

Year 6 Term 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! I hope that you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. I am sure the children are excited to get back to school and see their friends again. Our learning for Term 3 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

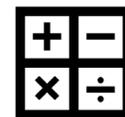
We have two class books this term which will be used to inspire our writing. The first is *How to Live Forever* and the second is *The Promise*. We will be writing our own narrative inspired by this famous story, including writing effective dialogue, describing settings powerfully and conveying character through specific word choices.



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 decimals and percentages. This will include reading and representing decimal numbers to three decimal places. Children will be learning how to multiply and divide decimals by whole numbers and they will go on to convert decimals into both fractions and percentages.



After our work on decimals and percentages, we will move onto algebra where the children will begin by identifying rules for patterns and expressing these rules algebraically. In addition, we will be using substitution to solve problems and exploring how to solve one and two-step equations.

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 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 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 the Old Kingdom of Ancient Egypt. We will be learning about the construction of the Great Pyramid at Giza as well as thinking about the importance of the Nile to the development of this ancient civilisation. In terms of historical skills, the children will be considering the reliability of ancient written sources and evaluating the morality around archaeological evidence such as ownership of the famous Rosetta Stone.



We are Artists

In Term 3, we will be focusing on painting. In particular, we will be studying the life and work of Claude Monet and the Impressionists. Having found out about the movement, we will be creating our own paintings inspired by Monet.



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 Self-Evaluation. The FVA Value is Honesty. We will be thinking about how we can demonstrate and practice honesty. Our key question will be, "Is the truth the same for everyone?"