

2HH Class Newsletter

Welcome back to a new school year. I am excited to have the opportunity to work at Frome Vale and enjoy being with a class who I am sure are ready for a fantastic year of learning.

The weekly timetable is on the love of learning page, but the main thing to note is that PE sessions are Tuesdays and Thursdays. One session is taught by me and the other is gymnastics taught by the Future Stars coaching company during my non-contact time. Mrs Bullock will be teaching the class on a Thursday afternoon too, as well as supporting the learning for an hour each morning.

All children need to bring their reading book and reading record in to school every day. The expectation is to read at least twice every week. I will also read with them on their own and with a different book in a group session. Love of learning work plus spelling words will be uploaded on a Friday to be returned by the following Thursday.

Here is an overview of what we will be learning this term.

We are Frome Vale Citizens

This term's value is friendship and the learning behaviour is motivation and aspiration. These are covered in class sessions and whole school assemblies. We also cover safeguarding, hold a discussion on the termly debate question and read our No Outsiders book, which this term is The Big Book of Families. This book helps the children to be aware of how their family set up may be different to others' and to be both understanding and respectful of differences.

In weekly Jigsaw sessions, the children will be thinking about 'Me in My World'.

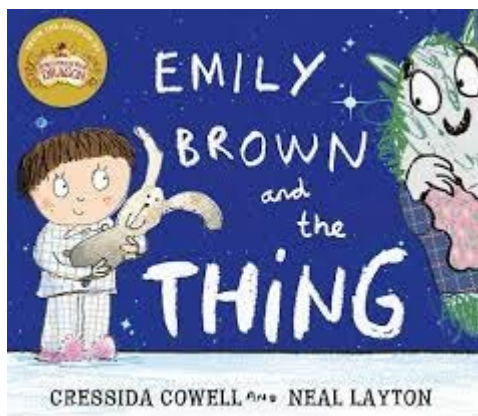
We are mathematicians

The term starts with a revisit of place value before moving on to addition and subtraction.

Our maths lessons are a mixture of visual, practical, spoken and written mathematics. Children have opportunities to 'show' their understanding, use it to 'solve' calculations/problems and then 'prove' something using mathematical reasoning and vocabulary.

Each day, we also do a short 'numbersense' session which focuses on rapid recall of key number facts using visual aids

We are writers



Emily Brown finds a 'Thing' crying on her windowsill. It is scared of the dark, scared of 'things' and doesn't know what it is. Emily and her favourite toy rabbit, Stanley, go on

We are readers

We have a lovely book corner in our room, lit with fairy lights and covered in a space roof. The children will read their own books with an adult at least once a fortnight, develop reading comprehension skills in a guided group and enjoy free reading book club on Fridays, where they can choose books from the class shelf, topic related books or dive into our large pile of National Geographic Kids magazines.

At the end of the day, we are reading The Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith which is a lovely way to end the day

adventures to help the Thing with his worries and make everything ok. We will be using this text as a stimulus for a variety of writing tasks such as character and setting descriptions, potion making instructions and their own adapted adventure story to help a Thing.

We will also be writing some non fiction texts related to our history unit.

Handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be at the heart of our writing sessions. (Year 2 is when we expect the majority of children to start joining their handwriting).

and share a book by a well-known author.

Phonics will continue daily and we will be revising phase 5 phonics sounds. Spellings will be set each week related to the sound/sounds we have been revising plus some additional activities/challenge words for those who are keen.

We are scientists



Earth in space. This is always a popular topic with year 2. Firstly, they will learn about the sun as the Earth's source of energy and use torches to explore the impact of the sun's heat and light on different parts of Earth. They will learn about day and night, the phases of the moon, the planets in our solar system and have opportunities to research facts and consider what remains an unknown to scientists. There will be a mixture of scientific knowledge and scientific skills throughout the topic.

We are historians

The Victorian era will be the focus of our history lessons. From daily life, schooling, workhouses and the growth of Bristol, to key people who made an impact to society, we will be examining resources, finding answers to our questions and recognising the contribution of this time in our history both then and in society today.



We are athletes

PE is Tuesdays and Thursdays
On a Tuesday, we will focus on core PE skills which help develop balance, agility and coordination. Our focus this term is the 'personal' cog. All activities are designed for children to follow physical instructions, persevere when something is tricky and work in a zone of challenge in order to accomplish new skills.
On Thursdays, the external company 'Future Stars' will be teaching gymnastics.

We are artists

Our skill focus this term will be 3D art and we will be building up through our sessions to create a 3D sculpture. Our sessions will help the children to analyse and reflect on sculptures, experiment with materials and stages of the process before planning and creating their own work of art.

We are linguists

Bonjour la class! In French we will be learning to greet each other, ask how the other person is, say how we are and say goodbye. We will learn classroom vocabulary and instructions and the core language skills of listening, reading and speaking will be delivered through fun games and role play. Tres bien!

We are philosophers

The last day of term will be an RE day. Our focus throughout the school is on special books and people. In our learning about Judaism, we will explore the importance of the 10 commandments to Jews in the time of Abraham and now.