

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 3 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.

We are Athletes

PE is taught on a Monday morning and Friday afternoon. Please ensure that

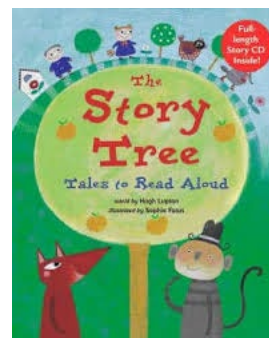
We are Writers

We will begin with reading a new book called 'The Story Tree' – a collection of tales from around the world retold by Hugh Lupton.

We will be exploring a traditional tale from India called 'Monkey – See, Monkey - Do'. Children will be learning to use new and exciting story language in their writing. They will be sequencing their story narratives and planning their stories to ensure they add gripping detail.

This imaginative story will encourage us to write amazing character and setting descriptions as well as recounts. 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



children have a PE kit in school on those days.

We are Mathematicians

In mathematics we will be continuing our learning with numbers 0-10. Within this unit we will be:

- counting set of objects
- understanding number lines
- identifying missing numbers
- understanding fact families (addition problem)
- looking at additive structures

Across our learning, we will know key mathematical facts, recalling them quickly and accurately.

There will be opportunities for logical thinking to derive the correct problem-solving strategy. And 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 'What can the big tree remember in front of our school?'

Children are going to use a range of skills and techniques to explore when the school was built, understand the meaning of street names and review how the estate has changed.

We will be meeting Historian Michael Gorely, who will take us on a trip around the village to understand change.

We are Home Learners

- Reading practice (ideally daily; a minimum of three times a week)

We are Frome Vale Citizens

This term our Frome Vale Citizens topic is 'dreams and goals. We will be learning about:

- Steps to goals
- Achieving together
- Overcoming obstacles
- Celebrating my successes

Our learning behaviour is 'self-evaluating and our value is 'truth and honesty.'

During this term, we will visit our school display boards.

We are Scientists

Our topic this term in science will be 'magnetism.' We will be learning to identify familiar, everyday uses of magnets and to be able to classify materials according to whether they are or are not attracted by a magnet.

We are Artists

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

We are going to be looking at the artists: Jasper Johns, Robert Motherwell and Carol Brent Levin.

We will be looking and understanding:

- line and shape
- tone and form
- pattern and texture
- colour

Children will create their final piece using all of the above.

We are Mathmagicians

Our mathmagicians sessions are designed to be a highly visual number fact teaching programmes, which

- Play Numbots online (20 minutes per week)
- Practice spelling
- Practice phonic sounds and common exception words covered in school.

supports children to develop a deep understanding of number and number relationships, and fluency in addition and subtraction facts.

This unit within our mathmagicians sessions will support children in developing their ability to recognise one more and one less, two more and two less, number 10 fact families and five and a bit.

