

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!*
- Handwriting practice.
- Access home learning websites such as TT Rockstars for maths and Bug Club for reading.
- Times Tables. Start with 3, 4, 8, 5, 10. Once you know your child is confident move on to 6, 7, 9.
- Tell us about achievements at home – ***every step of your child's development is important to us!*** You can do this through Dojo.

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 3

Reading:

Reading is highly important and we ask that your child reads at home as much as possible. Please log this in your child's reading log each time. There are positive rewards for reading at home.

We also value parents reading to their child. This is great 1:1 time with your child but it also introduces them to new vocabulary and language.

Reading books are due in on a Friday and will be changed and returned on a Monday.

Where can my child access books/texts?

-Home reading books
-Bug Club
-ePlatform digital library
-Stories from the library

- 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>



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Writing

This term we will be using our Talk for Writing skills to write. Our focus this term:

- Fiction Texts: Fairy Tale- Lazy Jack, Beating the Monster and The Cobbler of Krakow and Smok the Dragon.
- Non-Fiction: Discussion- 'Should children be allowed a playtime?' and Instructions- How to trap a wolf.



Maths

This half term we will be covering different aspects of maths integrating problem solving and skills:

- Money
- Measure, Capacity and Temperature
- Length and Perimeter
- Fractions
- Statistics

PSHE

- Physical, Emotional and Mental Well Being and Sleep
- Clear Messages, How to Listen, Different Communities, School Communities

French

All About Me- Age, where you live, numbers 10-20, weather, alphabet.

Talk to your child about what your beliefs are. Do they have any opinions?

Religious Education (RE)

Our key learning questions in RE will be:

- Could Jesus heal people?
- What is good about 'Good Friday'?

Theme/Topic: Christian Beliefs

We will be looking at:

- Healing miracles
- Christian viewpoints
- Interpretations of miracles
- The Easter Story
- The Crucifixion

Practise times tables at home

Use books from the library or the internet to help your child find out more about these things!

The 'Arts' (Computing, Music, PE, Art, DT)

Computing - Branching Databases and Graphing, Touch typing and emails.

Music - We will be learning and performing Three Little Birds and The Dragon Song.

Art- Van Gogh- Plants

PE- Gymnastics- Linking movements together, Balances, Athletics and Throwing and catching.

DT- Pneumatics - Moving Dragons

Science

Plants

We will be identifying and describing plants and the functions of the parts of the plant. We will explore growth and what a plant needs to stay alive. We will investigate ways in which water is transported in plants and the role that plants play in pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.

Key Skills

- Make observations and comparisons.
- Draw conclusions from results and use scientific knowledge to explain them.
- To measure length and liquid using simple measuring equipment effectively.
- To consider what makes a test fair or unfair and with support plan a fair test.
- To collect evidence in a variety of contexts to answer a question.

Geography

North America- What different things make up America?

We will be locating North America on a map, labelling the different countries and states and comparing landscapes.

We will also be comparing New York City, New York State and Blackpool to find similarities and differences.

History

Ancient Greece- Why has Greece always been in the news?

We will be studying Greek life, their achievements and their influence on the western world.