

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

The Term Ahead

I do hope that you and your families enjoyed a great break, and that the children are excited and ready for the term ahead. As always, there is much going on.

Next week, we welcome you to our Parent Consultations. These are important meetings, that we would expect all parents to attend. During the evenings, our hot lunch providers (Apetito) will be demonstrating meal choices for parents to taste – so do come along a little early, or stay a little longer, so you are able to see and taste what is on offer for our hot lunches.

Some Diary Dates for the Term Ahead – Fuller Details to Follow

School Walk will be on Friday, 10th May. Support always welcomed.

PTA Family Bingo, Thursday 23rd May, 6pm.

Portuguese Night, Thursday 6th June.

PTA Summer Fair, Sunday 30th June.

Nursery / Reception / Key Stage 1 Sports Day, Wednesday 10th July.

Key Stage 2 Sports Day, Thursday 11th July.

Portuguese Language Award for Soraia

We are very proud to announce that Soraia Medeiros came **1st in the 2023 UK certification exams** (level A1B).

The award will be presented to Soraia on April 24th, at the Celebration of 50 years of the Carnation Revolution and 50 years of Portuguese Teaching Abroad in the United Kingdom. This event will take place at the Portuguese London Embassy. WELL DONE, SORAIA!

Home Learning Writing Competition

Next week we will be launching this half term's writing home learning competition. If your child has borrowed a writing pack, please can they be returned to school on Monday so they may be topped up and ready to be handed out again!

Thank you, Mrs Wilkinson

Year 6 Trip to Osmington Bay, Monday 29th April – Friday 3rd May

The excitement is mounting ahead of our trip away, the week after next.

Reminder details will be sent out on Monday but, in the meantime, **DO MAKE SURE THAT ALL MEDICATION (E.G. INHALERS) ARE IN-DATE.** Medication will be collected in school next week (details to come on Monday). Thank you.

Staffing Update

It has been some time since you have seen Mrs Dunn and Ms Mitchell, as they have been on extended Parental Leave. Since they have become mums and been away from d'Auvergne, they have taken the decision to resign and so will not be returning in September as planned.

Gina and Leah are both great teachers, who will be missed by all the d'Auvergne community. I send them every best wish and thanks for their efforts and professionalism.

On the other hand, Mr du Feu continues on his worldwide travels, with his final destination being d'Auvergne in July. We look forward to welcoming Louis back in September.

Summer School, August 12th – 23rd

We shall shortly be sending out invitations to our Summer School for 36 pupils in Years 1-3. The timeframe to arrange and thoroughly plan this highly valuable intervention is quite tight, so replies returned in a timely manner would be much appreciated.

Mrs Kruk's Home Language Challenge

To encourage the home language use and development:

Can your senses always be trusted?

Seus sentidos são sempre confiáveis?

Czy zawsze możesz ufać swoim zmysłom?

Poți să te-ncrezi mereu în simțurile tale?

We would like to remind the community about the **MLL workshop for parents** - how to support your multilingual child - with an MLL expert on Thursday the 25th April at 5.30 pm at Radisson Blu.

To book the space in the training, please follow the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parents-as-language-partners-supporting-your-bimultilingual-children-tickets-860773987167?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

PTA

Thank you to those who entered the 'Animal Adventure' Writing Competition over the Easter Holidays. Mrs Huelin is working hard to calculate funds raised. Due to Mr Cooper being out of school on Friday the winner of the competition will be revealed next Friday in assembly!

The PTA shed was constructed over the Easter Holidays and all resources will be moved over this weekend thanks to Mrs Wheaton and Charlie Walker.

Our next PTA Meet is Tuesday 7th May 6:30pm in the Staff Room. All Welcome!

Oracy

This term we will be building on the use of talking roles, summarising, as well as considering the Physical nature of talk.



Physical

Voice

- Pace of speech
- Tonal variation
- Clarity of pronunciation
- Voice projection

Body language

- Gesture & posture
- Facial expression & eye contact

On INSET day the staff were introduced to the Oracy framework and to the role of the 'Silent Summariser'. We are looking forward to developing these skills with your children this term.

Talk Tuesday this week celebrated 'International Moment of Laughter'



Talk Tuesday - Tuesday 16th April
International Moment of Laughter

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Introduce the role of the 'Silent Summariser' - in Trios label one person, A, B and C. A and B discuss C summarise (Don't forget to clarify before feeding back - Remember Summarisers Stay Silent!!)

Mrs Wheaton thinks this is the best 'Knock, knock' joke...
Do you agree? Or do you disagree?

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Cow says.
Cow says who?
No, a cow says mooooo!

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 ____?

Summarise
Identify and recap the main ideas

- So far we have talked about ____
- The main points raised today were ____
- Our discussion focused on ____

Trios
Three students talking with each other. Or, two students have a discussion while the third observes then summarises and critiques.




Mrs Wheaton and Mrs Lutkin-Clarke are hoping to have a Parents Information evening around Oracy before the end of this term. Look at next week's posts to clarify dates. In the meantime please contact them directly if you have any questions.

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>

Any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wheaton to discuss further support.

Have a great weekend everyone,
Mr Cooper (& Bonnie)

Year Group Updates

Futures 1

A warm welcome back to our Summer term, we hope you had a good Easter. This week has been all about settling in and getting back into routines.

This half term we have a new focus story. We are reading 'Mad about Minibeasts' by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz. We have already begun using different props to match to the various minibeasts in the story to the pictures as well as experimenting with the different noises they make. We will continue to explore all things minibeasts over the next 5 weeks. This will include describing their features, counting legs, wings and antennae, exploring how they move, what they eat and where they like to live. This topic will also allow us to continue to learn more about plants and growing as well as noticing the change in seasons. It's going to be a busy term!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Mason and The Futures 1 Team.

Futures 2

Welcome back everyone, it's the Summer Term!

The biggest news is that we have a new member of Futures 2! That means that our Futures 2 now has nine members (six children and three adults) The children have embraced our new member and already it feels like a fully formed family.

We've literally got our hands dirty this week with our new topic of 'Growing'. It hasn't been glamorous work as the polytunnel was overgrown with weeds, but we have prepared the space to plant strawberries, sweet peas courgettes and onions. Watch this space! Well, in three to four months. This week we have been talking about 'germination' and we each planted sunflower seeds. With love and care we will water them regularly and we hope to repot them in a few weeks. Throughout this term we will be applying our maths skills of measuring and weighing to harvest and eventually we hope to sell our produce.

Finally, some parents have mentioned that they would love the opportunity to come and visit the classroom - great idea. This term we will organise a parent/ child breakfast, and I hope to formalise a date in the next couple of weeks.

Enjoy the sunshine.

Futures 2

Nursery

Welcome back to the summer term in Nursery!

We hope you had a lovely, restful Easter break with your loved ones. The children have all come back with big smiles and even bigger stories to share with us about their holidays!

This half term, we're learning about changes – changes in the season, the environment around us and ultimately making sure the children are reception ready!

As the spring weather is still unpredictable, please make sure you are still sending your child in each day with appropriate warm clothing... hopefully we will be able to replace these with hats and sun cream shortly!

We're looking forward to meeting with you over the next couple of weeks to discuss your child and their progress so far in nursery this year. Please email Miss Fage if you have not yet made an appointment.

Reception

What a super first week back after the Easter holidays! Your children have come into school ready and raring to learn and we are so pleased with their positive 'can do' attitude and their willingness to have to go.

This week we have been learning about Superheroes but not the ones you see in films like Batman and Superman but real-life Superheroes like mummies and daddies, doctors and nurses, police and firefighters, paramedics, and builders...the list goes on. Please have a conversation with your children about what superpowers people have, including superpowers of kindness, generosity and helping others. All the children have had an opportunity to go on a walk around the school to see if we have any Superheroes in d'Auvergne. We certainly found a few! Ask your children who they spotted. Bonnie, Mr Cooper's dog was certainly a favourite.

We also had a visit from our very own Superhero, Mr Coyne the Caretaker and he came to talk to us about all the jobs he does around d'Auvergne to keep us safe and keep our building safe. He even brought along the lollipop used for helping children to cross the road. This was a job Mr Coyne used to do before we had the zebra crossing installed. We practised crossing the road safely remembering to stop, look and listen, making sure we are always safe.



The children then made their own road safety posters to tell other children how to keep themselves safe when crossing the road.

Our new topic has sparked lots of exciting conversations about what the children would like to be when they become grown-ups. We're sure they'll be having a chat with you about this too.



We have a busy term ahead; it's hard to believe we have completed two full terms already. We look forward to seeing you all next week at our Parent Consultations. Please speak directly with your child's class teacher if you haven't made an appointment as the booking system is now closed.

Have a lovely weekend 😊

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

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Year 1

It was lovely to see all the children back to school and ready for learning in their last term in Year 1.

In Literacy, we have made predictions based on our class text, Handa's Surprise, and we are working hard to include elements of our Oracy agenda. Please ask your children how they can show they are listening? How do we 'nest'? What is a 'traverse'?

In Maths, we continue to work on Numbers to 40. This includes place value; why is 36 more than 25? How do we know? How can we prove this? Ask your child to consider what each digit is worth.

This week, we have taken part in a whole school 'environmental awareness' afternoon. We discussed what 'the environment' means to us, and how we can all play a role in safeguarding our environment for the future, with a particular focus on the use of wind farms; take some time to talk about this issue with your child, as it is soon to be debated by Government of Jersey.

We will soon be sending home logins for 'Spelling Shed'. This forms part of our Home Learning offer and children can access this excellent resource at home.

Please ensure everything that comes into school is named, so we can reunite lost items with their owners; we would stress that it is the responsibility of the children to keep track of their own property, particularly considering we are gearing up for Year 2.

Please sign up for Parents Consultations, starting next week, Monday and Friday from 5.30 pm in the hall.

PE days have changed to Wednesday and Thursday.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Year 1 Team

Year 2

What a wonderful week we have had in Year 2! We were so excited to welcome all the children back after a lovely Easter break. We got stuck straight back into our learning with a visit from local author Penny Byrne to discuss her book 'Seymour's Seaside Picnic' which links to our topic of islands this half term. The children asked inquisitive questions and learnt lots about character design and publishing.

As our topic relates to islands for the summer term, your child will be coming home with a Jersey map. Please could we give you the task of the children labelling their favourite beach on the map and give a reason for this. If you are out and about and see any landmarks, we would love to see some photographs for our growing 'Year 2 in Action' display.

We are excited to have two upcoming trips this half term:

Royal Square (AM) - Tuesday 7th May

Seaside Picnic (AM) - Monday 20th May

A letter will follow shortly with further details and a request for parent helpers.

Finally, our new PE days for the half term are Wednesdays and Thursdays (for both classes).

We are looking forward to a busy summer term!

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the sunshine!

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

Welcome back and to the third and final term in Year 3!

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and that you are ready for the learning in the weeks ahead!

This term our focus will be mainly around our history topic, Stone Age to Iron Age. We are going to be come historians and do much detective work using images artefacts to help us to consider what life was like for Stone Age man, what we can learn from what archaeologists have discovered at sites such as Skara Brae and Stone Age. The children will also experience what the Stone Age might have been like in Jersey with a trip to La Hougue Bie where they will be able to see a long house that was made using the techniques from Stone Age times. AND if that wasn't enough they will also be using the oracy skills to convince us and each other about the best invention from the Iron Age!

We were very impressed by the effort that went into the Pick and Mix home learning projects last term, so we thought we would launch this again just before May Half Term. So, keep an eye out for all things Stone, Bronze and Iron Age.

Our reading also links to our history as we are reading the book, The Stolen Spear by Saviour Pirotta. It is an adventure story about a boy called Wolf, who goes in search of his villages sacred spear which has been stolen. We are hoping that the children will pick up skills along our reading journey that they can use in the own adverbture stories next half term.

Writing this term is based on the text, How To Wash A Woolly Mammoth! This is a fun introduction on how to write detailed instructions using some of the skills we have been learning such as fronted adverbials, conjunctions and prepositions.

Our maths learning has moved on and we are exploring fractions over the next few weeks. The children will be learning about tenths, how to add and subtract fractions, equivalent fractions and how to find a fraction of a number. Please, please, please continue to support us in developing your children's times tables knowledge as this will help them with fractions! TTRS is a great help!

Spellings will continue to come home in the children's homework planner, but they will also be available on the Spelling Shed which can be accessed from the school's website. The children will have been taught how to find and use it. It is additional but a fun way for the children to explore the spelling rule we are working on.

Bugclub is also something that the children need to continue to access, there are plenty of books for the children to access and most can be listened to. The more opportunities they have to read the more they can practice their decoding skills and become more fluent and that improves their understanding of what they read independently.

And finally, just to remind you that our PE days for the Summer Term are Monday with Rob and Friday with tennis coaches from the Caesarean Tennis Club!

We look forward to working with you to support your children in being the best learners they can be!

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Year 4

The Summer term has begun with a splash!

We kicked off this term with our first swimming lesson at Haute Vallee Secondary School this week. The swimming coaches expressed how impressed they were with the children's behaviour, listening skills and confidence in the water – well done all.

In Maths, we are continuing to look at problem solving using multiplication and division. In our writing lessons, we have been preparing for our next 'big write' focusing on newspaper articles.

On Thursday, all children at d'Auvergne learnt about wind farms in collaboration with the States of Jersey. The children had the opportunity to build a windmill of their own, unpick the science and environmental benefits of wind farming and express their own opinions.

A reminder to all Year 4 parents: swimming lessons take place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays this term. Our PE lesson is on Thursday (note, no PE lesson on Wednesdays this term due to our swimming lessons).

Thank you to parents for your ongoing support.

Best regards,

Miss Bolton and Mr Worthington

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Year 5

It has been a super start to the Summer Term in Year 5.

In our English lessons we have been focussing upon our States Chambers Trip next week and creating a debate for this. We have looked at ideas of what we might improve in Jersey to decide upon a class debate.

We have also started our new topic of World War Two and had a super day on Wednesday for our Topic day. Well done to all the children on such super outfits and thank you again for several families sending in their precious family artefacts from this time. Please see below some pictures from our super day!

In Maths, we have started our work on decimals, linking this with our fraction work last term. We would encourage the children to continue to use Maths Tutor at home to help with their learning.

We also had a super time at our first Gaelic football session on Thursday, the children really enjoyed this-well done to all!

We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing many of you at our parent consultations next week.

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Year 6

What an amazing first week back it has been in Year 6! We have explored our new topic of 'Identity' and started to look at inheritance in our Science lessons. We have also started a mirror image art display for outside of our classrooms! In Maths we have started the topic of percentages; in Writing we have focused on the use of punctuation and in Reading we have started our new text for the term, 'The Secret of Platform 13'.

Home Learning

Today, your child will have come home with another set of practice SATS materials (Maths, Reading and SPAG). Please ensure that your child completes these before Thursday next week, when we will be marking them. On Google Classroom are some resources to support your child should they need it. It is incredibly important that these are completed with the Key Stage 2 Assessments fast approaching.

A few gentle reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.
- **Our PE days are Monday (with class teacher) and Wednesday (with Coach Rob).**
- Laptops need to be brought in every day fully charged.
- Key Stage 2 Assessments or 'SATS' will take place on the week beginning 20th May.
- Our trip to England begins on Monday 29th April.
- Next week is parent consultations, we look forward to seeing you all again!

Achievers:

6B: The 6B achiever this week is Xavier. He has been working well with his learning partner and contributing many ideas to class. Well done, Xavi.

6G: The achiever this week in 6G is Abbie. She is always 100% committed to her learning and shows a real thirst for knowledge. She is always curious, tries her best and is independent. All good traits of a fantastic learner. Well done, Abbie!

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Bella! What a kind-hearted and incredible friend this young lady is. She has been a wonderful learning partner this week and always thinks of others before herself. These qualities are exactly what the d'Auvergne Standard is all about. Great job Bella! Keep it up!
