

# Year 6 Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so excited for the year ahead with your wonderful children. 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 6 by following our Twitter account (@FromeValeYr6) 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 [year6@fva.clf.uk](mailto:year6@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. These books are kept in quarantine in school when returned so that they can be safely borrowed.

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 to an adult at lunchtime on Friday.

More details about supporting the children in their home reading is available on our Wordpress site along with a video of a reading lesson which will support questioning at home.

## We are Writers



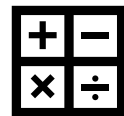
In Term 1, our writing will be based around the fantastic children's book *The Lost Happy Endings*. We will be exploring the use of figurative language such as personification, simile and metaphor and writing our own setting descriptions of the forest. We will also be writing our own alternative version of a section of the book.

## We are Mathematicians

At the beginning of the year, we are going to be developing our understanding of number and place value. Children will be reading, rounding and comparing numbers up to ten million.

After that, we will continue our work on Number by deepening our understanding of all four arithmetic operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

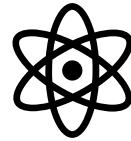
This will include children being able to accurately multiply 2-digit by 3-digit numbers as well as use long division to solve contextual problems.



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 initially be classifying living things. To start with, children will learn about the history of taxonomy and think about why it is helpful to sort and classify living things. After that, we will be creating our own sorting diagrams and using them to classify various organisms.



Building on this, children will also learn about cell structure and function in both plants and animals. We will look at different cells from various living things to note similarities and differences. The children will be introduced to the basic role of certain cell features such as the nucleus.

### **We are Athletes**

PE will be taught twice a week, on Tuesdays 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 be studying *Stone Age to Iron Age*. During this unit, children will be learning about life before history began in the stone age, bronze age and iron age. We will be reflecting on the similarities and differences between modern life and life in prehistoric times. As part of this unit, we will be visiting Stonehenge to experience this World Heritage site firsthand!

### **We are Artists**

In Term 1, we will be focusing on drawing. We will explore line, form, tone, texture and colour. Using pencils, we will learn how to create perspective and we will explore how to create depth in our drawings.



### **We are Home Learners**

Home Learning is set each Friday and should be completed by the following Friday. 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 and one other piece connected to the wider curriculum. Home Learning tasks will be posted on our Wordpress page which is available at <https://fromevalecitizens.wordpress.com/year-6-2/>

## **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. Our key questions will be, "Should we respect everyone?" and "Do you need to like someone to respect them?"