

## 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 100.
- Use your SAT's pack and play the different games to support your child with their SPAG and Maths.
- 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.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/)  
[www.coolmath4kids.com/](http://www.coolmath4kids.com/)

## 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 for their 3 different books.***

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 our school Twitter page at:  
<https://twitter.com/gatewayfcat?lang=en-gb>



## Teaching and Learning Newsletter

Summer Term 2022

Year 2

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**Writing>>>**

This term we will be using our Talk for Writing to support use in writing using a range of different text types:

- 1) Fictional stories
- 2) Non-fiction texts and
- 3) Poetry

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**.

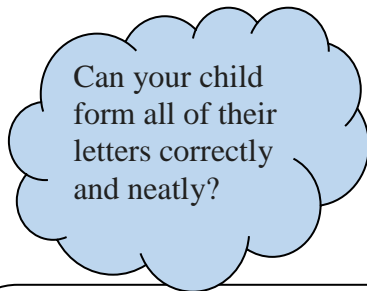


**Maths >>>**

This term we will be focusing on **Multiplication and division, geometry and statistics**.

Children will be learning to :

- Know their times table for 2, 5 and 10's.
- Able to divide by 2, 5 and 10.
- Recognise a range of 2d and 3d shapes.
- Recognise the properties of a range of shapes.
- Interpret and create pictograms.



**Religious Education (RE)**

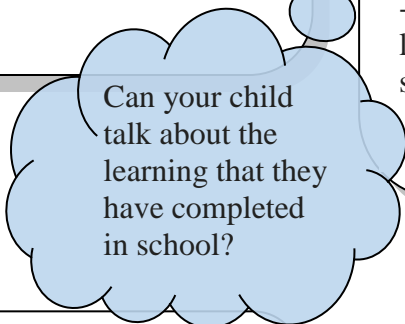
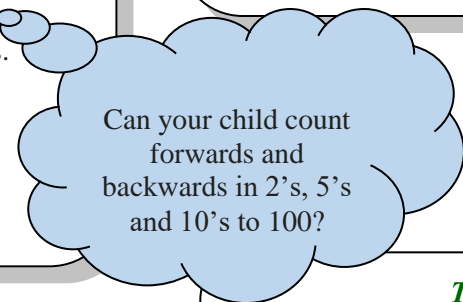
**Our key learning questions in RE will be:**

1) Does going to a Mosque give Muslims a sense of belonging?

We will be exploring what happens when Muslims pray alone or at a Mosque and how they feel a sense of belonging.

2) Does completing Hajj make a person a better Muslim?

We will be learning about events that happen during Hajj, explain why these are important and the significance of Hajj to Muslims.



**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 be learning to perform the song 'Friendship song.'

**Humanities and Science**

**History and Geography:**

Our topics are:

**The Great fire of London and** Hot and cold places

Our key learning questions will be:

**How did the Great fire of London change things?**

Can a meerkat live in the North Pole?

**Science:**

Our topic is:

**Plants**

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

- observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants
- find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

**Dates for your diary**

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

**Home reading** – Books need to be brought in everyday for school. Please use the 5 day plan shared with you on class dojo.