

Year 3 – INFORMATION FOR TERM 3

If you want to contact us, you can:

- Email or call the school office (this is usually the quickest option)
- Email us directly using **year3@fva.clf.uk** which is checked once a week
- Speak to us face to face at the end of the day once all of the children have been collected.

Please use the following link for home learning tasks and other useful class information:

<https://fromevalecitizens.wordpress.com/year-3/>

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 3 have had a brilliant Autumn term. I have continually been impressed by their resilience and enthusiasm at school. I hope you all have a fun, restful Christmas break. I will look forward to seeing you when we return in January!

You can keep up-to-date with the children's learning by following the Year 3 twitter account (@3_fva).

We are Readers

Please ensure your child brings in their reading book and reading record every day.

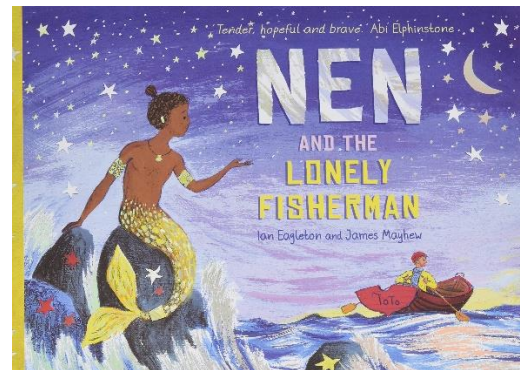
You should read with your child at least **twice a week and record the date, title (book or other read material) and your comment.**

Though this is not a typical occurrence at Frome Vale Academy, if there is an insufficient number of reads recorded in the reading log (less than 2) or the reading log is not available at school, children will catch up on their reading over lunchtime on Friday, where they will be supervised by an adult while reading their levelled book, after they have enjoyed their school dinners and packed lunches. **This procedure is part of our KS2 reading and home learning policy.**

If your child reads **4 times a week** they will get a house point, so this is something to aim for on a weekly basis as all 'houses' work towards various rewards throughout the year.

We are Writers

In Term 3, we will be reading 'Nen and the Lonely Fisherman' by Ian Eagleton.



For our fiction focus this term, we will be writing innovated narratives, based on 'Nen and the Lonely Fisherman', by adapting and changing the characters in the story.

To make our narratives sparkle, we will be continuing to focus on sentence structure. The children will also keep practising inverted commas, fronted adverbials, and a variety of descriptive features. I cannot wait to read their narratives.

Later in the term, we will be learning how to write persuasive letters. This will include using emotive language, rhetorical questions and modal verbs. I am sure the children will be very persuasive!

We are Athletes

PE will now be taught on Mondays and Thursdays. Year 3 are very lucky to be receiving one PE lesson a week from the brilliant teachers from Future Stars PE. Please ensure that children have a PE kit in school for every PE day so they can join in with our physical education. Kit can be left in school or taken home, whichever you prefer. Please label all items of clothing.

We are Mathematicians

In Maths this term we will be continuing our work on multiplication and division. The children had a fantastic start to this unit of work. They can now multiply and divide by 3s, 4s and 8s with and without resources. This term, our focus will be on multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers using the column method.

After this, we will explore finding different amounts of money and giving change. Finally, we will begin looking at interpreting statistics, including bar charts and pictograms.

By the end of Year 3, your child should know their 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables and related division facts so we will be practising our times tables on a weekly basis playing TTRS and daily in 'Mathsmagicians' sessions.

Please practise on TTRS using your individual log-in details at least three times a week. If you are unsure how to do this, please contact me or catch me at the end of the day. I am more than happy to help.

<https://trockstars.com/>

We are Historians

In History, we will be learning about the Stuart period (1603-1649). This follows on chronologically from the Term 1 unit on the Tudors. Our key question will be "Why was the Stuart period important?". We will explore a variety of concepts including chronology and continuity and change.

We are Scientists

As Scientists this term, we will be investigating the question "What is inside the Earth?" during our unit on Rocks. We will be classifying rocks, learning about volcanoes and geysers and carrying out fair tests to investigate our scientific questions.

We are Frome Vale Citizens

This term's learning behaviour is 'Self-evaluating'. Our FVA value of the term is 'Contribution'.

Our whole-school Jigsaw focus this term is 'Dreams and Goals'.

We are Home Learners

In addition to home reading, your child will have **Love of Learning** tasks to complete each week, in order to support and enrich their learning in school.

You can access your child's home learning tasks by following the link to the Year 3 WordPress page:

<https://fromevalecitizens.wordpress.com/year-3/>

Every Friday, your child will receive one task linked to their reading, one task linked to the wider curriculum or Maths, and a spelling task. They will complete these tasks in their 'Love of Learning' books every week and return these to their teacher by the following Friday.

If the Love of Learning tasks are not handed in or completed by Friday (or another day specified on the Love of Learning page), they will complete these independently over lunchtime on Friday, where they will be supervised by an adult after they have enjoyed their school dinners and packed lunches. **This procedure is part of our KS2 reading and home learning policy designed to encourage independence, responsibility and KS2 and KS3 'readiness'. It is our expectation that Year 3 children will be able to fully engage with all Love of Learning tasks independently by the beginning of Year 3.**

If you have any issues accessing the home learning tasks, please let me know.

Best wishes,

Miss Heap