

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
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/

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

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Writing

Throughout the autumn 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
- Using commas to indicate clauses

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

Reading

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

In particular 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 opinions, providing evidence to support these.

PE and Dance

PE: We will be learning to improve our ball skills and securing our understanding of attacking and defending roles in Invasion games.

Practise recalling your multiplication and division facts for your times tables

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: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division
- Statistics
- Perimeter



Science and Technology

Science: We will be learning about Earth and Space, moving onto Animals, including Humans.
We will be exploring:

DT : We will be creating a Moving Toy.
We will be exploring: how cam mechanisms are used to aid movement.

Computing: We begin with online safety and databases before moving onto Coding.

We will be exploring: making sure that we know how to be safe when we are online, using databases to create and represent information on a line graph, and creating our own algorithms.

Religious Education (RE)

Year 5 will be learning about Hinduism. The key question is 'How does visiting the River Ganges connect you to Brahman?'

We will move on to exploring Sikhism, asking the key question 'How far would a Sikh go for his or her religion?'

Humanities

Geography: We will be starting a Geography unit on Mountains. The key question is: 'Why is a mountain a mountain?'

We will be exploring: *what a mountain is, identifying features, mountain climates, the UK and the world's highest mountains, the importance of the Himalayas.*

History: During Autumn 2 we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons. The key question is: 'Who were the Anglo-Saxons and why were they so powerful?'

We will be exploring: *placing the Anglo-Saxons on a timeline, finding out about daily lives, describing how Christianity spread; looking at Sutton Hoo discoveries.*

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

The 'Arts'

Music – We begin the autumn term with the Reflect, Rewind and Replay unit revisiting and securing learning from previous year groups, before moving on to 'Livin' on a Prayer' unit, where various different musical skills are improved using the Bon Jovi song.

Art – We will be exploring Street Art/ Graffiti and the importance of the well-known artist Banksy in the development of this modern trend.