

Year 4 Term 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

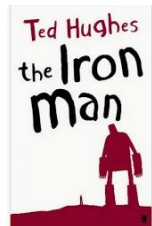
Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful break. Our learning for Term 3 is detailed below so you can support your children in their learning at home. Please keep up to date with the latest news from Year 4 by following our Twitter account (@Fva_y4) and by checking our Wordpress page regularly. I 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-fiction 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.

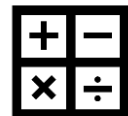


We are Writers

In Term 3, our writing will be based around the fiction text *The Iron Man by Ted Hughes*. Over the term, we will be using this text as a stimulus for our own adapted narrative. Our focus will be on using similes in our writing. Our non-fiction outcome will be to write an instruction text using adverbials of manner.

We are Mathematicians

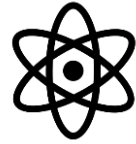
In this term, we are going to be extending our understanding of multiplication and division. In this unit, we are going to focus on the relationship between the 3, 6 and 9 times tables. We will then look at multiplication and division facts in the 7, 11 and 12 times table.



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 the Skeletal and Muscular System. In this unit, we will identify the scientific names of bones in the human body. We will explore the function of the skeleton. Following this, we will learn about voluntary and involuntary muscles and understand how they work.



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 Historians



In Term 2, we are going to study the Vikings. We will learn about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor (AD 789 – AD 1066). We will explore Viking raids, the establishment of the Danelaw and their civilization. We will consider what events led to the Battle of Hastings and analyse how the Bayeux tapestry shows us what happened at the battle.

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 **Self- evaluating**. The FVA Value is **Contribution**. We will be thinking about how we can demonstrate and practice fairness in our lives. Our Y4 key question will be: "*Should everybody contribute the same amount? Why?*"