

## 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.
- Practise the 2, 3, 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](http://www.transum.org/Tables/Times_Tables.asp)  
[www.coolmath4kids.com/](http://www.coolmath4kids.com/)  
[www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/](http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/)  
[www.maths-games.org/](http://www.maths-games.org/)  
[www.mathsisfun.com/games/index.html](http://www.mathsisfun.com/games/index.html)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/)

## Year 3

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



## Teaching and Learning Newsletter

**Spring Term 2021  
Year 3**

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### Writing>>>

This half term we will be using our Talk for Writing skills to write.

We will be looking at the stories:

- Beating the Monster
- Mythical Beasts



### Maths >>>

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

- Multiplication and Division
- Money
- Statistics

### Religious Education (RE)

Our key learning question in RE will be:  
**Could Jesus heal people?**

**Theme/Topic: Christian Beliefs**

We will be looking at:

- Healing miracles
- Christian viewpoints
- Interpretations of miracles

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

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' (PE/Music/Drama/Dance>>>

**PE-** We will be practising our PE skills with Gymnastics and linking movements together.

**Music** – We will be learning and performing Three Little Birds by Bob Marley.

### Humanities and Science

**Greece :** We will be learning about why Greece has always been in the news.

**Science:** Our Topic is '**Plants**'

- I can identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants
- I can explore the requirement of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow)
- I can investigate the way in which water is transported within plants
- I can explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal

### Dates for your diary

January 4<sup>th</sup>- Back to school

February 12<sup>th</sup>- Break up for half term