

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 every day. They will be changed 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 learning.

- 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

Summer Term
Year 1

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Writing>>>

This term we will be using our Talk for Writing skills to write about the story The Disgusting Sandwich.

Towards the end of the term the children will begin to explore poetry. They will be encouraged to use their sounds to write words as well as spelling tricky words. The children will continue to write in our special handwriting books to improve their letter formation.



Maths >>>

This term we will be focusing on **addition and subtraction** and beginning to look at **time and statistics**.

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 form capital letters?

Religious Education (RE)

Our key learning questions in RE will be:

Judaism

Is Shabbat important to Jewish children?

Does celebrating Chanukah make Jewish children feel closer to God?

Can your child add and subtract numbers within 20? Can your child compare two number sentences using symbols?

Can you talk about what transport you use and what transport adults may have used when they were children?

The 'Arts'

PE/Music/Drama/Dance>>>

PE- We will be focusing on our **net and wall games and athletics** this term.

Music – We will be learning to perform songs using musical instruments.

Humanities and Science

History: Our topic is:

Old and new transport

Our key learning question will be:

How have children's lives changed over time?

Science: Our topic is plants.

The children will learn to:

- Name and describe different modes of transport.
- Put transport in chronological order on a time line.
- Name the different parts of the plant.
- To understand what plants need in order to grow.

Dates for your diary

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

Home reading – Books will be changed every **Monday** and are expected back in school every **day**.