

## 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 5

### **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

**Spring Term 2022**  
**Year 5**

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## Writing



Throughout the Spring 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:

- Varying sentence openers
- Fronted adverbials
- Subordinate clauses

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

## Reading

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

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

## 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:

- Place Value
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions
- Geometry

Practise recalling your multiplication and division facts for your times tables



## Science and Technology

**Science:** In Spring 1 we will be learning about Forces, moving onto Changes in Materials in Spring 2.

**DT :** In Spring 2 we will be researching Mexican food and tasting a range of traditional Mexican foods before creating our own dish

**Computing:** Autumn 1 begins with exploring spreadsheets and their uses before creating our own games using 'Game creator'.

## Humanities

**Geography:** During Spring 1 we will be starting a Geography unit on Volcanoes. The key question is: 'What's inside a volcano?'  
**We will be exploring:** *what a volcano is, identifying features, naming famous volcanoes and their impact on the environment.*

**History:** During Spring 2 we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. The key question will be, 'Who were the Ancient Egyptians and what can we learn from them?'

**We will be exploring:** *Who the Ancient Egyptians were, when they lived in History, What their daily lives were like, gods and goddesses and important events.*

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

## The 'Arts'

**Music** – We begin the Spring term focusing on the pop song, 'Make you feel my love' by Adele. Then, we will move onto 'French Prince of Bel Air', where various different musical skills are improved using this well-known song.

**Art** – We will be exploring the famous artist, 'Henri Rousseau' as part of our topic on Rainforests. We will be researching the work of this famous artist before planning and creating our own pieces of Art inspired by him.

## Religious Education (RE)

During Spring 1 Year 5 will be learning about Sikhism. The key question is 'Are Sikh stories important today?'

In Spring 2, we will move on to exploring Christianity and the key question will be 'How significant is it that Christians believe that God intended Jesus to die?'