

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Head Teacher's Comments

This will be our last update for this term, so I am writing to say, 'Thank you.'

I refer to spring term as the 'powerhouse term' when there are fewer distractions from learning and when the children make great progress. So, I want to thank the children for their HARD WORK this term – they are deserving of the break to be ready for the term ahead (but keep reading!)

I want to thank my colleagues for their continued efforts, very frequently going 'above and beyond', in making our school such an enjoyable environment to be in. Again, the Easter break will be time spent putting themselves 'on-charge' again. Please enjoy!

And finally, I should like to thank our extended parent / carer / multi-agency community for your support. Pulling in the same direction for our children will result in better outcomes.

Have a very happy Easter, everyone. Let's hope for some sunshine / fun times.

## Arts and Handwriting Eisteddfod

Many congratulations to all those children who participated in the recent Eisteddfod – again, great achievements all round!

## PTA

- Thank you to those who supported the PTA Tuck Shop this week. We hope you enjoyed your bag of sweetsies 😊.
- Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies have been ordered and we are excited to await their arrival ahead of the Year 6 residential to England.
- On Monday Mrs Wheaton will be visiting each class and explaining to all the children how to enter our PTA Writing competition based on a magical adventure with your pet. If you do not have a pet, don't worry Axl d'Auvergne's axolotl or Bonnie d'Auvergne's cute new puppy would love to appear in your story! We will have a winner from EYFS, KS1 and KS2. Mrs Wheaton will collect the £1, hand out our special story envelopes (including a picture of Axl and Bonnie) and our special Pet Story Paper on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning next week! All entries need to be posted into our pet post box by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April – winners will be announced in assembly that afternoon and all entries will be displayed in a beautiful, black book in our lobby.
- Our next PTA meet will be Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30pm in the staff room, sadly Mr Cooper will be in England with the Year 6s but the rest of the team will continue to meet and Mrs Wheaton will share school updates.

## 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>

## From Mrs Kruk: A question in your home language

How do you know if something is true or false?

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Como saber se algo é verdadeiro ou falso?  
Skąd wiesz, czy coś jest prawdą czy fałszem?  
Cum știi dacă ceva este adevărat sau fals?

### Oracy



**Tuesday 19th March : International Read To Me Day**



As it is International Read To Me Day, we'd like you to spend some time with a partner, reading a section of your current book. It may be your favourite book or the bit you find the funniest. Tell your partner why you have chosen this section of your book. Ask your partner if they agree or disagree with you. Can they build on what you have said?



Build Challenge Build Challenge

Make sure you have time to listen to your partner read too.

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### Eco Committee News

The eco committee are super excited for their Eco Scavenger Hunt next week. Currently, over 85 children from years 3-6 have signed up to tackle the clues, unscramble the letters, make the word and claim their prize!

There is still time for children to sign up as the sign-up ends on Friday and the scavenger hunt will take place next week Tuesday in the morning.

Thank you to everyone who has donated a costume to our costume recycling box. These will be available to parents ahead of next year's World Book Day.

Each class has made their Rot Pots and these are working nicely in the windows of the classroom. The recycling monitors are also doing a great job at bringing all the scrap paper down to the recycling bins. Finally, the classes Supertatoes - those responsible for planting the potatoes for our potato growing competition have all planted their potatoes and these are growing slowly but surely in the polytunnel at the moment. Hopefully after easter when the weather is nicer, we can get them out and around the school.

### Autism Jersey Duck Race

Autism Jersey are once again organising their annual Easter Saturday Duck Race which will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024. This is a wonderful family-friendly event with lovely activities and prizes to be won. Please see attached.

Kind regards,  
Mr Cooper and Bonnie

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## **Year Group Updates**

### **Futures 1**

Our sensory exploration this week has been all about soil. Dry soil, wet soil, soil with stones, little scoops, big scoops and huge shovels! The children have had the opportunity to head out to the poly tunnel to prepare our planting patch as well as exploring on a smaller scale within the classroom.

We have used salt dough to bury seeds, find them again and make patterns and pictures. We then used PVA glue to stick seeds down to decorate pictures. The children loved watching the glue drizzle onto the paper and then sprinkle the seeds on top.

We are getting very good at using the props to help us retell our story 'Eddie's Garden', pretending to be wriggly worms in the soil, busy bees buzzing around, as well as using the water spray to create rain for the plants!

Although we will be finishing this particular story focus in the next week, we will be continuing to plant seeds, and care for our plants all through the summer term.

Have a great weekend,

Esther Mason

### **Futures 2**

Happy Neuro-diversity week everyone! We have been talking about what this means this week and have shared examples of what makes us uniquely amazing. For Down Syndrome Day we created sensational socks and talked about the concept of stereotypes.

We were grateful for Spring this week; not only did the sunshine improve all of our moods, but we were able to finally be able to play outside without our coats. Friday's cooking club also welcomed the advent of Spring - our chocolate nests took way longer to make than they did to eat! Josh also made out Sports Bug session Easter-themed, and by bringing with him 'bunny hoppers' and setting up jump relays.

In other news, all children are making fantastic progress with their 'green words' - in our daily independent activities we were able to match, write and draw: zoo, school, moon, spoon and tool. Due to popular demand, we now bookend our daily phonics session with an episode of Number Blocks or Alpha Blocks.

Finally, in the new term Futures 2 will be increasing by one. A child will be transitioning from Futures 1 into our classroom full time, and I'm sure all of the children will welcome a new member to our family. Next Week, we will record our voices as we imagine travelling to our own planets.

Have a happy Spring break.

Futures 2

### **Nursery**

The children thoroughly enjoyed welcoming parents in on Tuesday - it was lovely to see so many of you! We hope that you found this to be a beneficial activity to see life in nursery beyond the gate and all of the wonderful things that your little people get up to throughout the day.

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On Tuesday 26th, all Nursery children will be participating in our school performance poetry. We will be performing the chorus of 'Spring Chicken'. We would really appreciate your support with this at home by ensuring that your child is confident with the words and standing up straight to perform.

*I'm a spring chicken,  
I'm yellow and small,  
My feathers are fluffy and they're keeping me warm.  
My legs are not long so I'll never be tall  
But I'm a real spring chicken and I'm having a ball,  
I'm a chicken, I'm a chicken and I'm having a ball!*

We're looking forward to a range of Easter themed activities next week!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Fage and the Nursery Team

### **Reception**

We have had a maths week this week! Our focus being on measurement. The children experimented with different measuring tools and explored their classroom, measuring anything and everything. We used cubes to measure, tape measures, paperclips, and even learnt how to use a ruler to measure accurately. Perhaps you could talk at home with your child and compare lengths and heights of objects, using the vocabulary tall, taller, tallest, small, smaller, smallest, short, shorter, shortest, as examples.

It was lovely to see so many enthusiastic parents join us on Wednesday morning. We thank you for your time and we hope you enjoyed seeing your children in their learning environment. Hopefully you would have seen how important oracy is in our classrooms and quality talk is key to model, challenge and extend their thinking and curiosity.

Our caterpillars are growing. They are getting LONGER! They are almost ready to turn into chrysalises. Let's hope we see the full process and can release in our meadow in the Summer term.

Next week is only 3 days long, but we will fill it with Easter themed learning and in maths, learning the properties of 3D shape. Have a look around your home this weekend to see if you can find spheres, cubes, cuboids and cylinders. You'll be surprised at how many there are!

Next term, we will be asking you to send in photographs of your children doing something helpful in the home or the community. This might be making their own bed, helping to prepare dinner or litter picking on the field. Have a little chat with your child to see what they might like to help with.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend 😊

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### **Year 1**

We have had a fantastic week of learning in Year 1.

This week children have been carrying out their RWI assessments ready for the summer term and have made some good progress.

In Literacy this week we have been discussing acrostic poems. Children have learnt the features of an acrostic poem and they have been busy creating their own pirate themed acrostic poems. The children have thought of some really creative adjectives to use in their poems.

In Maths we have started to look at numbers to 40. We have been looking at what numbers represent the tens and what numbers represent the ones. We have also been comparing and ordering numbers to 40. Children would benefit from consolidation with this at home.

In science we have been looking at different types of materials. The materials we have focused on are wood, fabric, plastic, glass and metal. The children have been finding objects around the room that are made from these materials and grouping them. They have also been thinking of words to describe these materials. The children then thought about how some objects need to be made from certain materials like clothes being made from fabric so they are light, and you can move in them, or windows being made from glass so that you can see through them.

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March we are visiting the Maritime Museum for the morning. Thank you to parents who have offered to support us with this trip. Please be ready at the office for 9:10am. We will be leaving the school and travelling to the museum by coach. We aim to arrive back at school by 12pm.

Children are also welcome to come to school dressed as a Pirate on this day! We will be having a whole pirate themed day.

Reminders:

Please encourage your child to read daily and record this in their homework diaries.

Please encourage your child to practice their spellings daily.

Please label all of your child's belongings.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert.

### **Year 2**

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the adults who attended our drop in on Wednesday morning. The children were so excited to make their egg parachutes with you and definitely benefitted from some extra adult help with the tricky parts!

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Our chicks are growing up fast and will soon be leaving us on Tuesday, ready to go back to the farm. We have thoroughly enjoyed helping them hatch and watching them grow and will use this as inspiration for our writing piece next week. The children have worked so hard on our topic this term, and I'm sure they can now tell you all about the chicken lifecycle!

In maths this week we have introduced money. The children began by writing down anything they already know and then practiced adding different combinations together using the right £ and p symbols.

We also had the chance to look at some plastic coins and notes - as these are not quite identical to real Jersey money; it would be great if you have any at home to show and talk your child through what they look like.

Once again thank you for all your support this term,

The Year 2 Team

### **Year 3**

We have had a super week in Year 3, but many of our topics for this term are coming to an end. We have really enjoyed learning about volcanoes and have learnt some fascinating facts about them throughout our learning, but if you did want to continue to learn more, including volcanoes on the moon, then there are some good websites on Google Classroom.

We are finishing off a successful term of writing by creating our own factfiles about some of the world's most famous volcanoes. In order to do this we have been researching facts and thinking about the grammar that we will use in our final piece. Watch out we may have some budding reporters and volcanologists emerging from Year 3! Looking forward to next term, we are going to be focusing on instruction writing, so if you wanted to have a go at following recipes to make or build things then this would be useful.

In maths we have come to the end of our topic on multiplication and division and we have been impressed with the children's perseverance with this. However, this does not mean that the children can stop learning their times tables!! We will be moving on to fractions after the break and it would be great for the children to practise their division skills, so that they can recall them at speed.

We have been impressed with the children's efforts on Bugclub and the focus on reading for information and fluency. Please continue to support your children with this at home as reading really is the key to learning!! Also, many of the children have been accessing Mr Blake's TTRS club on a Tuesday lunchtime, again keep using this site when you can to develop that speed and recall. Children have been introduced to Spelling Shed where they are able to practise their weekly spellings.

Next week we are going to be doing some work on computing so we do need to make sure that the children have their **charged** laptops in school each day along with their planners.

A head up too, we will be inviting tennis coaches in to work with Year 3 after in PE after Easter. This means that there will be a change of PE days and the children will need to be in their kits on a **Monday** and **Friday** when they come back to school.

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And finally, we wanted to say a big thank to all of the children who have created something from our pick and mix homework. There have been some superb models, powerpoints, videos, poems, stories, diaries, poster, and top trumps cards! Miss Bolton has been round to take some photos of the children's fabulous efforts, so keep an eye out for these on our social media. We are very proud!! There will be something new to have a go at after the holidays.

Thank you for your ongoing support with your children's learning, it really does make a difference!  
Warmest regards,

The Year 3 Team

Rhian Davies

Year 3 Teacher, History and Geography Lead.

#### **Year 4**

It's been another busy week in Year 4!

Highlights this week have included the 4B flute showcase and our final performance with Ballet D'Jerri at the Jersey Arts Centre. Both Year 4 classes have been working closely with the professional ballet company on a dance performance inspired by indigenous communities from North America (to link with our 'Road Trip USA' topic this term) and on Wednesday the children showcased all their ballet learning with a fantastic performance.

Additionally, it was brilliant to see many parents at our open morning on Wednesday – thank you for coming!

Next term, all Year 4 children will be starting swimming lessons. The lessons will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays starting the first week back to school after the holidays. We anticipate a range of experience levels and will support all children to achieve their best. Please can you make sure that your child comes prepared with: a swimming costume, towel, swimming bag, swim cap (if have long hair) and goggles (optional).

Thank you to parents for your ongoing support.

Best regards,

Miss Bolton and Mr Worthington

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#### **Year 5**

It has been another busy week in Year 5 with lots of learning taking place as we approach the Easter break.

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In Reading we have continued to read our 'Poppy Pym and the Pharaoh's curse' book by Laura Wood and have nearly reached the end now, discovering the mystery of the ruby!

In Writing, we have written our independent pieces based on a traditional fairytale story. This allowed the children to use their playscript skills and the features we have been focussing on recently. Well done Year Five!

In Maths, we have continued with our fraction work, focussing on adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. This also involved finding the common denominator and we would recommend for the children to continue practising their times tables to help with this.

We have also been continuing with our French Experience across Year 5 and are thoroughly enjoying our sessions several times a week!

We have also been celebrating Neurodiversity week and talking about celebrating everyone and that each person is different. It has been wonderful to have discussions with both classes about this.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lee and Miss Condlyffe

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## **Year 6**

It has been another fantastic week in Year 6! We started with each class finalising their individual stop motion animations about keeping a healthy heart in Makerspace . In writing the children have been planning and have begun writing their independent biographies all about Muhammad Ali's life. They have been producing some amazing ideas! In Maths we have completed the topic of decimals and have moved onto converting units of measurement. The children have been picking this up really well. In Science we have developed our knowledge on the circulatory system further by looking into a number of different advertisement sources

### Home Learning

We will not be sending any SATs homework today in preparation for the Easter holidays, where we will be sending home additional resources for your children to work through on Wednesday (27<sup>th</sup> March). This will be more extensive and be good preparation for your child's assessments in May. On Google Classroom will be some resources to support your child should they need it.

### A few gentle reminders:

- 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.

### Achievers:

6B: Our achiever this week is Evie. Evie has been working so hard all term and her dedication to presentation and accuracy is wonderful. Evie takes great pride in everything she does. From her writing book to her homework diary, Evie takes great care in both the content and the presentation of

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her work. Evie has flourished taking part in the home learning competitions where the creativity of her and her friends really shines through. Her fact file about a country and her spring poem show pride in presentation in abundance.

6G: The achiever this week in 6G is Zunaira! She has been an absolute superstar this week, showing brilliant effort and attitude to all areas of her work. She is always polite to staff and other children around the school and regularly shows what it means to be 'fit for the future'. Keep up this great work Zunaira. Well done!

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Macie! She is always a pleasure to have in class and has shown great commitment to her learning and resilience when things have been challenging. She is always helpful towards others and has completed some brilliant group work in the Makerspace throughout this half term. Well done Macie!

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