

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 times tables! Children need to be able to recall all their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year.
- Tell us about achievements at home – ***every step of your child's development is important to us!***

Year 4

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 4**

Teachers: Mr Snelling and Ms Sinclair

Useful websites for fun learning activities include:

- [www. https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0](https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0)
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/

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Writing>>>

As writers we will be continuing to develop our writing skills through the Talk 4 Writing approach. This term, we will be focusing on writing suspense stories, information texts and instructional texts. The texts we will be learning are:

'Zelda Cat and the Rain Cat' & 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy'



Maths >>>

As mathematicians this term we will be exploring:

- Place Value
- Measure
- Capacity & Temperature
- Addition and Subtraction
- Time

We will also be focusing on improving fluency in times tables and rapid recall of number facts.

What is the value of each number?

How many metres are in a kilometre?

What is the impact of beliefs and practices on individuals, groups and communities?

When and where did Buddhism begin?

Religious Education (RE)

During our RE lessons this term we will be learning about:

Islam – How does visiting a Mosque and completing Hajj support Islam?

Buddhism – Is it possible for everybody to be happy?

Humanities and Science

History- The Romans. Who were the Romans and how did they change the Britain we know today?

Geography- Rivers. Why are rivers important?

Science: As scientists we will be:
-Animals including humans

Why did the Romans come to Britain?

The 'Arts' PE & Music

PE-

In our PE lessons this term we will be taking part in Dance. During these lessons we will be creating sequences based around our topic theme of the Romans. The second half of the term we will be exploring invasion games through Hockey.

Music –

The Blackpool Music Service is with year 4 this year providing weekly wider opportunities to the children.