

## 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 all of the times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12
- 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 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. Remember to keep logging in to your Bug Club online account. ***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!***

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

**Summer Term 2022  
Year 4**

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## Writing

Throughout the Summer term, we will continue to be using 'Talk for Writing' as a stimulus for delivering our writing units.

We will be exploring a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, concentrating on various punctuation and grammar skills relevant to the genre, including:

Creating complex sentences with adverb starters.

Identifying, selecting and using determiners.

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

## Reading

Throughout the Summer term, we will continue to be using a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to improve our reading skills.

In particular, we will continue to focus on an increased fluency in reading aloud, the use of punctuation to aid expression, identifying key features of texts, and beginning to be able to express opinions, providing evidence to support these.

## PE

During the Summer term, will be developing the fundamental skills of balance and movement through gymnastics.

## Maths

This term we will be covering different aspects of maths, integrating problem solving and skills wherever possible.

The main topics that will be covered are:

- Number: Multiplication and Division, Addition and subtraction.
- Measurement: Money
- Statistics

Practise recalling your multiplication and division facts for your times tables



## Science and Technology

**Science:** As scientists this term we will be learning about living things and their habitats.

*We will be exploring: classification keys, the characteristics of living things and positive and negative changes in our local environment.*

**DT:** In Summer 2 we will be creating our very own light-up toy!

*We will be exploring: how to create a product that uses both electrical and mechanical components.*

How could we group living things?

## Religious Education (RE)

During Summer 1, we will be continuing our learning about Buddhism. The key question is 'What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life?'

In Summer 2, We will move on to exploring Christianity, asking the key question 'Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians?'

## Humanities

**History:** During Summer 1 we will be starting a History unit on the Indus valley.

*We will be exploring: What we can learn from the Indus Valley civilization and how they developed the world we know today.*

**Geography:** During Summer 2 we will be learning about the Amazon basin in South America.

*We will be exploring: Why the Amazon basin is important, what the threats to the Amazon are and the human and physical features of the Manaus.*

## The 'Arts'

**Music** – Blackpool Music Service continue to be working with year 4 to provide weekly wider opportunities to the children.

**Art:** In Summer 1 we will be creating portraits in the style of Pablo Picasso.