

Year 6 Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

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.

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

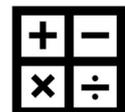


In Term 2, our writing will be based around a children's version of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. We will be writing our own retelling of the opening scene as well as a persuasive letter from Lady Macbeth to Macbeth. We will also be performing the witches' poem and writing our own poems inspired by it.

We are Mathematicians

This term, we are going to be finishing our work on using the four operations to solve problems.

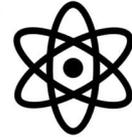
After that, we will explore our understanding of fractions. This will include exploring equivalent fractions and how to simplify fractions. Beyond that, we will learn how to add, subtract and multiply fractions; we will also learn how to divide fractions by positive integers.



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 be evolution and inheritance. To begin with, we are going to think about how fossils are formed and what they can tell us about organisms from the distant past.



After that, we will explore the concept of genetic inheritance and how organisms inherit a combination of features from their parents. Moving on from that, we will think about how the process of natural selection works and the forces that influence it. Having considered animal adaptations, we will consider the specific example of Darwin's finches in the Galapagos and how adaptations over time constitute the process of evolution.

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 Geographers



In Term 2, we are going to study the northwest region of the UK. In particular, we will be focusing on the counties of Merseyside and Cumbria, considering what they have in common and how they are different. We will be exploring these locations using digital maps and use an 8-point compass to describe the location of places in relation to each other. We will explore the concept of scale by exploring maps of these places at a local, national, continental and global scale, thinking about the similarities and differences between the various maps.

We are Designers

In Term 2, we will be focusing on designing electrical systems. We will design, create and evaluate a system designed to fulfil a purpose using electronic components such as buzzers, light and motors.



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 Colaboration. The FVA Value is Justice. We will be thinking about how we can demonstrate and practice fairness. Our key question will be: *Is the world today more or less fair than in the past? What is the evidence? What does the future hold?*