

## 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.
- Encourage your child to complete their reading journal activity!
- 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 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

**Autumn Term  
Year 4**

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### Writing>>>

This half term we will be using our 'Talk 4 Writing' skills to write.

We will be looking at a range of texts, including Kassim and the Greedy Dragon, the fable of the mouse and the lion.

We will be learning new skills for descriptive writing, including using: expanded noun phrases, figurative language, adverbs and making use of thesauruses!

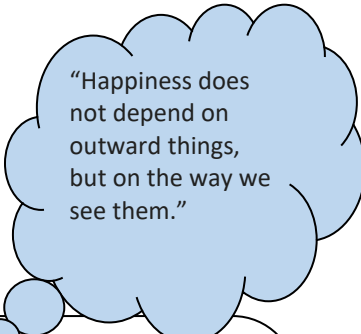


### Maths >>>

This half term we will be focusing on place value. This is ensuring the children have a solid foundation of understanding in reading, ordering, and partitioning numbers up to 10,000.

The children will also be learning formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division!

Any extra practice at home would be great!



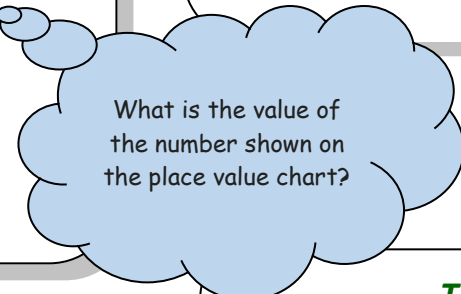
"Happiness does not depend on outward things, but on the way we see them."

### Religious Education (RE)

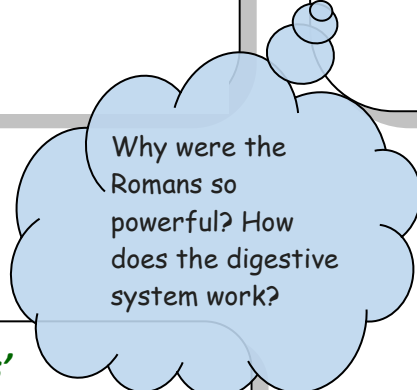
Our key learning question in RE will be:

- What is happiness?

The children will be learning about the life and teachings of Buddha.



What is the value of the number shown on the place value chart?



Why were the Romans so powerful? How does the digestive system work?

### Humanities and Science

**History/Geography:** We will be learning about the Romans!

Children will be given the opportunity to travel back in time and explore the life of the Ancient Romans!

**Science:** Our Topic is Animals Including Humans!

Throughout the topic, the children will learn all about the different bodily functions and complete some exciting investigations along the way!

### The 'Arts'

#### (PE/Music/Drama/Dance>>>

**PE-** In PE, the children are learning attacking and defending tactics!

**Music** – Our pupils are learning rhythm and pace with the help of Blackpool Music Service. The other class will get this opportunity later in the year.

### Dates for your diary