

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>



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Writing>>>

This half 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
- Subordinate clauses



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:

- Measurement: Perimeter and Area
- Number: Multiplication and Division
- Number: Fractions

Practise recalling your multiplication and division facts for your times tables at home.

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

Religious Education (RE)

Next term, Year 5 will be learning about Sikhism. They will be looking at the key question, 'Are Sikh stories important today?'.

Theme/Topic:

. As part of this learning on Sikhism, they will find out about:

- Guru Granth Sahib- Holy book
- Guru Nanak and the jasmine flower
- Guru Nanak and the cobra

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

The 'Arts'

PE/Music/Drama/Dance>>>

PE- This term Year 5 will be developing their striking and fielding skills through Danish Longball.

Music – We will be learning how to sing and perform 'Make you feel my love'

Humanities and Science

Geography: This term we will be starting a Geography unit on South America. The key question is: 'Why is the rainforest so important to us.'

We will be exploring: the location of rivers; the value of water; why people are attracted to living by rivers and where the major rivers are located.

Science: We have learnt about human development stages and compared them to other animals. Our next topic will be 'Forces' and their impact on the world around us.

We will be exploring: gravity; air and water resistance; effects of friction and how mechanisms allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.