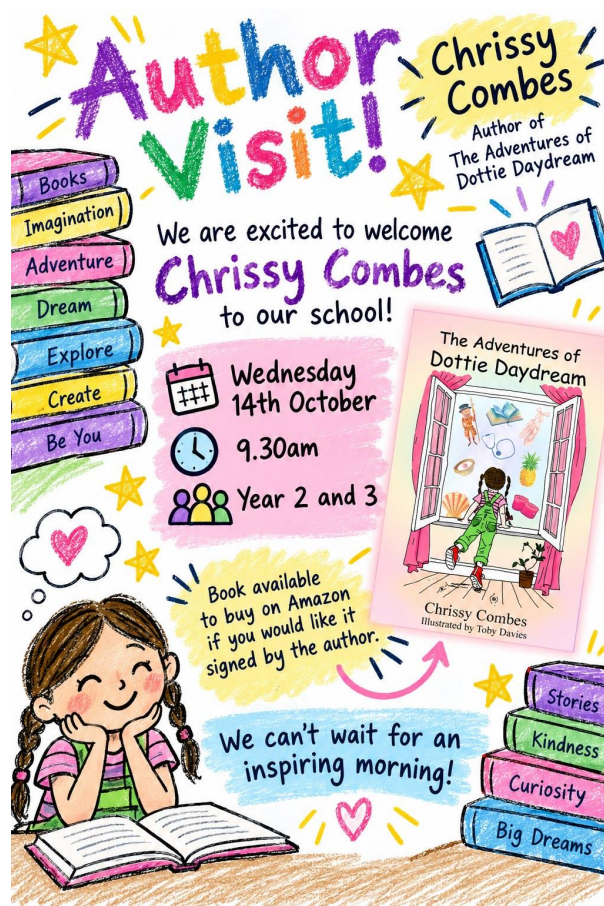
**We have reached our 1
year anniversary!**

**Thank you for all of your
support!**



Join our school lottery and help raise funds for our school PTFA.

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/archbishop-courtenay-primary-school?utm_campaign=tickets-share-panel&utm_source=cause-admin&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink



5 - We look forward to welcoming local author Chrissy Combes into school on the 14th October for Year 2 and 3.

Wrap Around Information



Wraparound:

<https://archbishop-courtenay.cbfs.uk>²

Breakfast (7:30am-8:30am) £4.15

Social Club (3:15pm-4:15pm) £3.10

Wraparound (3:15pm-6pm) £12.50

Tax-free childcare vouchers = 20% off

Universal credits = claim up to 85% back

FOR SUPPORT CONTACT:

archbishop-courtenay@cbfs.uk

01444 523 335

²<https://archbishop-courtenay.cbfs.uk/>

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GIRLS FOOTBALL

SESSION



THURSDAY
4.30PM – 5.30PM



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FOOTBALL SESSION
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Please complete the form to register your contact details.

Dates for Diary



Term 1

Thursday 15th October - Individual Pupil Photographs YR-Y6 (sibling photos from the afternoon, nursery pupils included)

Friday 16th October - Nursery Individual Photographs

FREE SCHOOL MEALS
Have you checked if you qualify?

You could be entitled to free school meals for your child and help save on household costs. It's worth checking!

From September 2026, more families may be entitled than ever before!

Your child may be entitled to free school meals.

You could save money on school lunches.

The school may receive additional funding to support pupils' education.

The application process is quick and confidential.

Even if you don't think you'll qualify, please apply – you have nothing to lose and potentially money to save!

Email on the way next week!

Letter and application form coming home too!

What do I need to do?

- 1 Complete the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.
- 2 We will check your eligibility and let you know the outcome.

Let's hope it's good news!

If you have any questions or would like help completing the form, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support!

Collective Worship



This week, we have had our Outstanding Achievement Assemblies, where it has been wonderful to celebrate and recognise all of the hard work, effort and achievements of our children so far this term. It has been a real joy to see the children proudly sharing their successes and to celebrate their achievements together as a school community. A huge well done to all of our children for their continued hard work, it is lovely to see so many leaves on the tree already!

On Friday, we were delighted to hold our Harvest Festival, led by our fantastic Worship Warriors. This was their first time leading a service, and they did an absolutely amazing job! We are incredibly proud of them for speaking confidently, sharing their ideas and helping our whole school community to reflect on the meaning of harvest.

The Worship Warriors explained to us what harvest is a time for, shared a beautiful harvest poem and told us the story of The Good Samaritan. The story reminded us of the importance of showing kindness and compassion towards others and of being willing to help those in need.

We were also very fortunate to be joined by Alan from Maidstone Homeless Care, who spoke to us about the important work they do to support and serve members of our local community. We were particularly struck by how closely their work reflects our own school values of compassion, respect and friendship. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn more about how we can put these values into action by caring for and supporting others.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our families for your incredible generosity with our Harvest donations. We were completely overwhelmed by the amount of food and other donations received across both school and preschool. Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference, with all of our wonderful Harvest donations being given to Maidstone Homeless Care.

Thank you for helping us to show our children that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference to others.

“Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” – 1 John 3:18



6 - Our Worship Warriors with Alan from Homeless Care.



7 - Our Wonderful Worship Warriors led the Harvest Service today.



8 - Thank you Buttons for your kind donations too!

Are you starting school in September 2027?

Come and visit
♥ Archbishop Courtenay ♥
Primary School.



Tour and presentation:
Thursday
5th November
at 9am or 2pm



Tour and presentation:
Wednesday
11th November
at 9am



Tour and presentation:
Thursday
19th November
at 9am



Please sign up
on the form link

Starting EYFS in September 2027? Book onto a tour now:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/EeDY1iUwZT?origin=lprLink>

Nursery



We've had another super busy but fun week at Buttons! We've been getting creative with lots of autumn crafts and enjoyed exploring different activities with conkers, including painting and counting them. We've also been talking lots about how the weather is changing as we move further into autumn, and the children have loved going on little hunts around the garden to find fallen leaves. 🍂👉

The children enjoyed cleaning our dirty pumpkins and using tongs to carefully free the spiders trapped in our webs. These activities were great for developing our fine motor skills while having lots of fun! We loved planting our bulbs this week and can't wait to watch them grow! We look forward to hearing all about your plants at home and seeing how they grow over the coming weeks. Some of our children have purchased their preschool uniform, and they look lovely! The children are so excited to wear the same uniform as their teachers and their big brothers and sisters. If you would like to purchase uniform, it is available from

A big thank you to everyone who generously donated tins and dried food for our Harvest Festival. We really appreciate your kindness and support!

❤️ Don't forget that **preschool photographs are taking place next Friday, if it is not your session then please come to the main school hall for 9am.** We're looking forward to our last week of term, filled with even more autumn crafts and exciting activities for the children to enjoy before the half-term break. We hope you all have a lovely weekend! 💛

Our Nursery children are more than welcome to wear our school uniform - you might find the purple polos and jumpers useful items. <https://pages-schoolwear.co.uk/products/product?id=590>

Please make sure you have signed up to Childcare Bookings for Schools so we can process Free Childcare hours and invoices.

<https://archbishop-courtenay.cbfs.uk>³



EYFS: Darling and Rashford



What a wonderful week it has been in EYFS! We have been busy learning, exploring, imagining and, most importantly, having lots of fun along the way.

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In Drawing Club this week, our focus text has been the much-loved story 'Owl Babies'. We have been getting to know the three owl characters — Sarah, Percy and Bill — and thinking carefully about how they might be feeling at different points in the story. We particularly focused on the part where Mummy Owl flies away and the babies are left waiting for her to return. We talked about their feelings of worry and sadness and then how these feelings changed when Mummy Owl came back. The children then had a go at drawing the three owl babies and identifying some of the sounds they could hear in words to help them write. We were particularly impressed with some fantastic attempts to use phonics knowledge to write the word 'sad'! What super phonics detectives we have! This week we also had an Adventure Time in Drawing Club, where we use our imaginations to create a new scenario for the story. We wondered where Mummy Owl might have flown off to. The children came up with some wonderful ideas — perhaps she had gone shopping, gone for a coffee or even gone to have her nails done! We certainly have some very imaginative children in EYFS!

In RE, we have been learning about the Creation Story and thinking about the question: "I wonder who made the world?" We learnt about how some Christians believe that God created the world in seven days and explored what was made on each of the different days. The children enjoyed talking about the world around them and sharing their own thoughts and ideas about how the world came to be.

In maths, we have been learning about the composition of the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have been exploring how smaller numbers and parts can be put together to make a whole number. The children have been developing their understanding that numbers can be made up in different ways and have enjoyed using practical resources to investigate and explore these combinations.

This week was also a very exciting milestone for our EYFS children as we attended our first whole-school collective worship for our Harvest Festival! We were incredibly proud of the children as they performed 'Dingle, Dangle Scarecrow' in front of the whole school. They stood up in front of everyone and sang beautifully — what a fantastic achievement when they have only been at school for a few weeks! Everyone was so impressed with how confidently they joined in, and we certainly think they deserve a huge round of applause!

🌟 Well done, Darling and Rashford Classes! 🌟

We are so incredibly proud of everything you have achieved this week. You have settled into school life wonderfully and continue to amaze us with your confidence, curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. Keep shining, EYFS!

Year 1 & 2 Rowling, Attenborough and Frank



Autumn has definitely arrived this week, with cooler temperatures, changing leaves and plenty of signs of the new season around us. The children have enjoyed a busy week of learning and have continued to show curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm in all that they have done.

Curious Quest

In Curious Quest, the children had an exciting challenge: they had to help their faithful friends safely pass the giant fly trap. They worked together to think carefully about the problem and to suggest imaginative ways of keeping the characters safe.

The children used the book *How to Grow a Unicorn* as their inspiration for writing and inventing. For example, they thought about how they might design a special creature, create a magical invention or explain how something unusual could be made. This encouraged them to use their imaginations while also choosing interesting vocabulary for their ideas.

They also asked and wrote questions to one of the characters, Sarah. The children considered what they would like to find out about her experiences and the challenges she had faced. They then used question words such as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why* and *how* to help them write their questions clearly.

Religious Education

In RE, the children discussed how Christians say sorry to God. We explored the idea that Christians can talk to God through prayer and tell Him that they are sorry when they have done something wrong. The children shared examples of simple prayers, such as, "Dear God, I am sorry for being unkind," or, "I am sorry for not telling the truth. Please help me to make a better choice."

We also discussed the reasons why we might have to say sorry. The children thought about situations such as hurting someone's feelings, not sharing, being unkind, breaking something or making a choice that they know was wrong. We talked about how saying sorry should be

sincere and how we can show that we mean it by trying to put things right and making a kinder choice next time.

Geography

In Geography, the children went on a habitat hunt in their local area, within the school grounds. They looked carefully for different plants, animals and insects, considering the places where living things might be found. They explored areas such as grass, trees, flowerbeds and spaces beneath leaves or logs.

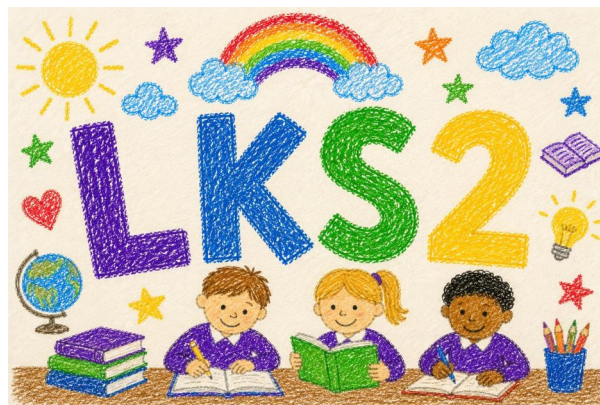
After their hunt, the children recorded their findings using tally charts. They practised grouping their observations and counting accurately, helping them to see which living things they had found most often. This was a lovely opportunity to connect our classroom learning with the environment around us.

PE

In PE, the children have continued their gymnastics topic by creating a sequence of movements. They practised joining actions together smoothly and thought about how to move safely, with control and balance. A simple sequence might include travelling forwards, making a star jump, holding a balance on one foot, turning carefully and finishing in a still shape. The children worked hard to remember the order of their movements and to perform their sequences with confidence.

Next week will be the last week of term. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

[Year 3 & 4 Jobs, Shakespeare and Pankhurst](#)



This week we have celebrated the first of our students in their Outstanding Achievement Assemblies. It was lovely to see so many families come along and join us at such a wonderful time. It was very clear from the leaf comments that the nominated children have many amazing qualities and core values in place, for which they should be incredibly proud! It was brilliant to hear about the resilience, determination, care and pride the children use in

their work and how they show kindness, care and compassion in their interactions with the school communities.

Here is an overview of this weeks learning:

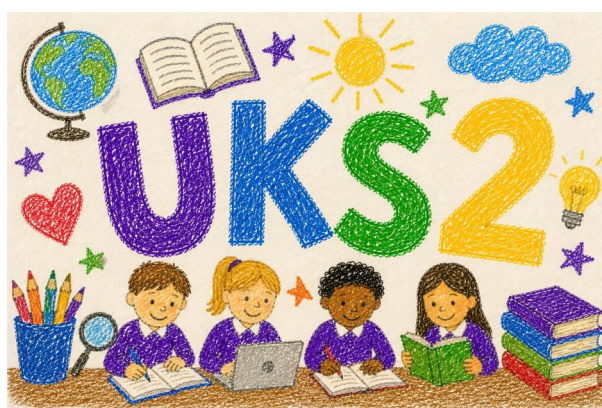
English: This week, we explored the different parts of a story, learning how to sequence events from the beginning through to the middle and end. We focused on how authors introduce a problem, develop the events of a story, resolve the problem and create a suitable ending.

Maths: In Maths, we began our work on addition and subtraction. We explored how to use number lines to help us calculate and investigated related number facts to identify fact families. This helped us to understand the links between addition and subtraction and develop our confidence when working with numbers.

RE: In RE, we thought about our spiritual impact on the world around us and considered how our actions could affect others and the wider world. We also explored why rules and agreements were important in our lives, helping us to understand how they supported our communities and encouraged us to live well together.

Geography: In Geography, we learnt about the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon Rainforest. We explored their ways of life, homes, traditions and relationships with the natural environment. We compared their lives with our own, identifying similarities and differences and developing our understanding of how people live in different parts of the world.

Year 5 & 6 Simmonds, Curie and Luther-King



What a week we have had in UKS2! The children have been working incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum, and it has been fantastic to see their determination, enthusiasm and growing confidence.

 **Year 6 – SATs Practice Papers**

Year 6 will be bringing home their SATs practice papers from last week, along with their scores. Please take some time to go through these with your child, celebrating what they have done well and identifying any areas they may find more challenging.

In school, we will be using the results to identify any gaps in learning and the areas where individual children may need some additional support or practice. It would be wonderful if you could do the same at home, helping your child to build their confidence and focus on the areas they need to strengthen. By working together, we can help the children feel as prepared as possible to **smash their SATs in May!** 🌟

English – Tigers and OlexAI

This week, we have been trying out an exciting new tool called OlexAI. This website allows our Year 5 and 6 children to upload their writing and receive feedback on what they have done well, as well as suggestions for how they can edit and improve their work. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children to reflect on their writing, develop their editing skills and take greater ownership of their learning.

We have also been gathering facts and information about why tigers are endangered. The children have been researching and collecting ideas to help them prepare for their final piece of writing next week. We are looking forward to seeing how they use their research and writing skills to produce some fantastic work!

Maths – The Four Operations

Across UKS2, we have been busy developing our skills in the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In Luther-King class, the children have been tackling the sometimes-dreaded long division! They have been working hard to understand the method and build their confidence, discovering that it isn't quite as tricky as it first seemed. In fact, one group even commented, *"We didn't know long division could be fun!"* Who knew maths could be so exciting? It's been wonderful to see the children persevering, supporting one another and celebrating their progress.

RE – Planning a Church Service

In RE this week, we have been thinking about the different components of a church service and what makes it meaningful for Christians. We explored how we might plan our own service to share God's love and communicate the belief that God is holy.

The children have been considering the different elements that could be included and how each part might help people to worship, reflect and feel connected to God.

Geography – Our Local Area: Maidstone

This week in Geography, we turned our attention to our very own local area! We have been exploring Maidstone, thinking about the places people can visit, the things they can see and the activities they can enjoy.

The children used their knowledge and research to create leaflets showcasing everything that makes Maidstone a wonderful place to explore. As the home of Kent, there is certainly plenty to celebrate, and it has been lovely to see the children sharing their knowledge and pride in our local area.

What a fantastic week of learning! We are incredibly proud of the hard work, resilience and positive attitudes shown by our Year 5 and 6 children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support at home. We look forward to another brilliant week ahead!

Kind regards,

The UKS2 Team

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We are here to help you so please never be afraid to get in touch

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