

Year 1 – Information for Term 2

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 2 of Year 1!

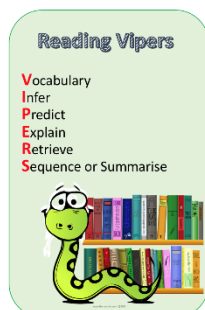
If you have any questions about your child or what we are doing in class, please feel free to speak with me in the playground, before or after school, or alternatively telephone the office for an appointment.

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

During Reading, the children look at different aspects of Vipers. Starting from phonics focus, to vocabulary, inference prediction and comprehension.



- 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.

We are Writers

We will start term 2 by looking at a new book called 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey. A boy receives an action figure as a Christmas present and the first half of this inventive picture book shows Traction Man's exciting adventures in house and garden, sink and bath. Then comes the visit to Granny who has knitted a green romper suit with matching bonnet for our hero. Will Traction Man be able to overcome the embarrassment of this inappropriate costume and put it to good use with the aid of his trusty pet, Scrubbing Brush?

This story will spark the children's imaginations and will encourage them to write amazing character and setting descriptions and our own story as a final piece.

We will also be writing our own instructions on 'How to make a Jam Sandwich?'

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
- Proper Nouns
- Adjectives to describe
- Use 'and' to join words and phrases

We are Athletes

We have P.E on Monday morning and 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:

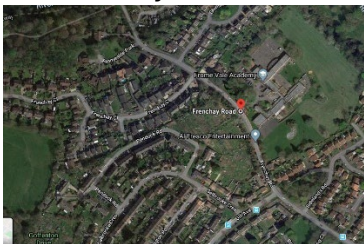
- Compare using length and height, mass and volume and capacity
- Comparison of quantities
- Part -whole relationships
- Numbers 0-5
- Recognise, compose and decompose and manipulate 2D and 3D shapes.

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

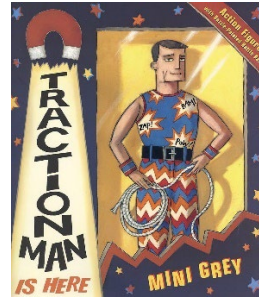
We are Geographers

As historians our key concept focuses on the question 'What is in and around our local area?'

We are learning to understand and create maps by looking at 2D representations and birds-eye views.



We are Home Learners



We are Frome Vale Citizens

This term our Frome Vale Citizens topic is 'Celebrating differences'

We will be learning about:

- Identifying similarities and differences
- What is 'bullying?'
- What do I do about bullying?
- Making new friends
- Celebrating difference; celebrating me.

We are Scientists

Our topic this term in science will be 'Everyday Materials.' We will be learning to name different materials and their uses as well as describing them.

We will be looking at:

- Why materials are chosen based on their properties
- Identify and compare suitability of everyday materials
- Become aware some materials are natural and man-made
- Find out how the shapes of solid objects from some materials can be changed.

We are Designers

As Designers, we are going to learn about 'Textiles.'

We are going to weave using threads including string and wool and investigate waving materials and processes. We will

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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. | <p>be working with different types of textiles and use printing and fabric crayons and designing our own t-shirts.</p> |
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