

## 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](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 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 or 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 the story Goldilocks and the three bears.

Our main focus will be getting the children to write sentences using the conjunctions 'and' and 'because' correctly. They will be encouraged to use their sounds to write words as well starting to spell tricky words. The children will be practicing writing in our special handwriting books to improve their letter formation.

## Maths >>>



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

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

## Religious Education (RE)

Our key learning questions in RE will be:

Hinduism

How do people celebrate?

Christianity

What is Easter?

Can your child count forwards and backwards to 50?  
Can they write numbers to 50 correctly?

Can you talk about what toys you play with and what adults may have played with when they were children?

## Humanities and Science

**History:** Our topic is:

Toys past and present.

Our key learning question will be:

How have toys changed over time?

**Science:** Our topics are Everyday materials and Seasonal change.

The children will learn to:

- Name and describe different toys.
- Put toys in chronological order on a time line.
- Name the different types of materials that we see and use every day.
- Compare different materials and investigate why we use certain materials for some things.

## The 'Arts'

### (PE/Music/Drama/Dance>>>

**PE-** We will be focusing on our Gymnastics skills this half term.

**Music** – We will be learning to perform the songs 'In the groove' and 'Round and round' using musical instruments.

## Dates for your diary

**PE** –Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct PE uniform every Tuesday.

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