

2HH Class Newsletter

Welcome back to the new term. We are launching as always with our music day. This time the focus is notation and Mr Thomas, who is a DJ, has a great surprise for the class!

Tuesday is history day, focussing on the roles of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole in the Crimean War, followed by more history in the other afternoons in week 1. The rest of this week will be centred around World Book Day.

Alongside the rest of the school, we will be learning about inspirational people who achieved their dreams. In our class, we will be learning about Stevie Wonder and Evelyn Glennie, who both accomplished great things in music despite their physical impairments.

The weekly timetable, which shows what we intend to happen in a 'normal' week, is on the love of learning page. PE sessions are still Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All children need to bring their reading book and reading record in to school **every day** please.

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

We are Frome Vale Citizens

This term's value is loyalty and the learning behaviour is resilience. We will also cover safeguarding and online safety. Week 2 is The Big Legal Lesson where we will take part in a national event and learn about the importance of rules, from our homes to the Houses of Parliament. We will

We are mathematicians

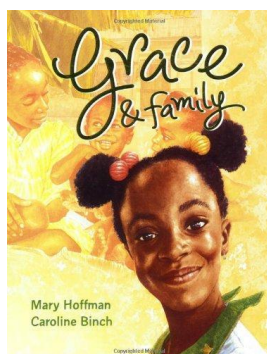
The term starts with fractions before moving on to measurement of length and height.

Children have opportunities to 'show' their understanding, use it to 'solve' calculations/problems and then 'prove' something using mathematical reasoning and

hold a discussion on the termly debate question and read our No Outsiders book which engages the children in issues of diversity and inclusion. Our book this term is 'What the Jackdaw saw', which teaches the children about communicating with sign language.

vocabulary. On Fridays, the class are set a challenge, to develop use of mathematical thinking and reasoning. Although we do aim to solve the problem, these sessions are about process, not product. Each day, we also do a short 'numbersense' session which focuses on rapid recall of key number facts using visual aids.

We are writers



This thought-provoking book follows a young girl who has mixed feelings about her family. Her parents have separated and her father now lives in Gambia with his new wife and children. Grace visits her father in Gambia and learns that 'family is where you are and a family is what you make it'. We will use this story to inspire fiction and non fiction writing such as postcards and diaries in character, descriptions of scenes in Gambia and some poetry about families. 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).

We are readers

When we develop reading comprehension skills as a class, we use texts which are connected to our class texts and topics. The children 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 enjoy stories together and develop our love of reading.

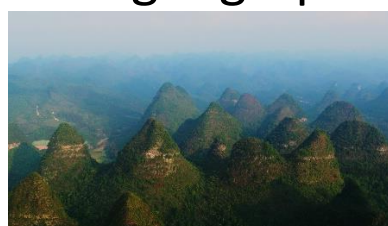
Phonics to support reading and spelling will continue daily and we now follow the no nonsense words programme. Spellings will be set each week related to focus for that week, plus some additional activities/challenge words for those who are keen.

We are scientists



Electricity. Always a big hit with the children, this topic teaches the children about what electricity is and how it is

We are geographers



In this topic, we will be learning about physical and human geography. Our focus starts locally, with the land features and land use of Bristol. Then we will compare this with Gambia to link in with our English text and the incredible Guizhou in South-west

produced and used. They learn to make simple electrical circuits with batteries, wires and lamps, then experiment to see which materials are conductors and which are insulators. It's a brilliant, hands-on topic which really brings out their scientific thinking.

China. The class enjoyed learning about our local rivers in term 2, so I think that they will enjoy making comparisons with places further from home with a significantly different geography to the UK.



We are athletes

PE is Tuesdays and Thursdays
One session will focus on core PE skills which help develop balance, agility and coordination. Our focus this term is the 'creative' part of our multi ability approach. All activities are designed for children to use their thinking skills, create rules for games, adapt strategies and combine skills creatively. The other session will be developing our racket skills through tennis and badminton. We will understand how play various different games over a net and inside a court as well as developing hand eye coordination and use of the racket.

We are artists

After a successful printing week, the class will have another week of art at the end of this term. The whole school will be focusing on painting and having experimented a lot during the last term's work, the children are ready to progress their skills and work on colour mixing and painting techniques.



We are linguists

Bonjour la class! In French we will be learning more classroom instructions, then creating a board game which helps to see and say colours if they are light or dark and if we like the colour or not.

We are philosophers

On RE day at the end of the term, we will focus on beliefs about incarnation and resurrection. This will include learning about core beliefs of some of the world's largest religions, discussing similarities and differences, as well as considering our own thoughts and beliefs.

