

Year 6 Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our learning for Term 1 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 checking our Class Dojo page. I am always available if you need to speak to me at the end of the day, but you can also contact me via Class Dojo.

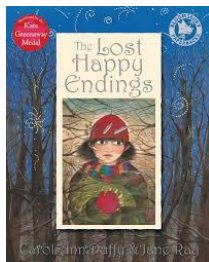
We are Readers

The children can borrow a range of suitable fiction and non-fiction texts from school. If your child is a Free Reader, they should have a book from the UKS2 Reading Spine.



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. We recommend 10 minutes every day to really give children the best opportunities to develop their confidence in reading. I will also read with them on a rotation of days.

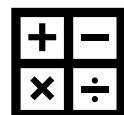
We are Writers



In Term 1, our writing will be based around the fiction text *The Lost Happy Endings*. Over the term, we will be using this text as a stimulus for a variety of writing tasks including writing our own story about overcoming a monster. In addition to this, we will be writing a persuasive letter from the main character's perspective.

We are Mathematicians

This term, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction, developing our confidence in solving problems and explaining our reasoning. We will explore different calculation strategies, use number facts to work efficiently, and tackle missing number and word problems.



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.

Please keep an eye out for our weekly arithmetic sheets, which will be sent home. It would be wonderful if children could spend some time going through these at home and practicing any questions they may have found challenging.

We are Scientists



This term, we are studying classification of living things.

In this unit, we will learn about the similarities and differences between different living organisms. We will also be learning how to sort and classify living things using keys. After that, we will be learning about how living things are adapted to their environments.

We are Athletes

PE will be taught twice a week, on **Wednesday and Friday**, so please send pupils into school wearing PE kit. Please label all items of clothing clearly.



We are Historians



In Term 1, we are going to undertake a study of the Stone Age. In this unit, we will explore what life was like in the distant past and consider the importance on human development of the development of farming.

We are Artists



In Term 1, we will be focusing on drawing. We will be using pencils to create a range of different pieces, having learnt some different techniques such as hatching and stippling.

We are Home Learners

Each week, children in Year 6 are expected to read to an adult at least twice and record it in their yellow reading record as well as practice questions from their **weekly arithmetic test** which will be sent home. Our class's spellings for each week are also available to practice on Spelling Shed.

In addition, there are home learning activity suggestions related to our school topics available on our Class Dojo page

We are Frome Vale Citizens

This term's Learning Behaviour is **Motivation/Aspiration**. The FVA Value is **Respect**. We will be thinking about how we can demonstrate and practice this value in our lives. Our key question will be: *Should we respect everyone? Do you need to like someone to respect them?*