

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

Year 6 is 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 complete their weekly task in their reading journal.
- Help your child to achieve their reading, writing and handwriting targets.
- Practice 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
- 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 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 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!

Remember that reading books and journals should be brought in on a Friday so they can be isolated for 72 hours to be then changed and given out on a Monday.

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 >>>

- 2/11 – School reopens after half term.
- 3/11 – Blackpool Football Club 'Unstoppable Project' begins.
- 9/11 – 6G class trip. Further information to follow
- 12/11 – 6B class trip. Further information to follow.
- 18/12 – Close at 2pm for Christmas Holiday



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**Autumn Term 2
Year 6**

Teachers: Miss Hinds & Mrs Danyadi



Writing >>>

This half term we will be using our Talk for Writing skills to write instruction story during the first three weeks of term and a fear tale.

The children will be looking at two different texts and using the skills they learn to write their own stories.

There will be a big focus on presentation this term and some of the children will be trying to earn their pen licence!

Maths >>>



This half term we will be looking at the four operations, fractions and geometry. We are working on how to apply knowledge in different ways and recognise how maths is everywhere.

The 9-13th November will be maths week so keep a look out on ClassDojo for more information.

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

PE >>>

This half term in PE, the children in Year 6 will be taking part in leadership and team building activities.

They will be using their skills to solve problems and complete exciting missions using our new Commando Joe curriculum!

Pictures of their challenges will be posted to Dojo.

Arts >>>

Art during Autumn Term 1 will be focusing on the work of Claude Monet and Impressionism. Pupils will work on skills including recognizing hot and cold colours, and the use of contrasting colours.

During Autumn Term 2, pupils will be learning about the work of Andy Warhol and will be creating their own Pop Art.

PSHE >>>

In PSHE this term, we will be working closely with Blackpool Football Club on an 'Unstoppable Project'. Pupils will be provided with a book to take home and will be asked to read independently or with an adult to set pages each week. This may open up opportunities to talk about relationships and feelings.

Please encourage your child to read Unstoppable and talk through any concerns they have.

History and Science >>>

History: We will be learning about... Bring yer wellies.

Science: Our Topic this term is light. The children will be completing some science investigation and having some hands on fun!

We will be looking into the appearance of how light travels in straight lines. The children will also be exploring how we make different colours with light.

Look out for further information about our class trips.

Music >>>

In Music, pupils will be learning about rhythm and pitch from Charanga. This will be based on a Christmas song.

Computing >>>

Our computing will focus on teaching the children how to use the home learning programs such as Google Classroom and Seneca to access their work at home!