

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Today we celebrated the European Day of Languages – an opportunity to learn about differing cultures, traditions, and a chance to acquire some new words!

Language acquisition is such an important part of our life at d'Auvergne. May I take this opportunity to remind all those families who speak a language other than English at home to **keep that home language strong**. Speaking / reading / writing in a mother-tongue is such an asset to our children. Thank you.

Gates

Our electric gates will be operational in the last few days of this half-term. Please note, they will automatically open at 7.15am and will close at 8.45am. They will re-open to pedestrians and vehicles at 2.30pm, closing at 5.15pm.

If you arrive early to pick up, please do not arrive before 2.30pm. We do not want a line of traffic queueing onto the road. Thank you.

During the day if you require access to school, park your car in the spare bays before the gates and use the pedestrian buzzer. We shall then control your access onto the campus.

Families wishing to use / access the grounds out of hours will be provided with a personal code for each family.

Eco Committee

In eco committee this week we analysed the results of our school survey and created a plan for the year with what we need to focus on. So, watch this space for some exciting new initiatives!

As a whole school, we have been answering the question, what is our favourite thing about trees. The answers have been great and so varied. A lot of children love them because they give us oxygen, and of course because they're fun to climb and home to many different animals.

Please remember on **Friday 13th October**, we are taking part in **Just One Tree Day** where children can come to school wearing something green (please do not buy anything new, it can be anything green you have at home), donate £1 and for every £1 we collect, a tree will be planted to help our planet.

Also, we have been invited to join a Jersey-wide poster making competition to bust some recycling myths. Take a look at the poster attached if your child wants to take part. The deadline for this is **18th October** and posters will be displayed in the Royal Square in St Helier.

Mrs Baikins and the Eco Team.

Have a great weekend – enjoy the sunshine.

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures 1

This week has provided our first Healing Waves session of the new school year. Six of our Futures children (and Mrs Mason) braved the swell at Le Braye and had a fantastic time. There will be one more session during October and you will be notified by email when it is your child's turn.

It was so lovely to see all our children and staff getting into the spirit and enjoying our PTA fundraising day to celebrate World Animal Day. There were a range of animal activities on offer, as well as plenty of dressing up opportunities!

We continue to learn about our likes and dislikes, inspired by our class text, Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly. Please try at home to build in some of the Makaton signs we have been using in school ('yes', 'no' and 'I like', detailed in the previous 2 newsletters). The more the children see them, the more they are likely to use them to communicate their needs.

Wishing you all a great weekend

Mrs Mason & the Futures Team

Futures 2

In response to the questions raised by the children, this week we have been exploring length: We measured out the tallest dinosaur (the 'Brachiosaurus' - a whopping 1310cm) and shortest (the 'Oculudentavis' - only 10cm) and compared them our own heights; we tested if we could jump further than a Velociraptor (300cm) spoiler alert, we couldn't; and we compared our footprint and handprint to our chosen dinosaur.

In other non-dinosaur related news, Futures 2's swimming lessons are going... well, swimmingly! We are getting to grips with numicon daily and we have been following sequential instructions by using 2D shapes to draw pictures! Ms Bailey also wanted a special mention in regards to how much super effort everyone is putting into our phonics lessons! Keep up the excellent learning everyone!

Nursery

Another brilliant week in Nursery!

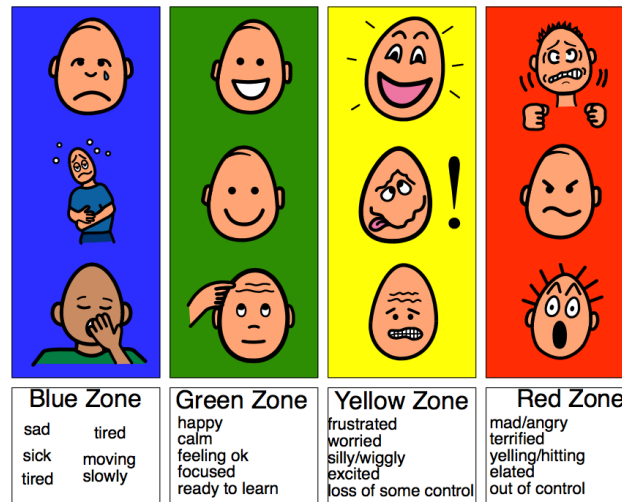
A special thank you to all the grown-ups (parents, grandparents etc) for being so patient with us at the end of the day whilst we've been so short staffed, things have been a little busier, but you and the children have coped fantastically.

This week, the children have enjoyed story time, with a particular love for 'Brown Bear' written by Bill Martin. We've been learning some of the signs for the animals and colours in the story, I wonder if your children can remember any?

We have also been thinking about the 'Zones of Regulation' and having a go at making some faces to match the emotions we may be feeling. Some of the children have even started to articulate when they are feeling green, blue, red or yellow. Please see the image below to help you understand which

colours match which feeling as this is a consistent approach used by all children and staff in the school.

The Zones of Regulation



Have a lovely, sunny weekend!

The Nursery team

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Reception

As October begins, we are slowly but surely getting into the swing of things in Reception. More and more children are coming into school independently and so after half term, we will be expecting all the children to come through the gate on their own. The Reception gate will close at 8:25am so the children have time to do their morning jobs and be ready to learn at 8:30am.

Parents, thank you for your understanding with this but it is very busy in the mornings with lots of children moving around so we need to ensure all the children are safe in their classroom with their teachers at the start of the day. The sooner the children are in, the sooner they settle and get on with the important job of learning 😊

This week we have completed our first independent writing; this was writing our own name without the support from an adult and drawing a portrait of ourselves. Please keep working on this at home. It makes life much easier for your children if they can recognise and write their own name. Encourage them to use a capital letter for the start of their name and lower-case letters for the rest of it and continue to work on holding the pencil correctly. They are loving 'pen disco' which can be found on YouTube which will also give them a tip on how to hold their pencil correctly.

In maths, we have been learning to subitise up to 5. This is when children can recognise quantities without counting them.



Try this at home – Drop a few objects (up to 5) onto the floor. Ask the question ‘What do you see?’ rather than ‘how many?’ They may respond – I can see 2 and another 2, that’s 4. Or they might say, I can see 2 and 1 and 1, that’s 4 altogether.

This will support your children with learning to subitise so they understand what 4 actually looks like as an amount of objects and how 4 can be created rather than just being able to count 1,2,3,4 by rote.

It was lovely to see so many children dressed up for World Animal Day on Wednesday, ask your children what they now know about hedgehogs. They may even sing you a song about them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend 😊

Mrs Rachel Lutkin-Clarke and Miss Jodi Shurey (The Reception Dream Team)

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Year 1

We have a fun filled ‘wild’ week in Year 1! The children were immersed in all things animal this week.

The children enjoyed a trip to the zoo on Monday, thank you again to parent helpers for your support. At the zoo the children had the opportunity to walk around and see many different animals. They also spent some time in the zoo classroom taking part in animal classification activities. The children have been looking at how to classify animals that are mammals, reptiles, birds, fish and amphibians. This has supported our topic learning this week. Children would also benefit from consolidation with this at home.

In literacy we have been focusing on verbally recounting our trip to the zoo. This will support our unaided writing next week. While recounting our zoo trip the children have been asked to think about their senses and how they used these around the zoo. The children have been thinking of sentences using the starters ‘At the zoo I (saw, heard, smelt, touched)...’ Children would benefit from consolidation at home.

In maths this week we have been continuing our learning with numbers to 10. The children have been counting different amounts of objects to 10 and showing different ways to represent a number.

The children have also enjoyed creating some animal print art work this week!

Reminders:

- Please continue to read every day with your children and record this in your child’s homework diary.
 - Please continue to encourage your children to practice their spellings daily.
 - Ensure all belongings brought into school are named.
 - Please do not bring backpacks into class. A lunchbox and bookbag is suitable.
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Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert.

Year 2

We are so proud of Year 2 this week and their efforts on their first independent write. We can see that they have applied new skills that have been taught over the past few weeks and the result is impressive – these were a pleasure to read!

The children enjoyed a visit from Mandy who works for Safety Sam. They listened beautifully and asked and answered many questions during the session. They should have come home with a comic to read with you at home. **Mandy did however, give the children a challenge – to learn their grown-ups telephone number and their home address.** Any children who manage to do this by half term, will get 3 house points.

In anticipation of our **upcoming mosque trip on Monday 16th October**, in RE we have been learning about the Islamic faith and important aspects of the religion. We are keen to see this in person and would love if any adults would like to volunteer to accompany us. If so, please contact your child's class teacher.

When reading with your children at home, please could you focus on asking comprehension questions about what they have read. This supports their understanding and engagement with the text that they are reading.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

Another great week in year 3.

In the Makerspace, we continued to design and make our own 3D mazes. We have now been able to design our paths inside our mazes by adding detail such as doorways, bones and giving it special effects.

In writing, we are continuing with our Greek Myths. This week we focused on Thesus and the Minotaur, covering letter writing, features of a text and through our reading and writing lessons we have focused on vocabulary.

In maths, we have now finished our place value chapter in MNP. Next week we will be starting our new chapter, being Addition and Subtraction. We continue to work on our 3 times tables in class and encourage the children to keep practicing all their times tables as part of their home learning.

Thank you for your patience regarding the new laptop cases, we are still unfortunately awaiting them. But as a year group we have decided to send laptops home with the old laptop cases from last year's class and will replace these cases once the new ones arrive. As part of their home learning next week, we encourage you to practice logging in and out of the laptops with your child to help them for when we need to use the laptops in school.

Please beware that you child will only be coming home with a laptop if the school has received the AUP and payment of £30.00.

We hope you all have a great weekend!

Thank you for your continued support.

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Year 4

We've had a thoroughly enjoyable week in Year 4 with lots of fun and celebration.

This week, Year 4 have celebrated World Animal Day as well as the European Day of Languages. On Friday, the children explored the Italian language with key conversational phrases, writing, listening to an Italian story and even making pizza! We really loved hearing the children sharing stories and reading in their home languages too.

As well as all this excitement, we have started a brand-new unit in English and even had a drop in from Mr Cooper who delivered a very suspicious letter to our classes from the Demon Dentist! In Maths, we have been continuing to learn about place value and are now moving onto rounding. In Science, we have been working scientifically and have completed our experiment looking at the impact of fizzy drinks on our teeth. In Art, we have been practising our printing techniques ahead of creating our final printing pieces in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you to parents for your ongoing support with home learning, reading and preparing the children so well for the many events going on in school – we loved the various animal costumes!

Best regards,

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Year 5

This week has been very busy with different activities and visitors!

Many of the children completed the Bikeability Level 1 certificate at the start of the week and as a result we now have some super confident riders who know how to safely ride on the roads.

On Animal Day, Mrs Willis came to see us and took the children through an art session where they were using contour and shading to 'dazzle' the eye. Can your child explain how and why we dazzled our eyes – which animal did it link to?

In writing, we have been planning our independent writes which we will write next week. We can't wait to read the myths that the children have written linked to space and the moon.

In maths, we have finished off our first chapter, ready to begin adding and subtracting within 1,000,000. Can your child remember how to use column method to add and subtract?

Next Week

In addition to our normal week –

On **Monday 5Lee** are going to the Town Church to take part in a Life Exhibition.

On **Wednesday 5C** are going to the Town Church to take part in a Life Exhibition.

On **Friday Year 5** are going to see a live orchestra perform from 'BBC 10 Pieces'.

Another exciting and busy week to look forward to before Scout Hut the following week!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Lee and Miss Condlyffe

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Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have moved onto a new focus of Place Value in Maths. The children have been identifying and comparing numbers up to 10 million. In Writing we have begun our new learning journey by exploring the features of persuasive letters. Towards the end of our learning journey, the aim is for the children to write letters to our school senior advisors about why the John Muir Award should be compulsory in all Year 6 classes across the island. We are really looking forward to seeing how these letters turn out and the responses we receive.

We have also had Janet Willis with us this week, hosting an engaging and wonderful art workshop. The children have produced Victorian style prints, which look fantastic! As well as this, we have had a great time exploring multiple different languages and cultures during European Day of Languages.

Home Learning (Please ensure your child records their home learning in their diary and asks you to initial it. Diaries shall be checked every Friday).

- Reading: Daily for 20mins.
 - Spelling: Practice of weekly spelling words (please see the letter handout or Google Classroom for these).
 - Maths: Maths Tutor x2 lessons.
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A few gentle reminders:

- CATS Parent Meeting – **Monday 9th October (either 8:15am, 3pm or 5:30pm)**
- Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.

Achievers:

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Sophia! What an incredible artist this young lady is. The level of detail and finesse she shows in every piece she does is unbelievable! Sophia's style is really impressive, catches the eye, and is beautifully thought out. You have a bright future in the art industry Sophia, great job!

6G: This achiever this week in 6G is Theo! His confidence has grown when providing input during a lesson and the respect he shows his peers is brilliant. He has provided some fantastic ideas into some challenging topics. This is great to see from you Theo, keep it up!

6B: The achiever in 6B this week is Luciana! Luciana has been working really hard this week and is determined to not give up. She has also encouraged other children to be more resilient and provided some great solutions to other children too. She is kind and caring and always looking out for others Well done, Luciana!

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