

Year 4 – INFORMATION FOR TERM 1 2020/21

If you want to contact us, you can:

- Email the school office (this is usually the quickest option) school@fva.cabot.ac.uk
- Email us directly using year4@fva.clf.uk
- 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-4/>

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 1 of Year 4!

We are truly excited to welcome all of our Frome Vale Citizens – they have been responsible, respectful and enthusiastic.

We are Readers

The children have all been provided with new reading records, they also have levelled reading books or reading for pleasure books.

- You should read with your child at least 2 times a week.
- If your child reads 4 times a week they will get a house point and a class reward!
- 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.
- If there is an insufficient number of reads recording in the log, children will have an opportunity to catch up on their reading over lunchtime on Friday, where they will be supervised by an adult while reading their levelled book.

We are Athletes

PE is going to be taught on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that children have a PE kit in school on that day. Kit can be left in school or taken home, whichever you prefer. Please label all items of clothing.

If you have any questions about your child or what we are doing in class, please feel free to speak with us in the playground before or after school or alternatively telephone the office for an appointment.

We are Writers

To accompany our topic, we will be reading 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd-Stanton.



We will write our own narratives, focussing on the character, setting and build-up of the story and using vocabulary to engage the reader.

We will continue to work on sentence structure, varying the length of our sentences and using a range of openers. In addition, we will begin our work on subordinate clauses and the correct punctuation for complex sentence.

Later this term, we will work towards writing non-chronological reports based on our History wider curriculum focus.

We are Historians

In History we are learning about the Anglo-Saxons. Our key question this term is 'How much do artefacts help us to create a picture of the past? Is history biased?'. We will be answering that question by studying artefacts and using them to draw conclusions about the Anglo-Saxon burial site, Sutton Hoo.

We are Home Learners

- In addition to home reading your child will have home learning tasks.
- You can access your child's home learning tasks by following the link above to the year 4 Wordpress page.
- Every Friday, you child will receive 1 task linked to their reading and 1 task linked to the wider curriculum. They must complete these tasks in their 'Love of Learning' books and return these to their teacher by the following Friday.
- Your child will also have weekly spellings to learn. These will be shared on the year 4 Wordpress page every Friday, and tested the following Friday.

We are Mathematicians

In Maths this term we are building on our knowledge from year three of number and place value. We will be learning to solve problems with 4-digit numbers, and to count in intervals of 1000.

Will continue to work on addition and subtraction, using written and mental methods to solve calculations with 4-digit numbers. We will be focussing on our ability to explain and prove our answers in a variety of ways.

Finally, we will look at the properties of shapes. We will be learning to identify different quadrilaterals and triangles according to their properties.

By the end of year 4, your child should know their times tables up to 12 x 12, so we will be practising our times tables in number talk throughout the year.

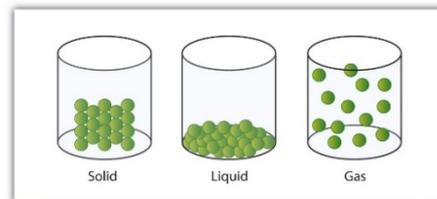
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We are Frome Vale Citizens

This term's learning behaviour is Motivation. The FVA value is Respect. In addition, we will be exploring the following question: 'What does it feel like to be disrespected?'

We are Scientists

In Science we are learning about materials and their properties. This term's concept is chemistry. We will be learning to compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases and will observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled. Children will also learn to measure and research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C).



We are Artists

This term we are going to explore line, patterns, texture, tone, form and colour. We will also continue to experiment with a variety of malleable media, such as clay, do design, make and evaluate 'clay Viking' models.

