

# Year 5 Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 5 by following our Twitter account (@FvaYr5) and by checking class dojo 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 the school office or class dojo. See you on the playground!

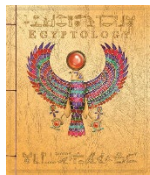
## We are Readers



The children are able to borrow a range of suitable fiction and non-fiction 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. If your child has at least four reads recorded in a week, they will earn a house point. If the Reading Record is not signed twice, your child will have the opportunity to read at lunchtime on Friday.

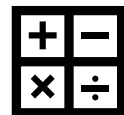
## We are Writers



In Term 1, our writing will be based around the non-fiction text *Egyptology*. Over the term, we will be writing a range of pieces where we innovate ideas in the text write narrative inspired by the events described. In addition to this, we will be writing to inform, through a non-chronological report about Ancient Egypt.

## We are Mathematicians

In this term, we are going to be extending our understanding of number and place value. In this unit, we are going to be reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers to one million. We will also be reading Roman numerals and working with negative numbers.

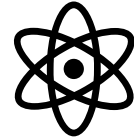


In order to build and maintain number fluency, we will be consolidating our mental and written arithmetic skills throughout the term in our Mathsmagicians sessions.

## We are Scientists

This term, we are studying Physics. Our focus will be forces.

In this unit, we will learn about different types of force and how they affect movement and matter, including gravity, friction (air resistance and water resistance) and upthrust. In addition, we will explore the role of mechanisms including levers, gears and pulleys in turning a smaller input force into a larger output.



### **We are Athletes**

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



### **We are Historians**



In Term 1, we are going to study the New Kingdom of Ancient Egypt. In this unit, we will learn about some famous figures from that period such as Ramses the Great and Hatshepsut. We will be interrogating primary sources to see what they can teach us about the past.

### **We are Artists**

In Term 1, we will be focusing on drawing. Having explored famous artists who have produced drawings, we will create our own and display them in our termly Art Gallery.



### **We are Home Learners**

Each week, children in Year 5 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
- Learn the weekly spellings for the test on Friday

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 **Motivation**. The FVA Value is **Respect**. We will be thinking about how we can demonstrate and practice respect in our lives. Our key question will be: *Should we respect people automatically or should they earn respect?*