

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

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

- Try to hear your child read every night for at least 5-10 minutes – *discuss what they have read, and the meaning of new words. Enjoy this time together!*
- Help your child to achieve their reading, writing and handwriting targets.
- Practice the 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- Encourage your child to complete their homework each week.
- 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.transum.org/Tables/Times_Tables.asp
www.coolmath4kids.com/
www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/
www.maths-games.org/
www.mathsisfun.com/games/index.html
www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/

Year 1

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



Teaching and Learning Newsletter

**Autumn Term
Year 1**

Teachers: Mrs Eddisford & Miss Unsworth

**Blackpool Gateway Academy
Seymour Rd
Blackpool
FY1 6JH**



Writing>>>

This half term we will be using our Talk for Writing skills to write. We will be looking at traditional tales including The Enormous Turnip and The Little Red Hen. We will also be looking at some non-fiction texts about animals. We will be trying to use our phonics to spell words and we will be writing label and short sentences.



Maths >>>

This half term we will be

We will be ordering and comparing numbers to 10. We will then move on to numbers to 20- we will be discussing their place value.

We will also be looking at addition and subtraction to 10.



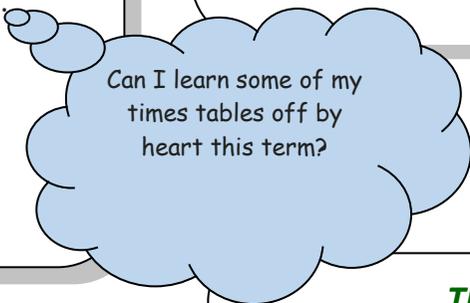
I wonder how old Queen Elizabeth is? How long has she been our queen?

Religious Education (RE)

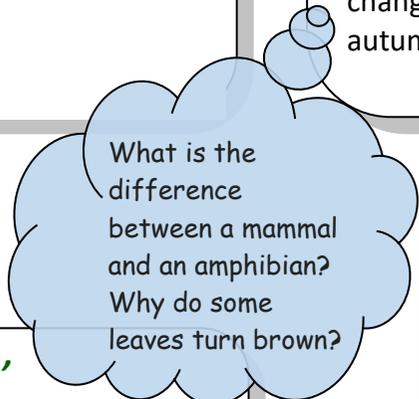
Our key learning question in RE will be:

Does God want Christians to look after the world?

What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if He had been born here rather than in Bethlehem?



Can I learn some of my times tables off by heart this term?



What is the difference between a mammal and an amphibian? Why do some leaves turn brown?

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

PE- We will be focusing on the fundamentals- running, skipping, jumping etc

Music – we will be investigating different pieces of music and finding the beat.

Humanities and Science

History/Geography : We will be learning about The Queen and her family. We will also be looking at how she celebrates her birthday. In geography we will be looking the seasons, hot and cold climates and how our weather changes.

Science: Our Topic is animals, including humans. We are looking at how we can group animals- reptiles, mammals, amphibians, birds, fish etc. We will also be looking at which animals are herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. After half term we will be looking at seasonal change and how our environment changes in autumn.

Dates for your diary

PE day is every Thursday.

Reading books need to be returned every Friday.