

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

There are many things that you can do as a parent to assist your child with their learning:

- Please follow the steps sent out for home reading and encourage your child to re-read their book to develop fluency.
- Please encourage your child to watch the RWInc phonics videos at home.
- Please practise any words or sounds your child is sent home with.
- Practise writing and recording numbers and letters correctly.
- Encourage your child to talk about the learning they have done at school.
- 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 1

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 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 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 encourage your child to watch the weekly phonics videos that are sent out via Dojo.

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

**Autumn Term
Year 1**

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Writing>>>

This term we will be using our Talk for Writing skills to write about two different stories:
The Billy Goats Gruff and Owl Babies.

Our main focus will be getting the children to write sentences using **capital letters and full stops** correctly. They will be encouraged to use their sounds to write words as well starting to spell tricky words. The children will be practising writing in our special handwriting books to improve their letter formation.

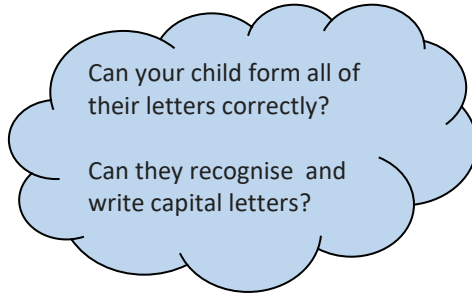


Maths >>>

This term we will be focusing on **place value to 20** and beginning to learn about **addition and subtraction within 10** and **shape**.

We will focus heavily on using a range of different concrete resources to support our learning. These will be:

- base 10
- number lines
- bead strings
- tens and ones counters
- 100 squares



Can your child form all of their letters correctly?

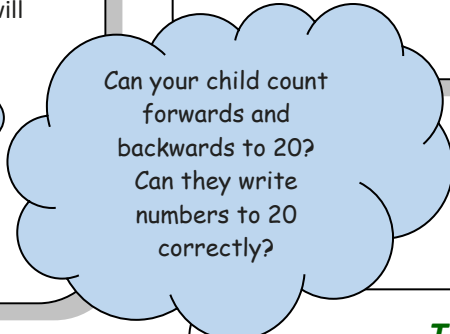
Can they recognise and write capital letters?

Religious Education (RE)

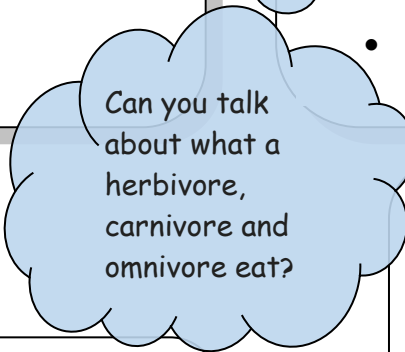
Our key learning question in RE will be:

Christianity; The Creation Story.

Does God want Christians to look after the world?



Can your child count forwards and backwards to 20?
Can they write numbers to 20 correctly?



Can you talk about what a herbivore, carnivore and omnivore eat?

Humanities and Science

History: Our topic is:

The Monarchy

Our key learning question will be:

What can we learn from the famous kings and queens?

Science: Our topic is **Animals including humans**.

The children will learn to:

- Name and describe different animals and how they move.
- Group animals according to what they eat e.g. herbivore, carnivore and omnivore.
- Name the different animal groups and name a selection of animals from each e.g. amphibian, mammal, bird, reptile, insects etc.
- Name and label the human body.

Dates for your diary

PE –Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct PE uniform

Home reading – Books will go out every **Monday** and are expected back in school every **Friday**.

The 'Arts'

(PE/Music/Drama/Dance>>>

PE- We will be focusing on our **Fundamental movement skills** this half term and learning to use teamwork and build up our resilience.

Music – We will be learning to perform the song 'Hey You!' using musical instruments.