

Year 1 – Information for Term 4

If you wish to make contact, you can:

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

Dear parents / Carers,

Welcome to Term 4 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.

We are Writers

We will begin with reading a new book called 'The Tin Forest'. The book is about a man who dreams of a real forest and builds one out of tin until finally one day it becomes a real place with trees, birds and animals.

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 instructions. 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

- 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 afternoon and Friday morning. On Monday it is run by PE coaches. On Friday, children will develop and apply ball skills and counter balance skills with a partner through focused skill, development sessions, stories and games. Please ensure that children have a PE kit in school on those days.

We are Mathematicians

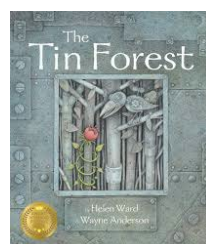
In mathematics we will be continuing our learning about additive structures. Within this unit we will be:

- understanding number lines
- identifying missing numbers
- understanding fact families
- looking at addition and subtraction

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

- Presentation / Handwriting / Letter formation



We are Frome Vale Citizens

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

- families
- making friends
- greetings
- being my own best friend
- people who help us

Our learning behaviour is 'resilience' and our value is 'loyalty.'

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

We are Scientists

Our topic this term in science will be 'plants.' We will be learning:

- Identify different parts of a plant
- Grow our own sunflower seeds
- Investigate seeds
- Observe different plants

apply their knowledge and skills to answer unfamiliar types of problems.

We are Geographers

As Geographers our key concept focuses on Identifying and understanding differences and similarities between people, places, environments, places and cultures in the United Kingdom.'

Children are going to explore maps and atlases to understand that places have unique physical and human characteristics.

We are Home Learners

- Reading practice (ideally daily; a minimum of three times a week)
- Play Numbots online (20 minutes per week)
- Practice spelling
- Practice phonic sounds and common exception words covered in school.
- Complete home love of learning challenges

We will also be going on a trip to Chew Magna Community Farm to learn and further our knowledge on plants.

We are linguists

This term, in French we will focus on colours and numbers.

We are Mathmagicians

Our mathmagicians sessions are designed to be a highly visual number fact teaching programmes, which 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, fact families and ten and a bit.

