

## 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:**

- Please follow the steps sent out for home reading and try to follow the 5-day plan.
- Help your child to achieve their reading, writing and handwriting targets.
- Practise retelling the story the children are learning in class.
- Practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.
- Practise number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Use Bugclub regularly
- Encourage your child to talk about the learning they have done at school.
- Tell us about achievements at home – **every step of your child's development is important to us!**

**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/)

## Year 2

### 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!**

**Further information regarding home reading books and the day of the week in which books will be changed will be provided to you in September.**

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

- Use our ParentApp
- Contact us by phone at: **01253 402936**
- Look at our school website at:  
<https://www.gateway.fcat.org.uk/>
- Find out what we've been up to on our school Twitter page at: <https://twitter.com/gatewayfcat?lang=en-gb>



## Teaching and Learning Newsletter

Autumn term  
Year 2

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### Writing>>>

This term we will be using our Talk for Writing skills to learn and write about four different stories and texts:

- 1) Lost and found
- 2) A recount
- 3) The Elves and the shoemaker
- 4) Factfile about Elves

Our main focus will be getting the children to write sentences using **capital letters and full stops** correctly. We will also be developing their sentence structure ensuring they write **sequenced sentences**.

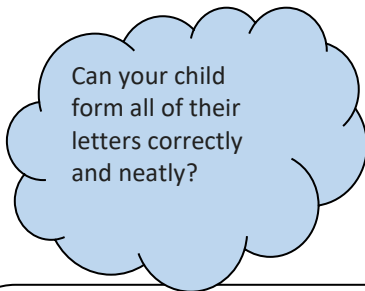


### Maths >>>

This term we will be focusing on **place value** and **addition and subtraction**.

Children will be learning to :

- recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number
- compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100; use <, > and = signs
- add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally, including: a two-digit number and 1s and a two-digit number and 10s



### Religious Education (RE)

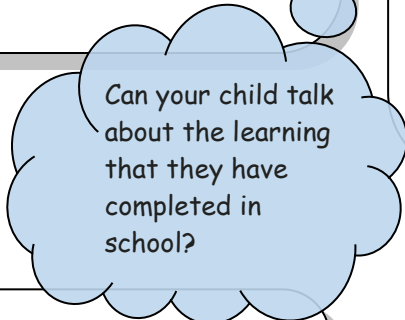
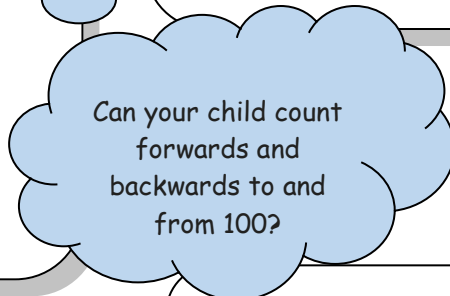
**Our key learning question in RE will be:**

**Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?**

We will be exploring the word kindness and how people believe Jesus showed kindness and why.

**Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?**

We will be exploring The Christmas story particularly focusing on the beliefs of Christians with regards to how and why Jesus was given to the world.



### The 'Arts'

#### (PE/Music/Drama/Dance>>>

**PE-** We will be focusing on our **fundamental skills** this half term and learning to use teamwork and build up our resilience.

**Music** – We will be building on our skills from Year 1 and learning to perform the song **'Hands, feet, heart.'**

### Humanities and Science

**History and Geography:**

Our topics are:

**Blackpool in the past and around the world.**

Our key learning questions will be:

How has Blackpool Seaside changed since the 1900s?

How is Africa different from our country?

**Science:**

Our topics are:

**Animals including humans**

We will be exploring the fact that animals have offspring which grow into adults, the basic needs of animals and healthy lifestyles.

**Living things and their habitats**

We will be exploring things that are living, dead, and have never been alive, looking at a range of habitats including microhabitats and describing the structure of simple food chains.

### Dates for your diary

**PE** – Day to be confirmed. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct PE uniform

**Home reading** – Books will go out every week and are expected back in school on the book changing day. Please use the 5-day plan shared with you on class dojo.