

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 9.2.24



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Speaking in Your Home Language: Philosophical question in your home language

To remind the families about the importance of maintaining and developing home languages, we will be publishing weekly a thought-provoking question to be discussed in your home language. Here is the first one in the four main d'Auvergne languages (I am sorry I could not translate it into all the 20 languages in our school community):

- Is it better to have a few close friends or lots of acquaintances?
- É melhor ter poucos amigos próximos ou muitos conhecidos?
- Czy lepiej jest mieć kilku bliskich przyjaciół czy wielu znajomych?
- Este mai bine să ai câțiva prieteni apropiați sau o mulțime de cunoștințe?

Mrs Kruk

Workshop for Multilingual Parents at the Town Library on Thursday 22nd February 5.30–6.30 pm with Dr. Eowyn Crisfield:

Does your child speak a language other than English at home? Are you wondering how to best support them while they learn English and how to continue using your home language/s as well?

Being bi/multilingual has many benefits, and the best outcomes are for children to develop strong competence in both the home language/s and English.

Being educated in a new language brings not only opportunities, but also challenges for children, and a strong partnership between the family and the school is key to success. This session is designed to help you understand your child's bilingual development and how you can provide the best support for your child to thrive as a developing bi/multilinguals.

The workshop with an expert is a part of the whole day events around inclusive education where d'Auvergne will be represented by the pupils, Rachel Maguire, Yvonne Huelin and Kamila Kruk.

To sign up for the workshop, please follow the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/jersey-inclusive-education-vision-masterclasses-3008839?utm-source=cp&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-campaign=social&utm-medium=discovery&utm-content=creatorshare>

Eco Committee Update

This week the eco committee enjoyed celebrating all our successes since September! We planted over 200 trees on our wear green for trees day in term 1. We ran a hugely successful Cosy Clothes Giveaway in term 2. We still love seeing children wearing the coats and hats they took from that event. This term we ran our Go Vegan Day and so we spent the last half of our eco committee session deciding on what event to run next term. The children were full of ideas so get ready for some exciting plans for next term!

Also, a reminder to any of your budding writers and environmentalists that the island wide competition to write an imaginative story about climate change, sustainability, and nature is still underway with a deadline of 14th February. The winners will have their story published in the Jersey Evening Post on March 7th! More details can be found here: gov.je/planetprose

On top of all of this, there is an amazing free event in Howard Davis Park this half term. The Dreaming Trees exhibition is open to the public between 6–9pm from Saturday 10th February to Saturday 17th February. This event showcases scientific research about the ways in which trees can communicate with each other and is suitable for people of all ages.

Oracy

This week on Talk Tuesday we are celebrating Women in Science. As part of Talk Tuesday, we will be introducing the children to these 5 incredible women! They then, using the 'Balloon Debate' Model need to justify their choice of who they would like to keep in to a rapidly sinking hot air balloon! As always, we will be using the word 'Why?' and encouraging children to think about (using their nests) their answers and justify these.

Tuesday 6th February: International Day of Women and Girls in Science

Challenge
Disagree or present an alternative argument

- ☞ I disagree because ____
- ☞ To challenge you X, I think ____
- ☞ I understand your point of view, but have you thought about ____?

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 ____?

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

Traverse
Stand in two parallel lines opposite a partner. Change partners by moving one person down to the other end of the line.

Balloon debate:
Who would you leave to be the last remaining person in the balloon? Why?

PTA

The monthly **PTA meeting** took place this Tuesday evening with a good turnout of staff and parents. The next PTA meeting will be Tuesday 5th March 6:30pm in the staff room.

The recent **Quiz Night** was discussed, we managed to raise approx. £450 towards the School Bus fund. All feedback received was positive, so we look forward to diarising another date to get our brains together soon!

Miss Baikins and the Eco Committee, will be organising a **Scavenger Hunt** for the children towards the Easter Holidays and the PTA will be funding sustainable Fair Trade Easter Eggs for the winners.

It was noted there was a lack of **football kits** at the recent C and D Team football match, the PTA will fund the provision for a new strip for these teams.

The **Valentines Disco**, that was held on Wednesday, was discussed – staffing, activities, setting up etc. On the night, it was a little quieter than usual for KS1 but incredibly lively for KS2.

Mr Cooper shared:

- **Bus Update** – The chairs have all been removed, so now the bulk of the bus is empty. The interior of the bus is the next agenda and will be beginning to be worked on shortly. We have received sponsorship from two companies of a substantial amount which is enabling us to proceed with the design and ordering of parts. After some discussion we have decided not to have a hot water system installed, instead we will create a space for multiple urns, which can be filled with hot water before we leave school and secured safely within the bus. A cold-water system will however be in place.
- **Hot Lunches** – Although there have been a few initial ‘teething problems’ hot lunches are working well in school and the majority of children are enjoying a new range of meals each day. Unfortunately, due to the frozen nature of the meals, it is unlikely that there will be any fruit offered as a dessert. However please continue to supply your children with fruit for their break time snacks. We are monitoring the food waste to see which meals are more favourable than others.
- **Gates** – will be in operation from this week. Again, there may be some initial issues surrounding this – please bear with us. If you would like to secure a car parking space, inside of the school grounds to use after hours please contact Mr Cooper.

Jersey Premium

If you would like to apply for Jersey Premium please follow the below link:

<https://www.gov.je/Education/Schools/ChildLearning/pages/jerseypremium.aspx>

If you are already accessing Jersey Premium and have a daughter who would like to attend ‘**Wild Cats**’ After School Football club, please email Mrs Wheaton and she will be able to allocate your child a place next half term. A.wheaton@dauvergne.sch.je

NSPCC TT Rockstars Challenge

Last week, 209 children participated in a UK-wide Times Tables competition, supporting the NSPCC.

Overall, we came in the top 25% of schools.

Our best performing class (and bragging rights!) was 4W, answering nearly 24,000 questions correctly!

d’Auvergne’s Top 3 placing students:

1st Raisha Jain – 6H (3,026 questions correct)

2nd Gurmehar Kaur – 6H (2,988 questions correct)

3rd Yuki (Seth) Nakamura – 4W (2,539 answers correct)

Well done them and well done to all who took part!

Thank you, Mr Henderson, for organising.

Have a great half-term everyone,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures 1

This week we have been discovering what different people need to help them do their jobs. We have explored a variety of objects including stethoscopes, thermometers, protective helmets and head torches. We hope that familiarity with these objects will take away some of the anxiety and stress the children might experience when attending appointments etc.

We have been lucky to have d'Auvergne's resident storyteller 'PJ' in Futures this week. PJ brings familiar stories to life with the use of props and puppets as well as his fantastic acting skills. This week he has treated us to The Three Little Pigs and We're going on a Bear Hunt. The children loved blowing houses down with the help of a hairdryer to huff and puff! PJ enjoyed being with the children so much that he has asked for a regular weekly slot to come and visit us.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term.

Mrs Mason & The Futures 1 Team

Futures 2

Futures 2 have finished their work experience this week and we are all suitably exhausted.

After the successful burger delivery service (in which Mr Williams managed to set off the whole school fire alarm) we safely made our very own BBQ flavoured pizza.

This week we also used the magic of green screen to film our very own 'robot' music video - it will hopefully be premiered in the first week of the new term. A different kind of magic was provided by our resident storyteller PJ! Next term we are lucky enough to now have an interactive storytelling session every Thursday! This week we went on a Bear Hunt!

Finally, we welcome Ms Phillips to the Futures team!

Happy half term and we can't wait to see you all in a week for our new topic - SPACE & EXPLORATION!

Best wishes

The Futures 2 Team

Nursery

An incredible half term in Nursery!

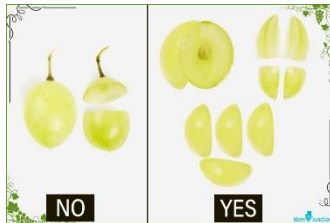
The children have certainly 'played hard' since returning after Christmas, and they've learnt even harder! We are now in the full swing of our key group learning, focussing on consolidating the sounds we're learning, learning a number each week, having an ELSA session based around feelings and friendships and learning a different preposition fortnightly - no wonder these children have been so tired!

This week, we've been busy retelling the story of Little Red Riding Hood using puppets and role playing in the home corner with our very own basket of treats for Grandma.

The children have also enjoyed further developing an ongoing interest around makeup / hairdressing by opening our d'Auvergne Salon. We've been thinking about the role of the receptionist, booking appointments and using the phone, the different stylists and being the client which we've all enjoyed!

If you have any old things at home that could be donated to our salon we'd love some (clean!!) brushes, combs, mirrors etc - thank you.

A polite reminder that if you are sending grapes in your child's lunchbox, these need to be cut length ways as these can be a choking hazard. The children are learning to cut their own grapes at snack but this is not possible at lunch time.



Have a lovely half term - we are looking forward to seeing all the children's happy and rested faces on Monday 19th February.

Miss Fage and the Nursery Team.

Reception

What a busy week! We have been retelling the story of 'The 3 Little Pigs' and writing sentences to match our sequence pictures. We have conducted a science experiment to test the best materials to withstand the wolf's huffing and puffing (we used a hairdryer for this 😊). Ask your children which house managed to stay up, was it the straw house, the stick house, or the brick house?

We have been so fortunate to have our resident storyteller, PJ, with us this week to deliver workshops. The children have shared their stories with their Year 6 buddies, and we enjoyed listening to their stories too demonstrating a quality audience. Partnered with our Dragon Poem Performance yesterday, this has really supported the children in their Language Development journey. Please talk with your children about their learning whether that be a dinner time or bath time or just before they go to bed. They really will have had many experiences throughout the week and will love to share these with you.

In maths, we have been counting forwards and backwards, not forgetting the very important zero. We have used our number knowledge to recognise positions in a queue with ordinal numbers e.g. 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Perhaps, you could use this language at home too. Who can be 1st to get ready for school, who is going to be 2nd? Who is standing at the back of the line? Where are we in the queue at the supermarket? There are many opportunities for using these in your everyday lives. Thank you as always with your support with your child's learning.

Have a well-earned rest over the half term break and we'll see you all ready and raring to go on Monday 19th February at 8:15am.

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

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Year 1

We have had another busy week of learning in Year 1!

In maths, we continue to work on developing our knowledge and understanding of Numbers to 20, and in particular the concept of more and less. Please reinforce this vocabulary with your child at home.

We had a wonderful visit to the Georgian House, 16 New Street, to find out about the past. We learnt that people in the past may not have had toilets inside their homes!

We are using our experience to write recounts of our trip. Please ask your children what they need to think about when they write a recount. It should be chronological, written in 1st person (I) and in the past.

In Computing, we have been learning about how to stay safe online and managing online information. The children know they shouldn't give out any personal information, and they should speak to a trusted adult if they feel unhappy or uncomfortable. Again, please reinforce this with your child at home.

We have been lucky enough to host auditions for Year 1, d'Auvergne's Got Talent! Your children are certainly talented! Thank you to all the children who entered, and all children who came to Key Stage One disco.

After half term, could your child please bring in a photo of something that is important or precious to them, in preparation for RE.

Please continue to read and spell with your children as often as possible and sign their homework planner.

Thank you for your support this half term and enjoy your rest!

Mrs AB and Miss Aubert

Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful last week of Spring 1, from writing fact files to making finger puppets to talent contests, the fun hasn't stopped.

In writing, the children researched and presented wonderful fact files on their chosen animal. The children worked so hard on their presentation, and we look forward to displaying these in our corridor. To accompany these, we used our printing skills to make vibrant animal prints, we will combine these together to make an animal print montage.

This week was online safety week, the children took part in three lessons to discuss and work on the things we can do to stay safe online. The children had an assembly on how to be 'privacy superheroes.'

In DT, the children worked extremely hard to plan, make and evaluate their animal finger puppets. We used different techniques to sew our felt together, whilst choosing which colours would work best for our animals.

Year 2 presented our oracy poem to the rest of the school on Thursday, we were so impressed with the children and how they performed. They recited the poem with confidence, volume and smiles on their faces. We cannot wait to start learning our poem for Spring 2.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support. Have a wonderful half term break.

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

What a week, we have been busy performing poems and thinking about ways we can stay safe online as part of our work on safer internet day. We have also been getting used to using Google Classroom to help us with our learning in class and at home. Please make sure that this is checked regularly at home as we will be posting more questions for the children to respond to and discuss in their classes.

In maths we have been reviewing our learning of the 3,4 and 8 times tables and the division facts too as we come to the end of this unit. There has been a lot of improvement in the children's recall of these facts, and they are becoming more confident in applying what they have learnt when working on word problems. After half term we will be revisiting place value as we move on to exploring the multiplication of 2-digit numbers! Please keep practising the times tables, games like bingo are really good for this as is TTRS, which the children have enjoyed accessing.

In writing we have been writing our own diary entries as though we were there at the time Vesuvius erupted and destroyed Pompeii. We have been really impressed with the children's learning and application of the skills in their work. We have seen a big improvement in the quality of the children's ideas and presentation in writing in this piece of work.

We have also come to the end of our Maker Space project with Mr Livesey. We have learnt how to create animations, based on what happened at Pompeii and picked up many skills that we will use again in the future.

It has been a busy half term with the children engaged in many enriching activities from music to storytelling to computing and we have been pleased with the impact that these opportunities have had on the children.

Please read and practise those times tables over half term and remember there is still time to work on the Pick and Mix projects too.

After half term we will be providing your children with carefully selected reading book to bring home as well as a book from the library which they can choose to read for enjoyment. It will be really important for the children to have their planners daily so can record changes in books as necessary.

Thank you for your support this half term, have a wonderful break and we look forward to continuing to build on the learning of this half term when we return.

Warmest regards,

The Year 3 Team.

Year 4

What a fantastic final week before half term we have had.

Continuing from last week, we have continued with our multiplication and division teaching. Children have had many chances to apply these skills to real life scenarios and they have continued to push and challenge themselves on the questions we have asked of them.

We had our final gymnastics PE sessions of the year and we are very excited to have ballet classes delivered by Ballet D'Jerri after half term.

We have finally moved onto the independent pieces of writing and we are completely astounded at how fantastic the children are writing. There has been a huge improvement on the last story they wrote in the summer term.

We finished our Vikings and Saxons reading topic by exploring the Battle of Hastings, looking at the key players involved (Harald Hardrada, William the Conqueror and Harold Godwinson). Please ask your children about this as they should be able to retell you key dates and facts – especially how Harold Godwinson died).

Please continue with the spellings (allocated on Spelling Shed) and support your children with reading at home.

Have a fantastic, and well-earned half term break.

If you have any problems or concerns, please email or call.

Year 5

This week in Writing, we have written our independent writing piece which took the form of a narrative about an adventure in ancient Egypt. The children had some fabulous ideas, and we were transported to ancient Egypt when reading the stories, well done everyone!

In Maths, we finished our topic on graphs, and have now covered reading line graphs with single lines and double lines and making comparisons within them.

In Makerspace, we completed our Coffin Bearer statues. They are looking great and are on show in our school library for all children to admire!

This week it is Safer Internet Week, and in line with this we had an online safety assembly on Tuesday. Please use this as an opportunity to discuss with your children online safety and to ensure the websites/online platforms that your child is accessing are appropriate for them. A useful website recommended by Community Police is Common Sense Media. Please have a look at the following link for your information which is specifically linked to Playstation - <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/website-reviews/playstation>.

Next half term, our P.E. days remain the same (Thursday and Friday). We are very much looking forward to welcoming an external French specialist to join us a couple of times per week for our highly anticipated French Experience. The children thoroughly enjoy this experience and learn a huge amount from it so we are very excited for these sessions.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break, and we look forward to another busy and exciting half term on return.

Miss Lee and Miss Condlyffe

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Year 6

It has been a busy week again in Year 6 as we have rounded off our half-term. We have finished writing our independent newspaper articles and there are many budding journalists in the year! In Maths we started our new topic of decimals and the children have been recapping their knowledge on place value. Aside from this, we have been finishing our acrylic paintings of the heart in art and learning more about the makeup of blood in science. We finished the term with an excellent scavenger hunt in PE as the children consolidated all their teamwork skills.

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended our England trip meeting on Monday evening. Please do complete the medical/photo use forms and return them as soon as you can. If you were unable to attend and need a form, please email your child's teacher to arrange for them to bring one home.

Regarding 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. Home learning will change slightly next term as we will be providing children with SATs practise papers every Monday. We expect the children to have completed this by Thursday as we will be going through the answers in class on Thursday afternoons. This should enable us to support any areas that the children may need to develop.

A few gentle reminders:

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- Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.
 - Our PE days are still Wednesday (with Coach Rob) and Friday (with a Rugby professional and class teacher on alternative weeks).
 - Laptops need to be brought in every day fully charged.
 - We have You Matter workshops about Mental Health on the first Monday back in school.

Achievers:

6B: Our achiever this week is John. John has been working really hard across all subjects but has particularly shone in our art evaluation lesson. The fact he managed to give an even better definition of a word than the dictionary was amazing! John has been shining in reading too, understanding the key vocabulary and translating the definitions into phrases all children can understand. Well done John!

6G: The achiever in 6G this week is Kelly. She has shown brilliant determination throughout this week, especially in art. She has created a fantastic anatomical heart painting and really applied the skills we have been working on. She is a superstar in every lesson and always gives her best! Great job!

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Michael! What a talented and dedicated artist this young man is. This week we have been finishing off our acrylic paintings of the heart, and Michael has produced an absolute masterclass. He has really thought about the key skills of blending, toning and tinting. Beautiful job Michael – keep it up!