

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 try to follow the 5-day plan.
- Help your child to achieve their reading, writing and handwriting targets.
- Please encourage your child to watch the RWInc phonics videos at home.
- 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

**Spring 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:

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.

We will also be developing the use of **adjectives** within our writing.



Maths >>>

This term we will be focusing on **addition and subtraction within 20** and beginning to **place value to 50**.

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

Religious Education (RE)

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Our key learning question in RE will be:

Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship?

We will be exploring the Christian faith and learning about Jesus and how he helped his friends.

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

Can your child form all of their letters correctly?

Can they recognise and write capital letters?

Can you ask your grandparents what was their favourite toy when they were a child?

The 'Arts'

(PE/Music/Drama/Dance>>>

PE- We will be focusing on our **gymnastics-balance and spinning** this half term and learning to use teamwork and build up our resilience.

Music – We will be learning to perform the song 'In the Groove' using musical instruments.

Humanities and Science

History: Our topic is:

Toys from the past

Our key learning question will be:

Why is the Playstation more fun than grandma and grandad's toys?

Science: Our topic is **Everyday Materials**

The children will learn to:

- distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made
- identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock
- describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials
- compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.

Dates for your diary

PE – It will be every **Thursday**. 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**. Please use the 5 day plan shared with you on class dojo.