

Year 4 Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with your children, who I am sure are ready for a fantastic year of learning after the summer break! Our learning for Term 1 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 4 by following our Twitter account (@FvaYr4) and by checking our Wordpress page regularly. I am always available if you need to speak to me at the end of the day but you can also contact me via email (either via the school office or directly at year4@fva.clf.uk). See you on the playground!

Checklist for coming back to school:

All of it to be named please: Uniform (including sunhats).

PE kit (plain white or black t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, black trainers or daps)

Water bottle

All children need to bring their reading book and reading record in to school every day.

We are Readers

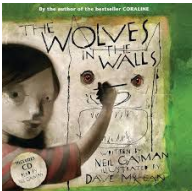
The children can borrow a range of suitable fiction and non-fictions texts from school.

Children should read every day and they should **read to an adult at least twice a week**. Please record each time you read with your child in the yellow Reading Record. We recommend 10 minutes every day to really give children the best opportunities to develop their confidence in reading. I will also read with them on a rotation of days.



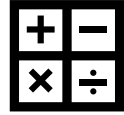
We are Writers

In Term 2, our writing will be based around the fiction text *The Wolves in the walls*. Over the term, we will be using this text as a stimulus for a variety of writing tasks including writing our own adapted narrative. In addition to this, we will be writing to persuade, using the story as inspiration.



We are Mathematicians

In this term, we are going to be extending our understanding of multiplication and division. In this unit, we are going to be exploring the three, six and times tables. We will be exploring the idea of commutativity and identifying fact families, where we used known facts to find new ones.



In order to build and maintain number fluency, we will be consolidating our mental and written arithmetic skills throughout the term in our Mathsmagicians sessions.

We are Scientists



This term, we are studying biology. Our focus will be classification of animals.

In this unit, we will learn about the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates. We will also use branching keys to sort a range of animals.

We are Athletes

PE will be taught twice a week, on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please ensure that children come into school wearing their school PE kits on these days. Please label all items of clothing clearly.



We are Geographers



In Term 2, we are going to study the United Kingdom. In this unit, we will learn about the countries and regions that constitute our country. We will also learn to identify famous human and physical features of our countries landscape using maps and keys.

We are Designers

In Term 2, we will be focusing on designing structures. We will be creating our own shell structures to protect a fragile object using cardboard.



We are Home Learners

Each week, children in Year 4 are expected to:

- Read to an adult at least twice and record it in their yellow reading record
- Play TTRS for a total of 20 minutes
- Practise the weekly spellings for the test on Friday (Spelling Shed)

In addition, there are home learning activity suggestions related to our school topics available on our class WordPress page:

<https://wordpress.com/page/fromevalecitizens.wordpress.com/7574>

We are Frome Vale Citizens

This term's Learning Behaviour is **Collaboration**. The FVA Value is **Thankfulness** . We will be thinking about how we can demonstrate and practice thankfulness in our lives. Our key question will be: *How does it make us feel when someone is not thankful?*