

Curriculum Information - Term 1 2026

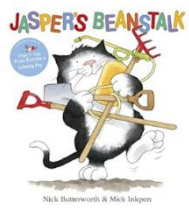


Welcome to Year 1
Meet the teacher is on Tuesday 8th September at
9am.

Your class teachers are:

I Amber - Ms Cullen, Ms Layla

I Peach- Ms McCullagh, Ms Sim



Literacy- Stories with familiar settings

This term we will be reading, telling and acting out stories. Our main focus is speaking and listening skills. This supports the children's writing as well as attention and focus. Please read and enjoy lots of stories at home together.

Mathematics- Numbers to 10

The children will be securing their number knowledge to 10. We will be finding one more and one less to numbers 1-10. We will learn our number bonds, number pairs and doubling facts. We will use a range of equipment to explore numbers including numicon, number lines and counters.

Geography - The Local Area

We will go on a local area walk around Church Street. We will be naming different places in the local area as well as learning about the people who work there too. We will begin to use geographical skills to find places we know on maps and make our own maps to represent places we know.



Science- Everyday Materials

We will be exploring a range of materials that we see and use every day. During this topic children will learn the properties of different materials, what they are used for and why they have been chosen for this purpose.

Art - Spirals

Children will make drawings as a result of observation, without a seen subject matter. (i.e. from action or imagination) and as a result of observation. Through their drawings children will talk about what they can see and how it makes them feel.

The focus of the exploration is around spirals - an ancient symbol which we all recognise, and which lends itself to conversations around growth, movement and structure.

Children are introduced to sketchbooks as a place of personal exploration, and enabled to make a sketchbook or personalise a bought sketchbook.

Phonics and Reading

Using our new Little Wandle phonics scheme, the children will review their phase 3 sounds and practise blending for reading, with a phonics lesson happening at least once daily. We will follow phonics lessons up with 3 reading lessons a week. Your child will take home the book they have read already in class to celebrate their achievements as a reader. Please sign your reading record weekly and in the comments section let us know if the book you read sparked any wonderful discussions!

A contract will need to be signed in order for your child to begin to take home books, as we have bought brand new texts to match our new scheme! Books will go home on Wednesday and must be returned on Monday!

Computing

In Year 1 this term we will learn about online safety and will classify what is safe to share on the internet and what is not. We will also discuss how technology helps us.

Music- Sing Up

Children will be learning to use their singing voice. They will be learning to copy the sounds they hear as well as sing high, low, loud and quiet. They will participate in a dramatic performance of the 'menu song' using props which will develop their performance skills and will later use instruments to play to the beat of the music.

Physical Education- Games for Understanding

The children will explore and learn skills that will support them in whichever team sports they take part in and beyond! They will learn about the terms attack and defend within a sport or game, develop their spatial awareness and life skills such as fairness, empathy and honesty both in their and the opposing team.

Games- Feet 1

During games sessions the children will develop their ball control skills. They will do this by rolling, kicking and throwing large balls and practise and develop these skills through games. The aim of this is to develop dribbling skills which can be used in a range of games including football.

Religious Education- Belonging

Children will express creatively their own responses to belonging. We will discuss belonging to families, clubs and our own religions.

Children will learn how Christians may show that they belong to the Christian religion and compare it to ways other people show belonging to groups and faiths.

Personal Social Health and Citizenship Education

= Beginning and Belonging.

Our children will learn what it means to belong to different communities including the Gateway Academy community but also belonging to Year 1 and more specifically their classes.



Organisational information

Meeting teachers- If you would like to talk to teachers about your child's progress or personal development, the Year One teachers are always here to help and offer guidance. We do ask that you inform us in the morning so that we can organise ourselves to give the time needed after school.

Going home procedures- At the end of the day we take great care in ensuring all children go home safely with the correct adult. If there is going to be a change in collecting your child please make the class teacher aware in the morning. Your child will only be able to leave their class line once a teacher has called their name. As this is very new please be patient and support us in teaching your child this new routine.

Library Books- Children will visit the Gateway Library weekly and will be allowed to take a book home to develop their love of reading! It is

important that they bring this back on the day of their visit so they can take out a new one. The library will issue a fine to replace any books which are lost.

Library days

Amber - Tuesday

Peach - Wednesday

PE Kit- All children need games kit on **Wednesday**

PE kit on **Friday** in Peach and **Tuesday** in Amber.

Children will come to school in their PE kit on the day that their class has PE lessons. All children must wear a white T-shirt and either black jogging bottoms or black shorts. They will need appropriate trainers to wear.

Ways to help your child



Read every night **with** your child: Read the book encouraging your child to sound out using

their phonics. Ask questions and encourage your child to show they have understood what they read. Please ensure that your child's reading record is signed to show you have read with your child.

Spelling: Spelling tests will be on Friday each week. The children will then be given new words and have a whole week to practise them. Please help your child find somewhere quiet so they can practise every day. Remind them to **Look, Cover, Say, Write, Check.**

Homework is given out every **Friday** and must be completed and returned by the following **Wednesday** morning.

Thank you, from the Year 1 team.