

## How can I help my child's learning at home?

**There are many things that you can do as a parent to assist your child with their learning:**

- Daily reading
- Sound recognition
- Letter and number formation
- Name writing
- Reading and Writing CVC words
  - Counting
- Representing numbers

## Reception

### Reading:

Reading is a whole-school focus for us this year and it is essential for your child to be able to read for pleasure both in school and at home. Please ensure your child is reading a range of books, both fiction and non-fiction and talk to your child about their reading. **Please also remember write a comment in their reading record to let us know how they are getting on with their reading with you at home!**

Remember that reading books should be brought in on a **Friday** so they can be isolated for 72 hours to be then changed and given out on a Monday.

Please ensure absences are kept to a minimum this term and that you continue to support your child with their home learning. If there is ever a problem, try to let us know as soon as possible, so that we are able to help the best that we can!

- Contact us by phone at: **01253 402936**
- Use our ParentApp
- Look at our school website at:  
<https://www.gateway.fcat.org.uk/>
- Find out what we've been up to on or school Twitter



Useful websites for fun learning activities include:

[www.play.numbots.com](http://www.play.numbots.com)  
[www.coolmath4kids.com/](http://www.coolmath4kids.com/)  
[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)  
[www.purplemash.com](http://www.purplemash.com)  
[www.charanga.com](http://www.charanga.com)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/)

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**Mrs Balshaw and Miss Smith**

## Writing>>>



- We will continue to use our Phonics to help us with our writing.
- We will be writing about how we celebrated Christmas and the exciting things we got up to over the holidays.
- We will be writing a recount of our dinosaur egg hunt.
- We will be writing invitations, menus and instructions when we look at Chinese New Year.
- We will be writing about Easter and looking at how it is celebrated.



## Maths >>>

- Children to continue to develop counting principles. Counting to 10 forwards and backwards
- Subitising Numbers
- Recap of shapes 2D and 3D.
- Comparing numbers.
- Number
- Pattern
- Capacity – Weight and length

Can your child form all of their letters correctly and neatly?

Themes -

Out of the Egg  
Chinese New Year  
Easter

Can your child confidently count forwards and backwards to 10?

## The 'Arts' (PE/Music/Drama/Dance>>>)

PE – Fundamentals – Locomotion – Moving and travelling in different ways.  
Dragon dances and ribbon dances for Chinese New Year.  
Music – Blackpool Council music sessions weekly.  
Listening to music used during Chinese New Year and learning the 'Kung Hei Fat Choi' song.

## Topic

Understanding the World –

- Making maps of the playground and finding the eggs.
- Seasons – Spring – Comparing to Winter.
- Food Tasting.

RE – Celebrations – Christmas - Holi  
Festival of Colour – Hinduism.

## Dates for your diary

**PE** – It will be every **Wednesday**. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct PE uniform

**Home reading** – Please ensure you are reading with your child at home and returning the school book weekly so it can be changed.