

# Year 4 Term 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a fantastic break. Our learning for Term 5 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](mailto: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.

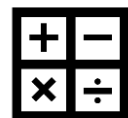
Children should read every day and they should **read to an adult at least twice a week**. Please record each time you read with your child in the yellow Reading Record. We recommend 10 minutes every day to really give children the best opportunities to develop their confidence in reading. I will also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

## We are Writers

In Term 5, our writing will be based around the fiction text *Dragonology by Dugald Steer*. Over the term, we will be using this text as a stimulus for our own invented narrative. Our focus will be cohesion between paragraphs. Our non-fiction outcome will be a recount using the perfect present tense.

## We are Mathematicians

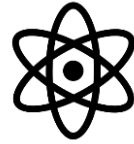
In this term, we are going to be consolidating our understanding of fractions. We will move on to decimals. We explore tenths and hundreds as fractions and decimals as well comparing, ordering and partitioning decimals.



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

## We are Scientists

This term, we are studying Physics. Our focus will be Sound. In this unit, we will identify how sounds are made and travel. We will learn how we hear sound and investigate how the volume and pitch of sound can change. Additionally, we will learn how to measure sound using decibels and amplitude.



## 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 5, we are going to learn about the 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 of Islam.

## 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 **focus**. The FVA Value is **courage**. We will be thinking about how we can demonstrate and practice courage in our lives. Our Y4 key question will be: "*Is courage always a good thing? Why?*"