

Year 6 Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 1 of Year 6! I am so proud to be a Frome Vale Citizen and I am so excited for the year ahead with all of your wonderful children. This newsletter will give an insight into the learning that will take place in our classroom this term. 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). See you on the playground!

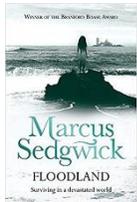
We are Readers

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 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

We are Writers

Our Class Book this term is the fantastic *Floodland* by Marcus Sedgwick. We have started this in class and the children are hooked!



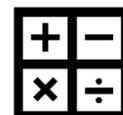
We will be writing our own narrative inspired by this story, focussing on how to accurately convey character emotion as well as how to effectively describe a setting.

This term, our emphasis will be on using a full range of sentence structures for impact. We will also be looking at how to include figurative elements such as personification and the pathetic fallacy.

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.



At the end of Year 6, all children will sit a statutory arithmetic test as part of their SATS. In preparation, we will be consolidating our mental maths and written arithmetic skills throughout the year.

We are Scientists

This term, we are studying chemistry. We will be learning about the structure of atoms, such as the fact that they have a nucleus containing protons, neutrons and electrons.

Building on this, children will also learn about elements. They will become familiar with the periodic table and learn the symbols and names of some common elements, such as gold, hydrogen, oxygen and carbon.



We are Athletes

PE will be taught on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that children have a PE kit in school on that day. Kit can be left in school or taken home. Please label all items of clothing clearly. This term, the children will be practising and playing football.



We are Geographers

This term, we are learning about regions of the UK. Initially, we will explore the human geography of the West Midlands, North West and North East.

After that, we will identify highland regions of the UK and explore their physical geography as well as how this impacts residents and visitors to these areas.



We are Artists

In Term 1, we will be focusing on drawing. We will explore line, form, tone, texture and colour. In addition, we will be studying and imitating the work of Jean DuBuffet and MC Escher.



We are Home Learners

Home Learning is set each Friday and should be completed by the following Friday. The work can be completed in red Love of Learning books 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 show and earn respect. Our key question will be, "Who do we respect and why?"