

## Year 1 - Information for Term 4

If you wish to make contact, you can:

- Email ([info@fva.clf.uk](mailto:info@fva.clf.uk)) or telephone (0117 3532902) the school office.
- Email the year one mailbox ([year1@fva.clf.uk](mailto: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 4 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 2 times a week.
- If your child reads 4 times a week, they will get a house point.
- We have a class reading target, which when we achieve, we will have a class reward!
- 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 Tuesday morning and a Wednesday afternoon. 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.

### **We are Writers**

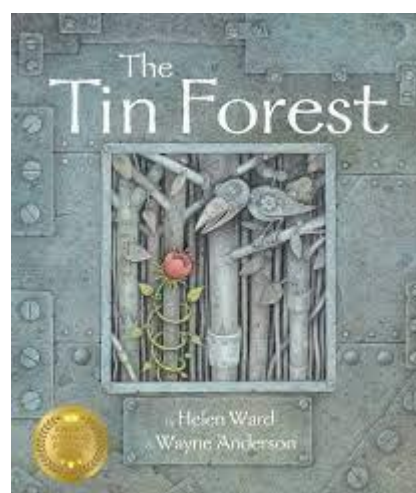
We will start the term by looking at a new book called 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward.

It's a story about a sad and lonely man who lives in the middle of a windswept wasteland full of discarded scrap metal. Despite his gloomy surroundings, he dreams every night of a lively forest full of trees, birds, and animals. When he finds a broken light fixture that looks like a flower, his imagination is sparked!

We will be working on the composition in our writing. This includes sequencing events of the story, re-reading and checking own work and using quality sentence starters.

We will continue (as always) to include in our every time we write features, which are:

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



Our Real PE unit focuses on the creative skills, and we will be promoting the skills of select and link movements together to fit a theme, compare my movements and skills with those of others, and to be able to explore and describe different movements.

### **We are Mathematicians**

In mathematics we will explore place value (to 50), including multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Children will be able to represent numbers and identify one more or one less of a given number. This unit builds on previous learning on place value, allowing us to consolidate work with smaller numbers, before moving on to numbers within 50.

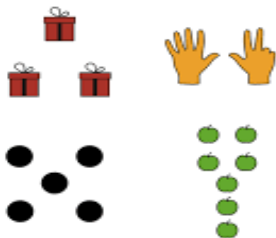
Near the end of the term, we will begin to explore measurement: length and height, along with weight and volume. This will be a very practical block of learning, and prior learning on place value and addition and subtraction will be consolidated and extended.

Across our learning, we will know key mathematical facts, recalling them quickly and accurately. There will be opportunities for logical thinking to derive the correct problem-solving strategy. And we will promote children's thinking to find a way to apply their knowledge and skills to answer unfamiliar types of problems.

### **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 recognise five and a bit, know about zero and doubles / near doubles.



### **We are Frome Vale Citizens**

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

- Being healthy
- Making healthy choice
- Road safety

Our learning behaviour is 'resilience', and our value is 'loyalty'. During this term, we will visit our school display boards.

### **We are Scientists**

Our topic this term in science will be 'plants.' We will be learning what plants need to grow, survive, and stay healthy and to be able to name the main parts of a plant.

### **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 can we identify manmade and natural features?' We will be using the skill of field work and observation help us explore this further.