

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

**Year 6 continues to be an extremely important year for your child... here 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!
- Encourage your child to write a summary about what they have read to check they have understood it.
- Help your child to achieve their reading, writing and handwriting targets.
- Practise their times tables using TTRockstars or Hit the Button. Encourage your child to complete their homework each week.
- Log into Google Classrooms to see any extra work they can do at home.
- 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 6

### **Reading:**

Reading continues to be 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. Please feel free to send photographs of your child reading their favourite books.

Remember journals will be used in school so that the children can record what they are reading and complete activities to do with their book.

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>

### **Dates for your diary >>>**

- 4/1 – School reopens after the Christmas Holiday.
- 12/2 – Half Term Holiday
- 22/2 – School reopens after Half Term Holiday.
- 26/3 – School Closes for Easter Holiday.



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## Teaching and Learning Newsletter

**Spring Term  
Year 6**

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## 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 licence!



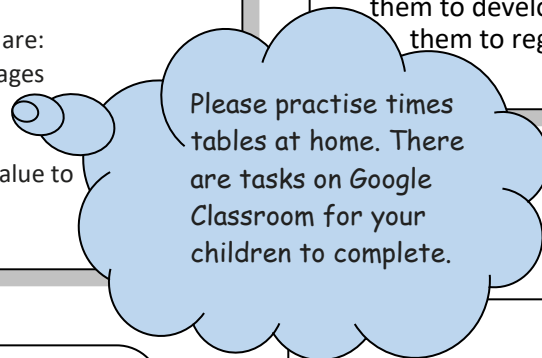
## Maths >>>

This term, we will continue to use PiXL to support our pupils to gain confidence with maths. Please encourage your child to explain what they have been learning about as this will help them retain the information.

The areas of maths we will be covering are:

- Fractions, Decimals & Percentages
- Algebra
- Measurement

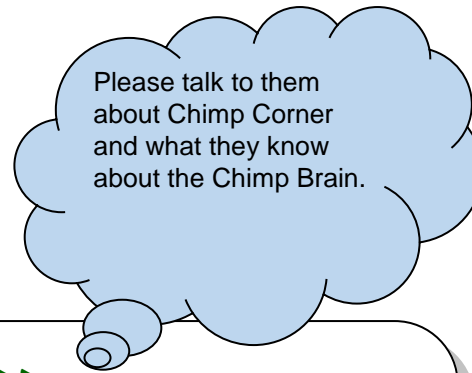
We will continuously talk about place value to consolidate their learning.



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 net and wall skills and how to dance, WW11 style!



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

## PSHE >>>

In PSHE this term, we will be learning about physical illness and the impact this may have, immunisation, marriage, healthy minds, mental well-being and how to provide support and care.

Throughout the term, we will continually discuss pupils' own well-being and encourage them to develop skills which will enable them to regulate their own emotions.

## DT >>>

DT during Spring Term 1 will be focusing on the skills required to create buzzer games. During Spring Term 2, pupils will be using their knowledge of WWII to create their very own Anderson Shelters.

Look out for messages on Clasdojo for resources – We may need those unwanted Christmas boxes.

## History >>>

**History:** We will be learning about WWII and will be linking this to our DT activity. Please encourage your child to find out about WWII. What do they know? What would they like to know?

## Science >>>

**Science:** Our Topics this term are:

Electricity followed by Evolution and Adaptation. The children will be completing science investigations and having some hands-on fun! There will be some homework set on Seneca for them to complete too, so please encourage them to log on.

## Music >>>

In Music, pupils will develop their understanding of rhythm and pitch from Charanga. These skills will be based on the songs, 'A New Year Carol' and 'You've Got a Friend'.

\*Pupils can also access Charanga from home.

## 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.