

Year 4 Term 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our learning for Term 3 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 checking our Class Dojo page. I am always available if you need to speak to me at the end of the day but you can also contact me via Class Dojo. See you on the playground!

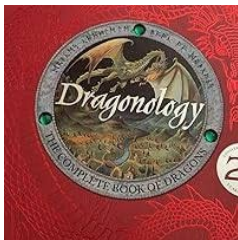
We are Readers

The children can borrow a range of suitable fiction and non-fiction texts from school. If your child is a Free Reader, they should have a book from the LKS2 Reading Spine.



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.

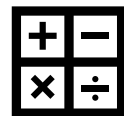
We are Writers



In Term 5, our writing will be based around the fiction text *Dragonology*. 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 a non-chronological report about dragons.

We are Mathematicians

In this term, we are going to be extending our understanding of decimals, money and time. In this unit, we are going to be exploring how to use known facts to derive new information. We will be comparing numbers up to 2 decimal places and finding equivalence between fractions and decimals.



In order to build and maintain fluency with our multiplication facts, we will continue daily and weekly routines designed to support times tables knowledge.

We are Scientists



This term, we are studying sound.

In this unit, we will learn how sound is caused by vibrations, understanding that we hear when vibrations strike our ear drum and send signals to our brain. We will also explore how we can affect the pitch and volume of sounds by changing vibrations. We will find out whether sound is able to travel through solids, liquids and gases.

We are Athletes

PE will be taught twice a week, on Mondays and Fridays, so please send pupils into school wearing PE kit. Please label all items of clothing clearly.



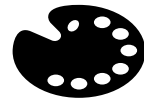
We are Historians



In Term 5, we are going to study Early Islamic Civilisation. In this unit, we will explore the rise of Islam in the first millennium and explore the various scientific discoveries and inventions created during this period including the building of the House of Wisdom and the invention of algebra.

We are Artists

In Term 5, we will be focusing on collage. We will be creating our own images using various techniques inspired by real artists.



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
- Practise their timestables using TTRS – the aim is to routinely achieve a score of 25 on Soundcheck mode

In addition, there are home learning activity suggestions related to our school topics available on our Class Dojo page

We are Frome Vale Citizens

This term's Learning Behaviour is **Focus**. The FVA Value is **Kindness**. We will be thinking about how we can demonstrate and practice this value in our lives. Our key question will be: *Can you be too kind?*