

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

School Open Next Week

I am pleased to inform you that we are able to stay open during next week's teacher strikes by the NEU.

For information during previous closures, I was not able to ask other teachers to cover classes, but that situation has changed in the last few days. Therefore, if teachers are absent, we shall still be able to operate. Any action by unions is not against the school itself but arises from a dispute between the trade unions and the employer, the States Employment Board (SEB).

I should like to express my appreciation to the team for their flexibility next week to allow school to open. I know it will mean a lot to the children at this time of year, and to yourselves as busy working parents.

Christmas Service Rehearsals Support

On Tuesday and Wednesday Key Stage 2 will be walking to St. Mark's Church to rehearse for our Carol Service on Wednesday evening at 6pm.

The children will be leaving school at 8.40am and returning at 12.00pm. We need adult support in escorting the children to / from the church. If you can spare some time, please contact Mrs Wheaton (a.wheaton@dauvergne.sch.je) or call school (625858). Thank you.

Christmas Arrangements

- **Wednesday 13th, 6pm Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St. Mark's Church.** Full attendance of pupils is absolutely expected – this is a significant school event, with children relying on one another.
- **Friday 15th, 10.30am and 1.30pm Key Stage 1 Nativity in School Hall.**
- **Friday 15th, 3.00pm PTA Tuck Shop**
- **Monday 18th, 9.00am Nursery Singing in School Hall**
- **Monday 18th, 10.30am Reception Singing in School Hall**
- **Monday 18th, 5.30pm Carols Around the Tree – WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY (mince pies and hot chocolates galore!)**
- **Tuesday 19th, 1.30pm Achievers' Assembly**
- **Tuesday 19th, 3.00pm End of Term – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB.**

Writing Home Learning Competition

Thank you so much to those children who have already entered the competition and to those that are busy planning and drafting their winter stories. Mrs Wilkinson cannot wait to read them. We have had a brilliant uptake, with all of the folders out on loan! Please remember to bring back the folder

and resources if you borrowed one. The deadline is Monday 18th December, so there is still time to enter.

Have a festive weekend,
The Christmas Pudding

Year Group Updates

Futures 1

It's so lovely to be back with the children. A huge thank you to Mr Williams and the team for holding down the fort whilst I was off.

Following on from Deco day last week we are continuing with the Christmas theme. Our new focus story is Dear Santa, written by Rod Campbell. This book follows a similar format as his well known story, Dear Zoo, so we have been using this story to explore the different objects Santa is sending, as well as the adjectives used to describe each present.

We have set up a wrapping station in the classroom, providing the children with opportunities to develop their fine motor and problem solving skills. Wrapping objects of different shapes and sizes requires a great deal of manual dexterity, forward planning and logical thought processes. And of course it's great fun unwrapping everything afterwards too!

A group of our children enjoyed another Healing Waves session this week. Aside from the great time they are clearly having, it is amazing to see the improvement in core strength and confidence each time they attend.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Mason & The Futures Team

Futures 2

First and foremost, Santa came early to Futures 2 - he had a helper - when Mr Worthington donated a brand-new toy kitchen! Every day since, we've had a veritable plastic feast! THANK YOU, Mr Worthington.

Together the children have decorated our classroom with lights, a tree and window stickers -we've still got a whole two weeks to fill up every space with Christmas cheer. Our Wednesday challenge gave us the opportunity to paint with no brushes - our Santa and Rudolf portraits were all the better for our messy technique!

Furthermore, now that we are confident when fitting numicon together to create number bonds, this week we have been using number lines to solve addition number sentences. Our main goal is to eventually be able to hold a number in our heads and to count on. A potential New Year's resolution?

Wrap up warm

The Futures 2 Team

Nursery

A festive, fun-filled and glitter covered week in Nursery!

This week, your little Christmas elves have been working hard creating some gorgeous decorations and Christmas surprises for you that they will be bringing home before the end of term. They've practiced lots of skills, threading, painting, mark-making and jumping...

A reminder of some dates for your diary - on Monday 18th December at 9am, you're welcome to join us for our Christmas singing performance. On Tuesday 19th December, we have our Nursery Christmas party (please remember they do not need to bring their lunch on this day). Nursery will reopen for the spring term on Thursday 4th January 2024.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Nursery Christmas angels

Reception

This week in Reception we have completed our second independent write, our Christmas list letters to Santa. The children were very excited to talk about their Christmas wishes and used their phonics sound mats to try and identify the sounds they could hear. They were then encouraged to check that they had the correct pencil grip, then had a go at sounding out and writing by themselves. We can already see great progress in their letter formations and use of sounds, as well as the wonderful detail in their pictures to accompany their writing, in comparison to the start of the year.

In maths, the children have been comparing numbers using the vocabulary of more than and less than. The amounts have been represented in different ways and the children have had a go at ordering the amounts by their size. We have also been telling Christmas stories to make number sentences. This is helping the children to understand how to add two amounts together.

The children have adored decorating the classroom and doing lots of Christmas arts and crafts. We have been using our counting to make paper chains, learning about and decorating robins and using our fine motor skills to decorate stockings, Christmas trees and snowflakes. Safe to say, our classrooms are looking very glittery!

Please remember that our library day is Thursday. Keep up the hard work practising spellings at home! Once again, the children did fantastically with their spelling quizzes!

We hope you have a lovely weekend 😊

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

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Year 1

Another busy week has past in Year 1 and the children have been working very hard!

In Literacy this week we have been thinking about adjectives! The children have been thinking of many different adjectives to describe Father Christmas. Once we had thought of lots of different adjectives, we talked about how to put these in a sentence. We also discussed how when we have two adjectives next to each other, we use a comma in-between. For example, Father Christmas has a soft, red coat. The children then wrote down their descriptions of Father Christmas in their literacy books.

In Maths this week we have moved on from addition and started to look at subtraction. We have been using the subtracting by crossing out method. Children have had pictures of different objects, then took away some of those objects by crossing them out. They would then write the number sentence to go with the pictures. Children would benefit from consolidation with this at home.

The children have been busy designing their clay animals in art, creating more decorations for the Christmas fayre and continuing to practice for our upcoming nativity performance (Friday 15th December.)

IKA enjoyed their last bike ability session this week. P.E days will remain the same for the rest of this term.

We are going ice-skating on Monday 11th December. Please email your child's class teacher if you would like to offer some support with this trip. Please also ensure that your child comes in on that day with some gloves and a suitable coat.

Reminders:

- Please continue to read at home with your children and record this in their homework diary daily.
- Please encourage your child to practice their spellings daily.
- Please ensure all of your children's items are named.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert.

Year 2

We are right in the middle of our festive fun in Year 2, as we put together the final preparations for our Nativity next Friday. The children have been working incredibly hard to perfect their lines and their singing, and we are sure you will be as impressed as we are with their efforts!

In writing this week we are busy preparing for our next piece of writing, an apology letter from Excitable Edgar, and learning what a synonym is and how it can make our writing more exciting (a different word which has the same meaning). To give your child a challenge at home, ask them how many synonyms they can find for 'amazing' – the longest list will win a prize!

In maths we have been consolidating our knowledge of renaming using column addition and subtraction. We have been doing lots of word problems where children have practised the skill of picking out important information and then deciding whether they need to add or subtract to find the answer. Mathematics is a great way to recap this topic at home, and we encourage all children to have a go at the tasks set for them.

Finally a huge thank you to all parents who have given up their time to support our trip to the ice rink on Monday, it is sure to be a fantastic day!

Thank you,
The Year 2 Team

Year 3

We have had a lovely week in Year 3, with the children displaying their learning in a variety of ways.

On Tuesday we spent our day with Hiver hackers where the children came to the end of their computing journey by making their own game with a set of algorithms. They all become a certified PWC Hive Hacker.

We have been focusing our English time on writing out independent write where the children got a chance to change one of the poems we have been focusing on (The owl and the pussycat) into a Narrative story. The children have used their skills taught last term and revisited this term to rewrite the poem as a story, as well as, checking for the skills as part of their editing time.

We are also coming to the end of our work on addition and subtraction, but this will need constant revisiting to make sure that the children are secure with their number bonds to 100 and are confident in applying their place value knowledge when working on addition and subtraction equations with renaming. We will be moving on to multiplication and division shortly, so please make sure that you are practising these at home in preparation!!

In history this week we looked at some of the Ancient Greek and how they have influenced modern day life. We looked into the Olympic games and well as language and how English has been adapted from The Greek language.

We thank you for your ongoing support in your children's learning journey. Keep reading and practising those times tables!

Year 4

Year 4 have spent the week rehearsing hard for the church service and we hope that you can come and see us there. We have been learning about the nativity and the significance of Christmas to Christians. We have spent the week prepping for the Christmas Fayre and we hope you enjoy your children's hard work.

Please keep a look out for the Newsletter about our topic next term, which is Traders and Raiders (Vikings and Saxons). It contains some fantastic homework ideas that you can complete and bring in to show the class! We finished our throwing and catching in P.E and are currently about to write an independent diary based on the Demon Dentist. We continue with multiplication and division in maths and continue with timestables. Please continue to read with your children each day, as we are seeing some great progress from children that are managing to do so.

Year 5

This week, we have finished our Newspaper writing and have completed our Big Writes! The children produced their own newspapers based on a new planet they designed which NASA has found incorporating the grammar and sentence types we have learnt about recently. Well done Year 5!

In Maths, we have been building on our multiplication work and looking at multiplying 4 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers by using different methods and showing this through different examples.

We have also been looking at vocabulary in our Reading lessons and creating d'Auvergne word mats as we find the meanings of new words.

The children produced super Snowman Chocolate lollies on Thursday afternoon for our school Christmas Fayre on Friday. We used lots of creative skills for this and it was nice to see the children put their own touch on each design.

Please continue to charge laptops at home so that children have them ready for lessons. We are aware that there have been some issues with batteries so if there are any issues, please monitor them and if it is a consistent issue then let the class teacher know so that we can ask our I.T. technician to have a look.

Next week we have Swimming on Thursday, at the usual time. If your child did not take part in the pyjama assessment recently, please could they bring these on Thursday as they will need to be assessed then.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lee and Miss Condlyffe

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Year 6

This week in Year 6 has been a very busy one! In Maths, we have been looking at finding common factors and prime numbers and in Writing we have been planning our final ghost stories which will be written next week. We also finished our science investigation comparing the effectiveness of different size beaks of Finches.

We have also spent time learning about the history of Christmas crackers and making our own as well as designing and making our beautiful Christmas pots which were for sale at the PTA Christmas fair.

Of course, this week we had our much-loved Victoria Day, an authentic day where children can experience a Victorian school day. We taught them the 3Rs - reading, writing and arithmetic and then they practised walking with books on their heads. Posture and pride are everything!

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: (100 points on TT rockstars and 2x goals on Maths Tutor).

A few gentle reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings their library books and homework diaries to and from school every day.
- Our PE days are Wednesday (with Coach Rob) and Friday (with class teacher).
- Laptops need to be brought in every day fully charged - especially on Tuesday for Hive Hackers.

Achievers:

6B: The achiever this week is Nathan. Nathan has been working really hard on developing his ghost story and always comes to class with an inquisitive mind. He has been doing a lot of research about the Victorian era to make his writing authentic and asking a lot of questions in history to further his understanding of the era. Well done, Nathan! Keep up the questioning.

6G: The achiever in 6G this week is Laura! She has been brilliant this week, giving everything 100% and producing a great, detailed plan for her ghost narrative which I am sure will turn into a fantastic piece of writing. She has also been an amazing hacker in Hiver Hackers. Absolutely smashing through the very tricky challenges. Keep up this fantastic effort Laura!

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Dylan. What a superstar this young man has been in Maths. He has flown through finding common multiples and factors, but also pushed himself onto finding prime numbers. Keep up this tremendous effort Dylan, you are smashing it!
