

Year 3 – INFORMATION FOR TERM 5

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,

Welcome to Term 5!

This term, Year 3 will be going to Forest School on Fridays. Please ensure your child brings wellies every week so they can join in with our exciting mornings in the forest.

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.

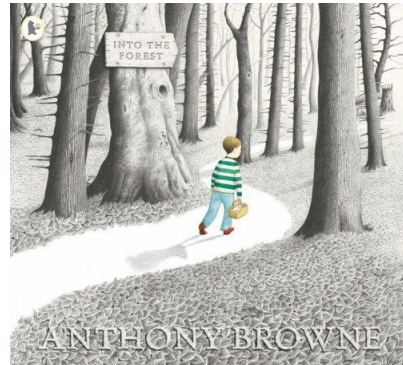
You should read with your child at least **twice a week and record the date, title (book or other read material) and your comment.**

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 5, we will be reading 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne.



For our fiction outcome this term, we will be writing narratives based on the story. We will innovate the text by writing our own alternative endings. To create effective setting and character descriptions, we will be a wide vocabulary and a variety of descriptive techniques. We will also continue to practise accurately punctuating direct speech and subordinate clauses.

For our non-fiction outcome later in the term, we will be writing non-chronological reports relating to our Historians topic: European Explorers.

We are Athletes

PE will be taught on Tuesdays and Fridays. 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 Frome Vale Citizens

This term's learning behaviour is '**Focus**'. Our FVA value of the term is '**Courage**'.

Our Jigsaw focus this term is 'Healthy Me'.

We are Mathematicians

In Maths this term we will be continuing our Fractions learning journey. We ended last term by recapping Year 2 fractions so we are now ready to explore fractions more deeply. This will include finding fractions of amounts and adding and subtracting fractions.

After this, we will move on to our unit on time. The children will learn how to read analogue and digital clocks, and will learn how to solve problems involving time.

During our daily 'Mathsmagicians' sessions, we will continue to revise content already taught. This will include lots of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division practise so the children will be given regular opportunities to build on prior learning.

By the end of Year 3, your child should be able to instantly recall 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, Year 3 will be learning about European Explorers (AD 1400 – 1500s) including John Cabot and Christopher Columbus (among many other figures). They will be exploring the impact of the 'discovery of America' and the effects of invasion. Finally, they will begin to learn about the features of the Aztec Empire and its connections with Europe.

We are Scientists

As Scientists this term, we will be learning all about the human body. During the unit, the children will learn about cells, the digestive system and taking care of their bodies.

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 **Thursday**.

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