

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

PTA Quiz

We had a great night on Thursday at our first PTA Quiz. It's definitely an event that we should like to repeat – any feedback always welcome though. £642 was raised!

Thank you to all the happy helpers from the PTA Team – particularly Charlie Walker. All the PTA Team are a tremendous asset to our school and children. Thanks everyone.

Hot Lunches

These have gone down a treat this week. My thanks to all involved for your support.

Please don't forget to still send your child in with a morning snack if your child has a hot lunch.

Protecting your child against measles

Please see the attached letter from Public Health.

Parent Consultation Notes

Over the next few days, you shall be receiving the Consultation Notes from the (delayed) meetings last week. These chats should have happened last term, but due to working conditions of teachers had to be postponed. That means we will be having another relatively soon – please make a note that the dates for the next meetings are either Monday 22nd or Wednesday 24th April.

Year 6 England Trip

Year 6 parents / carers will have received a letter about our forthcoming trip. It's really important that you join us on **Monday 5th February at 5pm** for a meeting about the trip. Financial circumstances SHOULD NOT prohibit any child attending, as we have support available. We want every child to attend – it's one of the highlights of their primary school careers.

Oracy

This week we celebrated Talk Tuesday but discussing Lego! We used a 'Would You Rather' diagram to allow the children to consider which type of Lego they would prefer to use.


Again we are focussing on improving and building our confidence with the Clarifying 'Talk Tactic'. Children rehearsed what they wanted to say in their nests before sharing their opinions with slightly larger groups than the usual trio or pair.






Tuesday 23rd January : National Lego Day

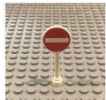
Circle
Split class into groups of 6 (approx). Make a circle and share points of view. Emphasise taking turns, reflecting on each others answers and encouraging others to join the conversation by including them by name.

Would you rather...?

Cameron
Would you rather have only green pieces of lego?


Florence
Would you rather have only Lego kits that you HAD to use to build a specific model?



Tilly
Would you rather have only 2 studded bricks/ bricks with 2 studs on?


Mason
Would you rather live in a world with no Lego at all?


Nest
Stand apart from each other and whisper your ideas to yourself.

Clarify
Asking questions to make things clearer and check your understanding.
🗣️ So are you saying ____?
🗣️ Does that mean ____?
🗣️ Can you clarify what you mean by ____?
Clarify

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PTA

Thank you to all those who came to our first **d'Auvergne Quiz** night! Great fun was had by all.

There will be a **Tuck Shop** next week, please make sure all 50ps are in by Wednesday 31st Jan to class teachers, sweets delivered and handed out on Friday 2nd February .

Our **Valentine's disco** will now take place on Wednesday 7th February, rather than Thursday 8th. Same times apply (KS1 5:30pm-6:45pm and KS2 7:00pm-8:15pm.)

£2 on door, more things to buy once inside tuck shop, drinks, disco glasses and other essentials!

Please make sure that all children are collected from the disco as the nights are still dark.

Mrs Wheaton will be sizing the Y6 children up for their **Leaver's Hoodies** over the next week so please expect an email from her suggesting a hoodie size and as soon as all confirmation are in we can get ordering 😊

Veganuary

In an effort to raise awareness of alternatives to eating meat, our Eco Committee have been promoting Veganuary - with today being 'Go Vegan Day'.

Of course, participation in this agenda is a family (not school) decision. Following feedback, we shall not be rewarding children with House Points who commit to this.

School Uniforms

You may be aware that the two local suppliers of our school uniform are closing, and that we now have a new policy that we have been requested to adopt.

We shall be working hard (with the PTA) over the coming weeks to determine a route through this situation which, as best as possible, reflects the uniform choices / decisions that our PTA made a few years ago.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures 1

This week we have been thinking about which superhero we would like to be. We have a good range of future fire fighters, doctors, nurses and police officers in our class! We have been learning about what happens when you visit the doctors, becoming familiar with the different instruments they might use to check us over. The children have loved the new role play equipment we bought, and we are glad to report everyone in our classroom has a strong heartbeat!

Our sensory activity this week has been lots of fun, we filled doctor's gloves with a range of different things, including jelly, chia seeds, dry porridge oats and cooked spaghetti. We also added in a few small items like marbles, beads and Lego bricks and put some in the fridge. The children enjoyed exploring the different textures and temperatures as well as searching for the hidden objects. As always, this is a great activity for developing vocabulary as we model and encourage lots of describing words as we handled the gloves.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Mason & The Futures 1 team



Futures 2

Futures 2 are doing EXTREMELY well when inviting their friends into our classroom; each week a child from every link class joins us and we complete a fun game / task / challenge on Challenge Wednesday, and on Games Thursday the same children are invited back! Every Futures 2 child has been able to collect their friend from their classroom, remember their name AND a key fact about their friend.

In other news we are making progress with our current dream jobs; the children decided to spend their hard-earned money on cake, school dinners, chocolate and going on holiday. Can you match the child?

Look out for next week: making chicken nuggets, painting a bird house and making and delivering burgers to teachers!

Best wishes,

Futures 2

Nursery

This week, the children had a visit from Super Smiles who showed us how to brush our teeth properly. The children have all becoming aspiring dentists following on from this and have been using brushing the big teeth out in the provision.

We've been learning the sound 'i' and number 2 this week. We've been continuing learning the preposition 'in front'. Please help your child by enforcing this learning at home, helping them to put the teddy in front of the chair etc.

We love basing our learning around the children's interests, please remember to share any exciting things that may be going on for you at home or things that your child is really enjoying at the moment. You can upload these onto Tapestry or let one of us know!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Fage and the nursery team

Reception

This week, the children have been showing off their writing skills by completing an independent piece of writing. Some children wrote a whole sentence with finger spaces and a full stop. They carefully considered what they wanted to write about the story, 'The Great Race' and used their Fred fingers to sound out words and found their sounds on the sound mat.



Speed Sounds: Set 1				
m	a	s	d	t
i	n	p	g	o
c	k	u	b	f
e	l	h	sh	r
j	v	y	w	th
z	ch	qu	x	ng

All the home learning you are doing at home is really supporting them with their phonic knowledge and writing, please keep this up. Your children are really starting to progress.

We have revisited shape this week and challenged the children to manipulate their cut-out shapes to make new shapes. Ask them what happens when you fold a square in half or how you make two triangles out of one rectangle?

The children have been learning a Chinese New Year poem that they will be performing in front of the whole school in two weeks' time. Please take time at home to practise this with them, working particularly on expression and their presentation voice. We want the Year Six's at the back of the hall to be able to hear them. The visuals help them remember the words.

I'm a Chinese dragon, See me dance!



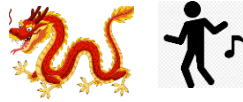
Twisting and turning, I jump and prance.



When it's Chinese New Year, Take a chance.



Come and join with the dragon dance!



We'd also like to share a Best Start Partnership Event that is happening at St Paul's Centre on the 9th and 10th February from 9am – 12pm. There will be an opportunity to hear about their successes and how they are working together to support 0 – 5-year-olds and their families in Jersey, as well as to work with them to plan ahead in 2024. Children are welcome to attend this event but must be supervised by a parent/carer. Please sign up to one of the two event dates (the content will be the same on both dates).



By working together, we can make Jersey the best place for all children to grow up. Register to attend here: <https://beststart2024.eventbrite.co.uk>

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and enjoy the weekend.

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Year 1

Another busy week in Year 1 has flown past!

In Literacy this week we have been making story boards for our text driver 'The Pirate Cruncher'. Our focus has been on learning new vocabulary and using this, along with finger spaces, capital letters and full stops in our writing. First, we read our story and discussed any words that were unfamiliar. The children then made vocabulary sheets for these words. On these sheets they had to write a definition of the word, use it in a sentence, write down some synonyms and then draw a picture that matches the word. We then re-read the story and picked out the 6 main points to draw on the story boards. The children then used their story boards to write a descriptive narrative of the story.

In Maths this week, we have continued our learning on numbers to 20. we have looked at how to write numbers both as digits and in words. We have also been comparing numbers to 20, using the vocabulary 'more than,' 'less than,' and 'equal to.' Children would benefit from consolidation with this at home.

In Topic we have been learning more about pirates. We have been researching the life of Phillippe Janvrin and his connection to Jersey.

Reminders:

-Please ensure that all belongings are named before they come into school.

-Please continue to encourage your child to read daily and practice their spellings. This should be evidenced in their homework diaries.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert.

Year 2

We have now finished our Beegu writing – the children produced some really entertaining recounts of her time on earth which were fantastic to read! We will be starting our new writing topic on animal fact files which coincides with our **trip to the Zoo**. We are still in need of parent helpers for this on **Wednesday 31st January (9.00am-13.30pm)**. If you are available and would like to support us, please let us know at your earliest convenience.

In maths we have begun division! This week we have learnt the difference between sharing and grouping using our cubes. This is a tricky concept but we are proud of the resilience the children have shown with tackling this. Please use Mathematics or TT Rockstars at home to support progress at home. In art we have made animal prints using different textures and materials – they will really brighten up our corridor and perfectly complement our animal's topic in Science.

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

We have had a very busy week in year 3!

We have taken the next step in our volcano animations by creating a storyboard from before to after Mount Vesuvius erupting. The children have started to prepare what each slide will need and what to include to capture the destruction Mount Vesuvius did to the city of Pompeii.

In maths we have started our new unit of division, and the children are starting to realise how important it is to learn and know their times tables (3s,4s and 8s) as this is really helping with the multiplication and division fact families.

This week in Science we have been looking at the characteristics of rocks by grouping them and then scientifically looking at which types of rocks there are such as Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic . We have been sorting them into groups using Venn diagrams and deciding in groups which rock goes where, thinking about if they are smooth, coarse, colour or if they had a sharp or smooth edge.

In Geography we have been exploring and explaining the features of a volcano. We have been discussing the three types of volcanoes that are formed, can the children tell you the names of these?

Polite reminder: as the February half term holiday is approaching shortly, this will give the children and yourselves time think now and to choose one of the activities to complete from the Pick n Mix

homework sheet, or if your child would like to do something else about volcanoes that is not on the sheet but wants to have a go at creating or making something else then please do! If you need another sheet, please ask your child to ask their class teacher to send one home.

Thank you to the children that have already completed one of the activities, we look forward to sharing these in class soon.

Mrs Harris, Mrs Davies and Miss Chadwick

Year 4

Another wonderful week in Year 4!

Highlights this week have included: getting practical with switches, wires, cells and bulbs in Science, flexing our muscles in gymnastics and preparing for another poetic performance for the end of term poetry event. In English, we have been working on our text driver writing unit centred around 'Arthur and the Golden Rope,' this week we have focused on use of dialogue and prepositions. In Maths, we have been deepening our understanding of multiplication and division using lots of tricky word problems.

We have been SO impressed by the many Viking projects that have come into school – please keep them coming!

Thank you to parents for your ongoing support.

Best regards,

Miss Bolton and Mr Worthington

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Year 5

This week in Writing, we have been continuing with our descriptive work, this time describing Marcy's character and using as many techniques as we could to write a descriptive paragraph about Marcy.

In Maths, we started our next chapter which is Graphs. We spent time looking at transport timetables and answering questions based on the table.

In Topic, we learned about how the Egyptians used to mummify bodies (eww!) and what materials they used. The children are creating a 2-page information/creative poster with this knowledge in them, we are excited to see them when they are completed!

On Tuesday, we had Calvin in from You Matter (a charitable organisation that specialise in teaching PSHE topics) talking to the children about how to keep safe online. These are great lessons to reiterate with the children so please follow this up at home with them. Can the children remember their passwords they made with Calvin to keep their logins super safe?

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lee and Miss Condlyffe

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Year 6

This week the year 6s have worked really hard on their practise SATs papers. We have seen great levels of determination and hard work. All children should be really proud of themselves. We will be busy marking them over the coming days and will then be able to share their results directly with you. Aside of these papers, we have been working on creating catchy newspaper headlines and introduction paragraphs as well as learning about different elements of Hinduism and practising our toning and tinting skills in art.

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 Challenge:** 2x goals on Maths Tutor. Please ensure these goals are appropriate for year 6. If you need support with this, please let us know. There are weekly prizes for the winning class and a final end of term reward too.

A few gentle reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings their library books 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.
- There will be a meeting for parents on **Monday 5th February at 5pm** to give you more information on the UK trip in May.

Achievers:

6B: Our achiever this week is Ada. She has been brilliant this week, showing great effort in everything she does. She always puts in 100% to her work and this is paying off with some fantastic work, specifically in her art this week. Well done Ada!

6G: The achiever in 6G this week is Aoife. She has showed fantastic determination throughout the week both in the SATS papers we have been practicing and in her work in the afternoons. She has shown a brilliant attitude to all areas of her learning and creating some wonderful work in art and RE. Keep up the fantastic work Aoife!

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Eden. What a fantastic role model student this young lady is. Eden's level of independence and enthusiasm is contagious and lights a spark in everyone around her. Eden is a wonderful member of 6H, who always gives everything 100%. Fantastic job Eden – keep it up!
