

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 the 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- Practise number bonds to 10, 20 and 100
- Use numbots and 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
www.coolmath4kids.com/
www.topmarks.co.uk
www.purplemash.com
www.charanga.com
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!**

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



Teaching and Learning Newsletter

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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) Jack and the beanstalk
- 2) How to trap a Giant
- 3) The Papaya that spoke
- 4) The Great Fire of London

Our main focus will be getting the children to write sentences using **capital letters and full stops** correctly. We will also be developing the use of **expanded noun phrases** within our writing and the use of **conjunctions**.



Maths >>>

This term we will be focusing on **multiplication and division** and **statistics**.

Children will be learning to :

- Use their 2, 5 and 10 times tables for multiplication and division
- Draw and interpret pictograms
- Draw and identify the features of 2D and 3D shapes.

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

Religious Education (RE)

Our key learning question in RE will be:

Does praying a lot help a Muslim in their everyday life?
We will be exploring how it feels to do something many times, how Muslims pray, beginning to explain why they do this and describe the Muslim prayer routine.

Can your child count forwards and backwards in 2's, 5's and 10's to 100?

Can your child talk about the learning that they have completed in school?

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 learning to perform the song 'I wanna play in a band' and the song 'Zootime.'

Humanities and Science

History:

Our topics are:

Famous explorers and the Great Fire of London

Our key learning questions will be:

Why were Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong very brave people?

How did the Great Fire of London change things.

Science:

Our topic is:

Materials

The children will be using their investigation skills and learning to:

-identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses

-find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching

Dates for your diary

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

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