

Year 6 Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of Term 1 and what a fantastic first term it has been. I have loved getting to know all of the children and helping everyone to achieve their very best. Our learning for Term 2 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). See you on the playground!

We are Readers

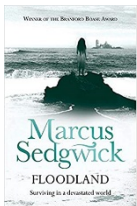
The children are able to borrow a range of suitable fiction and non-fiction texts from school. These books are kept in quarantine in school when returned so that they can be safely borrowed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

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

Our Class Book next term is Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. We will be reading a child-friendly version in class.

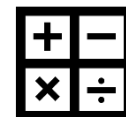


We will be writing our own narrative inspired by this famous story, focusing on how to accurately convey atmosphere in a scene.

In addition to focusing on our vocabulary choices, we will continue to explore a range of super sentences to give our writing extra power.

We are Mathematicians

At the beginning of the term, we are going to be thinking very hard about fractions. This will include comparing and fractions, including those with different denominators. After that, we will be solving problems involving addition, subtraction and multiplication of fractions, including mixed numbers. Children will also learn how to divide a fraction by a whole number.

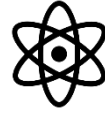


After our work on fractions, we will move onto geometry where the children will be thinking about position and direction. This will involve reading coordinates on a full four-quadrant grid and describing transformations (reflection and translation).

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

We are continuing our study of chemistry until the winter break. 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.



We are Historians

This term, we are going to be learning about prehistory, from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Whilst learning about different prehistoric eras, we will be examining evidence of life thousands of years ago to build our understanding about the historical process. Children will find out about technology, tools and traditions of people before written history.



We are Artists

In Term 1, we will be continuing our focus 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 Collaboration. The FVA Value is Thankfulness. We will be thinking about how we can demonstrate and practice thankfulness. Our key question will be, "Should I be thankful for my basic human rights?"