

Year 1 - Information for Term 1

If you wish to make contact, you can:

- Email (info@fva.clf.uk) or telephone (0117 3532902) the school office.
- Email the year one mailbox (year1@fva.clf.uk).
- Speak face to face at the end of the day, once all of the children have been collected.

Please use the following link for our home learning tasks, and for other useful class information:
<https://fromevalecitizens.wordpress.com/year-1/>

Dear parents / Carers,

Welcome to Term 1 of Year 1!

If you have any questions about your child or what we are doing in class, please feel free to speak with me in the playground, before or after school, or alternatively telephone the office for an appointment.

We are Learners

The progress of each child is tracked throughout his/her time at school. Termly, teachers meet with SLT and support staff to look at individual attainment and progress in assessments and classwork.

We are Readers

The children have all been provided with reading records, they also have levelled reading books.

- You should read with your child at least 3 times a week.
- If your child reads 4 times a week, they will get a house point.
- Please make sure that your child brings their book bag, reading log and reading books every day.
- Children will be able to borrow both fiction and non-fiction books to read for pleasure at home, if they wish.

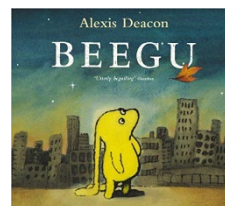
We are Athletes

PE is taught on a Monday afternoon and a Thursday morning. Please ensure that children have a PE kit in school on those days. Kit can be left in school or taken home, whichever you prefer. Please label all items of clothing.

Our Real PE unit focuses on the personal skills, and we will be promoting the skills of trying several times if at first we don't succeed, asking for help when appropriate, working on simple tasks and following instructions and practice safely.

We are Writers

We are going to begin this term with a wonderful children's book called 'Beegu' written by Alexis Deacon. The book introduces us to 'Beegu,' a beguiling character with three eyes and long, floppy ears. Beegu is not supposed to be on Earth. She is lost. She a friendly little creature, but the Earth People don't seem very welcoming at all. However, so far, she has only met the BIG ones. The little ones are a different matter.



We will be using this book, to develop our speaking and listening skills, building our writing by engaging in our every time we write features, which are:

- Capital letters
- Full stops
- Finger spaces
- Presentation / Handwriting / Letter formation

Children will have the opportunity to explore descriptive language, the use of conjunctions and to build their awareness of sentence structure.

This term, we will imitate the story of 'Beegu', showcasing our knowledge and understanding of this story.

We are Frome Vale Citizens

This half term our Frome Vale Citizens topic is 'being me in my world'. We will be learning about how special we are as individuals, our rights and responsibilities, and we will create our own class charter.

Our focal learning behaviour is 'motivation/aspiration' and our value is 'friendship'.

We are Mathematicians

As Mathematicians in term 1, we will be starting with 'numbers to 10.' This unit will allow us to use concrete materials, along with pictorial representation to count to 10, find one more and one less of a given number, compare groups using the correct mathematical language and order numbers.

Across our learning, we will be exploring fluency, reasoning and problem solving through our show it, solve it and prove it.

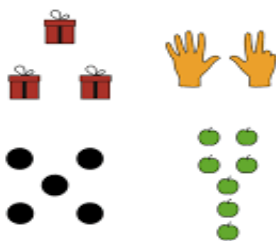
Our show it will allow children to know key mathematical facts, recalling them quickly and accurately. Our solve it activities will allow opportunities for logical thinking to derive the correct problem-solving strategy. And finally, our prove it learning will promote children's thinking to find a way to apply their knowledge and skills to answer unfamiliar types of problems.

Towards the end of this term, we will be learning about 'shape'. This will focus on recognising and naming both 2D and 3D shapes, along with creating patterns.

We are Mathmagicians

Our mathmagicians sessions are designed to be a highly visual number fact teaching programmes, which supports children to develop a deep understanding of number and number relationships, and fluency in addition and subtraction facts.

The first unit within our mathmagicians sessions will support children in developing their ability to subitise numbers to 10, before we learn to make and break numbers to 5, and then 10.



Supporting in school

EYFS and KS1 would like to ask if you have any spare time to help on a regular basis, please do let us know! We truly do appreciate your help and support.

Please do let me know if this is something you are interested in, or if you require any additional information.

During this term, we will visit our school display boards, explore 'Pantosaurus' and sign our computing acceptable use policy.



We are Scientists

Our topic this term in science will be 'seasonal change.' We will be learning about the four seasons being able to describe some weather features, know the importance of the sun for light and warmth, and to have an awareness of thermometers and their purpose.

We are Artists

As artists, we are going to learn about 'drawing' this half term. Our exploration of this topic will allow us to draw lines and patterns. We will build on this skill to be able to consider and incorporate into our work, different textures, tones and colours.



We are Home Learners

Please use our love of Learning WordPress page for weekly updates.

Love of learning activities will be issued on a Friday, and it should be returned on the following Thursday.

We are Historians

This term, we are being Historians.

Our key question is 'do we know what has changed in our society?' Children are going to use a range of skills and techniques to explore chronology, historical sources and the cause and consequence which influenced and changed our society.

