

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



## Teaching and Learning Newsletter

**Spring Term  
Year 4**

**Teachers: Mr Walch 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](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/)

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## Writing>>>

This term 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 persuasive texts and fantasy stories. The texts we will be learning are:

'Make PlayStations available for school' & 'The Magician's Shop'



## Maths >>>

As mathematicians this term we will be exploring:

- Multiplication and division
- Measurement (length and perimeter)
- Measurement (area)
- Fractions
- Decimals

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

What is a fraction?

How many centimetres are in one metre?

Could Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?

Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?

## Religious Education (RE)

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

Buddhism – We will be looking at the teachings of Buddha and exploring what he taught about change.

Christianity- We are learning to understand how Jesus' life, death and resurrection teaches Christians about forgiveness.

## The 'Arts' (PE/Music/Drama/Dance>>>

### PE-

In our PE lessons this term we will be taking part in gymnastics. During these lessons we will develop skills such as balancing and flexibility.

### Music –

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

## Humanities and Science

**History-** As Historians we will be learning about what law is and why we have laws in our country. We will be researching about the beginnings of parliament and the first steps towards democracy in our country.

**Science:** As scientists we will be:

- Exploring states of matter
- Learning all about the water cycle
- Investigating sound.

Who were the first law makers?  
What are the three main states of matter?

## Dates for your diary