

How can I help my child's learning at home?

Year 6 is an important year in a child's education as they prepare for life afterwards.

Here are some top tips to help:

- *READ READ READ – Whether something at home, a school book, a library book, our online library, our Bug Club library.... Simply turning on the subtitles when watching TV.*
- *Handwriting practice – something the pupils must be excellent at ready for high school – practice makes perfect! Times Tables – help your children become secure in these by chanting them and testing them on Hit The Button and TT Rockstars!*
- *Use Mathematics to support pupils fluency in maths – a massively important building block.*
- *Encourage the children to use SATS Companion – a very useful tool that will help the children prepare for SATS this year.*

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 6

Reading:

Reading is the most important thing you can be doing with your children. Children need to:

- be read too often
- read often
- read a variety of things

If you're struggling with supporting your child in reading please speak to Mr Walch for support.

Not everyone has access to books or the library so we have supported you by getting the following resources:

- Bug Club
- ePlatform digital library

Please continue to sign and send reading records into school on a Friday.

- 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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Dates for your diary >>>

School Opens – 5th January 2022

Inset Day – 11th February 2022

Mid Term Closure – 14th February – 18th February 2022

End of Term - 1st April 2022

Other key dates will be communicated regularly via Class Dojo and Parent App.



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Teachers: Mr Walch, Mrs Hardy & Mr Percival

Writing >>>



This term the children will continue to use Talk for Writing resources to improve their skills with independent writing.

The children will also be looking at improving their handwriting across all subjects – not just English and some of the children will be trying to earn their pen license!

Maths >>>



This term, the areas of maths we will be covering are:

- Fractions
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Ratio
- Percentages
- Area, Volume and Perimeter

Please give your children as much chance to practise using time at home during the summer holidays!

Please practise times tables at home. There are tasks on Google Classroom for your children to complete.

PE >>>

This term in PE, the children in Year 6 will continue to take part in leadership and team building activities using the Commando Joe curriculum!

In addition to this, they will learn attacking and defending skills through playing netball.

Art >>>

During the Spring Term in Art, we will be looking at Pop Art and various artists including Roy Lichtenstein & Andy Warhol.

We will experiment with this style of art and share some fabulous displays in the classrooms and on doio.

Please talk to them about Chimp Corner and what they know about the Chimp Brain.

PSHE >>>

In PSHE, we will continue to be reflective and adaptive to the ongoing needs of our pupils and reflect on things happening in the wider world whilst maintaining our focus on learning about our three core themes:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Relationships
- Living in the Wider World

Geography >>>

In Geography, we will be keeping up to date with happenings around the world regarding climate change but predominantly focusing on learning about the United Kingdom, the countries that make it up and what makes them unique from each other.

Science >>>

Science: Our Topics this term are:

Electricity & Evolution and Inheritance

As always, please encourage the children to learn as much as possible beforehand and come to school with lots of questions. SATS Companion will be a good starting point!

Music >>>

We will kick off the new year by learning the song - Happy New Year Carol and perform this in class.

After that, we will be learning the classic Randy Newman song - You've Got A Friend!

Computing >>>

Our computing lessons will focus on teaching the children how to stay safe online and about blogging. We will continue to build on their skills about using remote learning platforms such as Google Classroom.