

Year 1 – Information for Term 1

If you wish to make contact, you can:

- Email (info@fva.clf.uk) or telephone (0117 3532902) the school office.
- Email the year one mailbox (year1@fva.clf.uk).
- Speak face to face at the end of the day, once all of the children have been collected.

Dear parents / Carers,

Welcome to Term 6 of Year 1!

If you have any questions about your child or what we are doing in class, please feel free to speak with me in the playground, before or after school, or alternatively telephone the office for an appointment.

We are Learners

The progress of each child is tracked throughout his/her time at school. Termly, teachers meet with SLT and support staff to look at individual attainment and progress in assessments and classwork.

We are Readers

The children have all been provided with reading records, they also have levelled reading books.

- You should read with your child at least 3 times a week.
- Please make sure that your child brings their book bag, reading log and reading books every day.
- Children will be able to borrow both fiction and non-fiction books to read for pleasure at home, if they wish.
- Children reading non-decodable books can independently change their reading books in the morning.

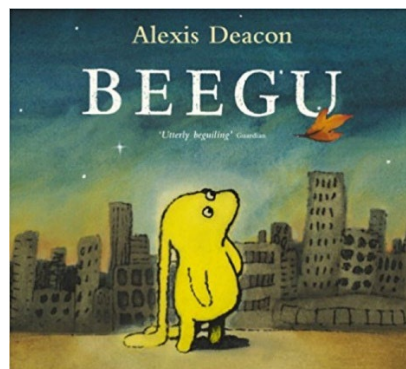
We are Writers

We will start the term by looking at a new book called 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. It is a lovely little story about a little girl alien who crash lands on Earth and lost her mummy and family. She is looking for friends and finds refuge and friendship with the children in a school playground. This story is great for discussions about friendship, welcoming, respecting and including everyone.

This imaginative story will encourage us to write amazing character and setting descriptions and our own story as well. We will also be writing our own recount.

We will be using this book, to develop our speaking and listening skills, building our writing by engaging in our every time we write features, which are:

- Capital letters
- Full stops
- Finger spaces
- Presentation / Handwriting / Letter formation



We are Athletes

We have Forest skills on Wednesday morning and PE Friday afternoon. Please ensure that your child attends school in their P.E kit.

We are Mathematicians

In mathematics we will be counting within a 100. This will be a very practical block of learning.

We will be:

- Counting forwards and backwards
- Counting irregular arrangements
- Understanding more/fewer
- Counting one more/ one less
- Identifying smaller numbers within a number
- Partitioning

We will promote children's thinking to find a way to apply their knowledge and skills to answer unfamiliar types of problems.

We are Historians

As historians our key concept focuses on the question 'How do we know what has changed in our society?'

We are learning to sequence events on a timeline and describe generations.

We are Home Learners

- Reading practice (ideally daily; a minimum of three times a week)
- Play Numbots online (20 minutes per week)
- Practise spellings in preparation for Friday spelling test
- Practise phonic sounds and common exception words covered in school.

We are Frome Vale Citizens

This term our Frome Vale Citizens topic is 'Being me'. We will be learning about:

- Being special and safe in our class
- Knowing that we belong in class
- How to make a class a safe space for everybody
- Recognise how to be proud of an achievement

We are Scientists

Our topic this term in science will be 'seasonal change.' We will be learning to name different seasons and observe how the weather influences the different seasons.

We will be doing outdoor learning to make observations ask questions and answer questions.

We are Artists

As Artists, we are going to learn about 'Drawing.'

We are going to be looking at Keith Haring and will be learning to explore line of different media, thicknesses and directions. This will include the exploration of creating tone and explore and investigate texture.



