

Year 5 Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our learning for Term 1 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 5 by following our Twitter account (@FvaYr5) and by checking our Wordpress page regularly. We are always available if you need to speak to us at the end of the day but you can also contact us via email (either via the school office or directly at year5@fva.clf.uk). See you on the playground!

We are Readers

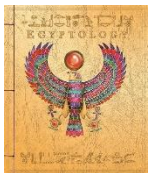


The children are able to borrow a range of suitable fiction and non-fiction texts from school.

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. If your child has at least four reads recorded in a week, they will earn a house point. If the Reading Record is not signed twice, your child will have the opportunity to read at lunchtime on Friday.

More details about supporting the children in their home reading is available on our Wordpress site.

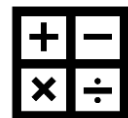
We are Writers



In Term 6, our writing will be based around the non-fiction text *Egyptology*. Over the term, we will be writing a range of pieces where we innovate ideas in the text write narrative inspired by the events described. In addition to this, we will be writing to inform, through a non-chronological report about Ancient Egypt.

We are Mathematicians

In this term, we are going to be extending our understanding of number and place value. In this unit, we are going to be reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers to one million. We will also be reading Roman numerals and working with negative numbers.

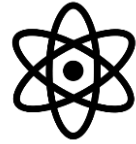


In order to build and maintain number fluency, we will be consolidating our mental and written arithmetic skills throughout the term in our Mathsmagicians sessions.

We are Scientists

This term, we are studying Physics. Our focus will be forces.

In this unit, we will learn about different types of force and how they affect movement and matter, including gravity, friction (air resistance and water resistance) and upthrust. In addition, we will explore the role of mechanisms including levers, gears and pulleys in turning a smaller input force into a larger output.



We are Athletes

PE will be taught twice a week, on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that children have a PE kit in school on both days. Kit can be left in school or taken home. Please label all items of clothing clearly.



We are Historians



In Term 1, we are going to study the New Kingdom of Ancient Egypt. In this unit, we will learn about some famous figures from that period such as Ramses the Great and Hatshepsut. We will be interrogating primary sources to see what they can teach us about the past. We are also taking part in an education session at Bristol Museum.

We are Artists

In Term 1, we will be focusing on drawing. Having explored famous artists who have produced drawings, we will create our own and display them in our termly Art Gallery.



We are Home Learners

Home Learning is set each Friday and should be completed by the following Friday (though if they bring in good quality homework by Thursday, they will get a Frome Vale Citizen point). The work can be completed in the red Love of Learning book which your child will bring home. Each week, Home Learning will consist of one reading task, spellings and one other piece connected to the wider curriculum. Home Learning tasks will be posted on our Wordpress page which is available at <https://wordpress.com/page/fromevalecitizens.wordpress.com/7574>

We are Frome Vale Citizens

This term's Learning Behaviour is **Motivation**. The FVA Value is **Respect**. We will be thinking about how we can demonstrate and practice respect in our lives. Our key question will be: *Should we respect people automatically or should they earn respect?*