

Year 4 Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe it is Term 2 already! Thank you so much for all of your support in Term 1. The children have made such a positive start to Year 4. Our learning for Term 2 is detailed below so you can support your children in their learning at home. Please keep up to date with the latest news from Year 4 by following our Twitter account (@Fva_y4) and by checking our Wordpress page regularly. I am always available if you need to speak to me at the end of the day but you can also contact me via email (either via the school office or directly at year4@fva.clf.uk). See you on the playground!



We are Readers

The children are able to borrow a range of suitable fiction and non-fictions texts from school.

Children should read every day and they should **read to an adult at least twice a week**. Please record each time you read with your child in the yellow Reading Record. We recommend 10 minutes every day to really give children the best opportunities to develop their confidence in reading. I will also read with them on a rotation of days.



We are Writers

In Term 2, our writing will be based around the fiction text *The Wolves in the Walls.* Over the term, we will be using this text as a stimulus for our own adapted narrative. Our focus next term is on speech punctuation. In addition to this, we will be writing a persuasive letter.

We are Mathematicians

In this term, we are going to be extending our understanding of multiplication and division. In this unit, we are going to multiply and divide numbers by 10 and 100. We will move on to formal methods of multiplying and dividing a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number. We will also be looking at area.

In order to build and maintain number fluency, we will be consolidating our mental and written arithmetic skills throughout the term in our Mathsmagicians sessions.

We are Scientists

This term, we are studying Biology. Our focus will be Classification of Animals.

In this unit, we will compare and group animals based on different characteristics. In addition, we will learn about vertebrates and invertebrates and the 5 Kingdoms of living things: plants, animals, fungi, Protoctista and bacteria.



We are Athletes

PE will be taught twice a week, on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that children come into school wearing their school PE kits on these days. Please label all items of clothing clearly.



We are Geographers



In Term 2, we are going to study the South- East region of the UK. In this unit, we will use our map skills to identify the different counties in this region. Our case-study will focus on London and how this has changed over time. We will also learn about longitude and latitude and different time zones.

We are Home Learners

Each week, children in Year 4 are expected to:

- Read to an adult at least twice and record it in their yellow reading record
- Play TTRS for a total of 20 minutes
- Learn the weekly spellings for the test on Friday

In addition, there are home learning activity suggestions related to our school topics available on our class WordPress page:

https://wordpress.com/page/fromevalecitizens.wordpress.com/7574

We are Frome Vale Citizens

This term's Learning Behaviour is **Collaboration.** The FVA Value is **Justice**. We will be thinking about how we can demonstrate and practice fairness in our lives. Our Y4 key question will be: "Should it matter to you that people are treated unfairly?"