

Year 1 - Information for Term 2

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 2 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.
- 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 Wednesday morning and a Friday afternoon. On the above days, your child can wear their P.E kit to school.

Our Real PE unit focuses on the social skills, and we will be promoting the skills of: help praise and encouragement of others in their learning, working sensibly with others and taking turns and sharing.

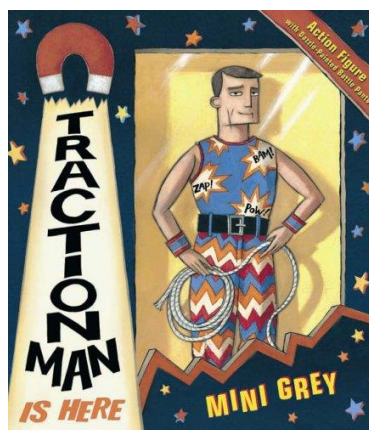
We are Writers

We will start the term by looking at a new book called 'Traction Man Is Here' by Mini Grey.

It looks at the great adventures of a domestic superhero called Traction Man. He patrols the house, saves toys, kitchen utensils and garden plan, all on a daily basis!

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



We are Scientists

Our topic this term in science will be 'everyday materials.' We will be learning to identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials and explain why these are chosen for specific tasks based on their properties.

We are Mathematicians

As Mathematicians in term 2, we will be starting with 'comparison of quantities and part-whole relationships.'

This unit will allow children to:

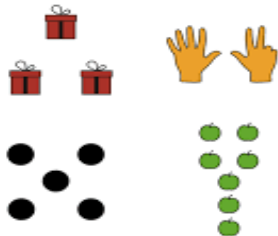
- Compare items according to various attributes, and develop the appropriate vocabulary and grammar to describe these comparisons
- Practice determining the quantity of objects in one or more sets
- Compare the number of objects in two or more sets, and use appropriate language to describe each comparison based on the context
- Learn to correctly use the appropriate mathematical symbols to compare quantities

This unit will also introduce equivalence (the same as) and will lay important foundations for later work on calculation and algebra.

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.

This unit within our mathmagicians sessions will support children in developing their ability to make and break numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9.



We are Frome Vale Citizens

This half term our Frome Vale Citizens topic is 'celebrating difference'. We will be learning about

- The same as and different from
- What is bullying and what should I do if I am being bullied
- Making new friends
- Celebrating difference and celebrating me

Our learning behaviour is 'collaboration' and our value is 'fairness/justice'.

During this term, we will visit our school display boards.

We are Designers

As Designers, we are going to learn about 'structures' this half term. Our exploration of this topic will allow us to discover, define, develop, deliver and evolve a tower.



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 they should be returned on the following Thursday.

We are Geographers

This term, we are being Geographers.

Our key question is 'how does a map and compass directions help us?' Children are going to use a range of skills and techniques to explore the location of the school and its immediate area. This will include using simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the school and its grounds.