

Year 6 Term 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

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.

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

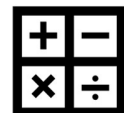


In Term 3, our writing will be based around two illustrated books: *The Promise* and *How to Live Forever*. As well as developing our writing skills through character and setting descriptions, the class will be writing extended narratives in the form of alternative endings. We will also be writing non-fiction when we write discussions based on a theme in *How to Live Forever*.

We are Mathematicians

This term, we are going to be extending our understanding of fractions by exploring the equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages.

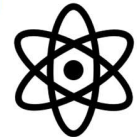
After that, we will formalise our understanding of algebra. During this unit, we will learn to use simple formulae and describe linear number sequences algebraically. In addition, we are going to practice expressing missing number problems using algebra and enumerate possibilities of combinations of two variables.



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 Chemistry. Our focus will be matter and change. To begin with, we are going to think about basic atomic structure and recognise that some atoms join together to form molecules and compounds.



After that, we will go on to name common compounds and learn their formulas. We will then explore the periodic table and learn the names of some key elements. Finally, we are going to identify examples of both physical and chemical changes.

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 Historians



In Term 3, we are going to study the Old Kingdom of Ancient Egypt. During this topic, we will be reminding ourselves of the chronology of the time before learning about the history of the great pyramids in detail. The children will learn about the famous figure of King Djoser who built the first step pyramid and will go on to learn about the development of the Egyptian writing system. Finally, we are going to consider the role of bias when we analyse historical sources that tell us about the past.

We are Designers

In Term 3, 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 Self-Evaluation. The FVA Value is Contribution. We will be thinking about how we can demonstrate and practice contribution in our lives. Our key question will be: *Should there be consequences for people who only take and do not contribute?*