# Year 1 - Information for Term 5

# 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:  $\frac{https://fromevalecitizens.wordpress.com/year-1/}{}$ 

Dear parents / Carers,

Welcome to Term 5 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
- 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 Wednesday morning and a Friday afternoon.

Our Real PE unit focuses on the physical skills, and we will be promoting the skills of performing a sequence of movements considering level, direction, and skill.

### We are Writers

This term we will read another book called 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' written by David Conway and Jude Daly. This story is set in Kenya and is about how Lila saves her village by telling the sky the saddest thing she knows. We will continue to develop our character and setting descriptions, to make our writing more interesting and engaging to the reader.

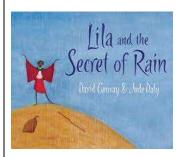
Using this book, the children will be working on improving their writing using adjectives, connectives, and noun phrases.

Following this book, we will look at non-chronological reports and will write our own focusing on Kenya and elephants.

We will be working on the composition in our writing. This includes sequencing events of the story, rereading 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



#### We are Mathematicians

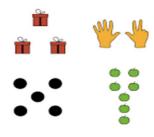
In mathematics we will explore Additional and subtraction facts within 10, numbers to 20, and unitising and coin recognition.

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 number neighbours, 7 tree, 9 square, and strategy selection.



## **Phonics**

Our WordPress page has a lot of useful information to support your child's reading.

On this page, you can find:

- The full scheme progression (from reception to year two)
- Action and pronunciations for phase 2 and 3

#### Please visit -

https://fromevalecitizens.wordpress.com/phonics/ for more information.

#### We are Frome Vale Citizens

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

- families and friends
- people who help us
- being my own best friend
- celebrating special relationships

Our learning behaviour is 'focus, and our value is 'kindness'. During this term, we will visit our school display boards and talk about visitor rules.

#### We are Scientists

Our topic this term in science will be 'humans.' We will be learning to identify the five senses and associated body parts, whilst reviewing the importance of taking care of our bodies.

## 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. Spelling tests will remain on a Friday morning.

### We are Historians

This term, we are being Historians.

Our key concept focuses on changes in information communication technology (within living memory). We will be looking at the concepts such as the invention of the telephone and television transmission, along with significant people including Logie Baird and Bill Gates.