

Term 5 newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our learning for Term 5 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 3 by checking Class Dojo regularly.



Our Class text is "The secret of the Black Rock."

Listen to the story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIAiFKyd7xM>

We are Readers



The children can borrow a range of levelled reading books from school.

Children should read every day, and they should read to an adult at least three times a week. Please record each time you read with your child in the yellow Reading Record. If they have three reads recorded in their reading record, they will get a house point for their team!



We are Writers

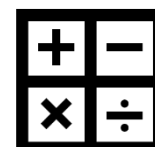


In Term 5, our writing will be based around the fiction text Secret of the Black Rock. Over the term, we will be writing a range of pieces including a new plot focusing on using similes to describe.

For our non-fiction outcome, we will be writing a double page spread (facts) about Black Rock.

We are Mathematicians

At the beginning of this term, we will be finishing the unit '4 and 8 Times Tables.'



Shortly after, we will be starting the unit column subtraction (for two weeks) where children will learn strategies to bridge the 10s and 100s column.

At the end of term, children will be learning about unit fractions adding, subtracting and ordering fractions.

We are Scientists

The Human Body

This term, we're exploring the human body with a focus on the digestive system. Pupils are learning what happens to food when we eat, how it's broken down, and how our bodies absorb nutrients.

We're also covering:

The different types of teeth and their functions. **Teeth:** Children are learning about the four main types of teeth – incisors, canines, premolars, and molars – and how each one plays a different role in chewing and breaking down food. We'll also be discussing how to keep teeth healthy through good hygiene and regular care.

We are exploring what makes a balanced diet, including the importance of eating a variety of foods from all the food groups. The children are learning how different nutrients help the body grow, stay strong, and stay healthy.

We are Athletes

PE days will be on a Tuesday and Friday.

In PE this term, the children are focusing on athletics. They are practising skills such as sprinting, long-distance running, jumping, and throwing. The lessons help them develop strength, coordination, and stamina. We're also encouraging teamwork, perseverance, and a positive attitude towards physical activity.

We are Historians

In history this term, we are studying the Era of European Exploration (AD 1400–1500s), focusing on key explorers such as John Cabot, Christopher Columbus, Sir Francis Drake, and others. The children are learning about their voyages, discoveries, and the impact these had on Europe and the wider world. For example, we've explored how Cabot's voyages, backed by Henry VII, helped

establish Bristol as a key Atlantic trade port, and how Columbus's expeditions opened the way for European colonisation of the Americas. We are also discussing the consequences of exploration, including early encounters with civilisations such as the Aztecs.

We are Artists



In art this term, the children are exploring **collage-making** using a variety of materials. Today, we are focusing on fundamental techniques such as **folding, cutting, tearing, crumpling**, and **gluing** to create expressive works of art. These techniques help develop creativity, fine motor skills, and attention to detail. Through their collages, pupils are learning how to combine textures and shapes to tell stories and express emotions.

We are Frome Vale Citizens

Our Value is 'Kindness.' Our key question is: should we be kind to everyone?

During our jigsaw PSHE lessons, our key focus is healthy me. We will be exploring ways we can keep fit and live an active life.