

Year 4 – INFORMATION FOR TERM 5

If you want to contact us, you can:

- Email the school office (this is usually the quickest option)
- Email us directly using **year4@fva.clf.uk**
- Speak to me 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 5 of Year 4!

We are Readers

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

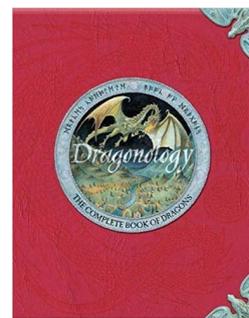
- You should read with your child at least 2 times a week.
- If your child reads 4 times a week they will get a house point and a class reward!
- Please make sure that your child brings their book bag, reading log and reading books every day.
- Children will be able to borrow both fiction and non-fiction 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 Thursday and Friday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has PE kit on this day. Kit can be left in school or taken home, whichever you prefer. Please label all items of clothing.

We are Writers

We are going to begin this term with a wonderful children's book called 'Dragonology: The Complete Book of Dragons' written by Dugald Steer. Said to originate from the library of eminent Victorian dragonologist Ernest Drake, this book imparts to readers the secrets of the ancient science of dragonology, bridging the gap between dragon legend and fact. The meticulous Dr. Drake assigns Latin names to various dragon species, ruminates on why dragons are able to speak, speculates on how they could fly, and explains the true purpose of their notorious hoarding habits.



We will revisit the correct use of possessive apostrophes, complex sentence structure, description features and dialogue.

Children will have an opportunity to explore lavishly illustrated descriptions and detailed explanations of species and habitats and will apply subject-specific vocabulary to write their own original pieces.

We are Historians

We are exploring History this term through the lens of Early Islamic Civilisation. We will be asking the question: How did Early Islamic Civilisation contribute to the world? We will be looking at how Islam spread and gained new followers through a study of maps, as well as learning about the Golden Age.

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.

We are Mathematicians

We are continuing our learning on decimals, learning about hundredths and how to combine decimal numbers to make a whole.

We will then apply this learning to our unit on Money, learning about estimating with money and solving problems.

We will also begin to look at Time, and telling the time accurately on analogue and digital clocks.

Multiplication

It's really important that children develop an instant recall of all times tables (1 – 12) during the course of this academic year, so that they are able to build their fluency for long multiplication and problem solving and are ready for the statutory multiplication assessment in Term 6. We recommend that you practise on the TTRS website for 10-15 minutes a day.

<https://trockstars.com/>

We are Frome Vale Citizens

Our learning behaviour this term is focus and our value is courage. In our Jigsaw lessons, we will be learning about the topic 'Healthy Me' which covers healthy friendships and peer pressure around smoking and alcohol.

Our topic this term in science will be Skeletal and Muscular system. We will be learning about muscular-skeletal connections, such as ligaments, tendons and cartilage. Children will explore the skeletal system and its functions.

We will apply our learning in different contexts and will work scientifically by selecting and planning the most appropriate type of scientific enquiry to use to answer scientific questions.



We are Artists

As artists, we are going to learn about **collaging** this half term. We will cut, arrange and attach materials (paper, card, plastic, fabric) using tools and use 2D images from magazines or recycled materials, to represent deliberate lines and shapes for texture and affect. Children will have an opportunity to explore draw inspiration from the work of Nancy Standlee and Friedrich Stowasser.

