

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Keeping Warm in Class

We are keeping our classrooms well-ventilated now, with windows and doors being kept open. This means that the rooms might be a little cooler than usual and so we would suggest that the children are dressed in a manner so they are not chilly –wearing a vest and making sure jumpers / cardigans would be sensible measures.

May I take the opportunity to remind you of COVID-19 Symptoms. It is important that all of us – including those who make up the community around a school – are vigilant for the symptoms of COVID-19 and understand what actions we should take if someone develops them, either at school or at home.

The three main symptoms to be aware of are:

- new continuous cough
- fever / high temperature
- change or loss of smell and / or taste

If a young person or a child in your care develops **any** of the three main symptoms above, they should self-isolate and you should call the coronavirus helpline on 01534 445566 as soon as possible to get advice and arrange a test. Diarrhoea and vomiting can also be a feature of COVID-19 and are more common in children than adults.

It is essential that pupils who have COVID-19 symptoms do not attend school or nursery, and must self-isolate along with all members of their household. Children who share a household with an individual who has COVID symptoms should also stay at home pending investigation of the symptomatic individual.

COVID Press Conference Speeches

Please see the links below to the speeches and statements made by the Chief Minister and Health Minister at this afternoon's press conference, held in light of the increasing COVID-19 case numbers.

The Press Conference will be available to watch later on the Government of Jersey Facebook page.

<https://www.gov.je/News/2020/Pages/ChiefMinisterStatement6Nov.aspx>

<https://www.gov.je/News/2020/Pages/HealthMinisterStatement6Nov.aspx>

Website

Each week, I shall be drawing you to a particular page or feature on our website (www.dauvergne.sch.je). This week, follow this link to access a host of maths resources, appropriate for every year group (including Foundation Stage). If you scroll to the bottom of the page, you will be able to access Year Group-specific Mathletics resources that you may want your children to access out of school. Please take a look!

<https://www.dauvergne.sch.je/about-us/our-learning/maths/>

TT Rock Stars and Mathletics Websites

Please take a look at the following table, which indicates regular access this term (by Year Group) to two websites that support children with their home learning in mathematics. For whatever reason, children are not engaging with these excellent resources as regularly as they should. We can clearly see a link between those children who are doing so and their attainment and fluency at maths in class. PLEASE, whilst we don't want children glued to screens, do encourage your child to log-on to TT (Times Table) Rock Stars and Mathletics, to complete the challenges / home learning that has been set for them on a regular basis. This weekend, would you kindly make a point of checking in with your child about how regularly they are benefiting from these resources. ccllf children are struggling to log-on, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Wheaton (a.wheaton@dauvergne.sch.je). Thank you.

Year Group	TT Rockstars	Mathletics
Yr 1	N/A	12%
Yr 2	N/A	30%
Yr 3	11%	13%
Yr 4	16%	5%
Yr 5	64%	6%
Yr 6	63%	18%

Summer School Payments

Many thanks to those parents who have settled their Summer School accounts. If you haven't yet paid the balance, we should appreciate this in the near future. If any parent has any difficulty with this, PLEASE do come and chat with me so we may make a plan together. Thank you.

Primary Engineer

One of the very significant school developments in the last two years has been that of our MakerSpace. Under the expert leadership of Mr Livesey children benefit as they design,

create, take apart, improve, discuss, persevere, fail then succeed, share, work individually or in teams...skills that any employer would want.

One result of the MakerSpace experience is our ability to be involved in the Primary Engineer Awards – a National Competition. Do take a look at the success that two of last year's Year 6 pupils have had (when they were at d'Auvergne) in this competition – well done to Ze (Pedro) for winning the local stage! I am sure he will continue to do great things at Haute Vallee!

This link is a virtual 3D gallery, which replaces the usual exhibition of the leading designs from around the Island's schools...it's very cool! <https://leadersaward.com/2020-jersey-gallery/>

Table Tennis

Attached is a flyer promoting free beginner sessions to table tennis, encouraging primary school children to take part. Get involved d'Auvergne!

Crips Packet Collections

I'm delighted to hear that Tasha Cormack and her team have started the production of survival sheets made out of d'Auvergne's re-cycled crisp packets. Some of the 'blankets' are staying local and being used by The Shelter Trust. Well done all – a great initiative!

Pudsey Bear 'Children in Need' Raffle

It's that time of year again to raffle the lovely knitted Pudsey's that Mrs Whitehouse has been creating. For 50p a go, children will have a chance to win – please bring the money in next week and we shall pick the winners next Friday. Good luck everyone!

Have a great weekend everyone,
Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

This week we have enjoyed a big trip to the woods, the children were so sensible walking down there and they loved a big splash in the stream. Even with boiler suits and welly boots they managed to come back with wet socks! Please keep topping up those spare clothes in their bags and please, PLEASE name the clothes as sometimes the bags get knocked off the pegs and as you can imagine, a class of 37 three year olds we have no way of knowing what belongs to who if it isn't named.

Please return any clothes which do not belong to you as they may belong to other children who have had clothes accidentally go missing.

Thanks so much for your continued support,

Mrs Knight

Reception

Wow! What a wonderful week back the children have had.

This week Reception have started the Read Write Inc program, beginning with the letter sounds 'm','a','s','d'. During your parent's evening meeting you will receive more information, so that you can support your children with RWInc at home. In the meantime, we encourage parents and carers to watch the video below which will help you to model letter sounds correctly. If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/find-a-book/read-write-inc-phonics--1/phonics-pure-sounds-video>

Thank you to those families who have returned children's waterproof clothing, it is essential the children have these, so they can access the outdoor curriculum. Please ensure your child has bought back a water bottle that can stay in class, as we wash and refill these, so children have access to fresh water at any point during the school day. This is in addition to any water you might wish to send at lunchtime.

The weather is becoming increasingly cold! If your children bring hats, scarves and gloves to school please ensure these are all named, so that they don't get misplaced. Likewise, if your child wishes to walk to school with an umbrella please ensure you are able to take this away with you, as we do not have space to store them in the classroom.

As mathematicians, the children have been exploring 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'the same'. To support this, you could ask questions during dinner such as 'who has more sausages?', 'who has fewer sausages?' and 'who has the same amount of sausages?' As always, we are working within the numbers 1 to 5.

Year 1

This week has been the start of year 1 parent consultations. Because of the COVID restrictions, this is taking longer than usual. Please bear with us and we will meet everyone, whether face to face, video or by phone.

We have had great fun this week learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot and we all enjoyed having a sparkler. Next week we are having another STEM day on Friday 13th where we will be given a problem and we have to work out a solution. In order to help us with this, we will need lots of materials to help us, so please could you collect and send in any junk materials from home, e.g. cereal boxes, egg boxes, toilet roll holders etc.

Thank you

Miss Fage and Mrs Prothero

Year 2

A great start to this half term for Year 2 as we start our new topic on Celebrations. We have been learning about Remembrance Day and writing our own acrostic poems using associated words and phrases to show our understanding. In Maths, we can now add 2-digit numbers using column addition and have learnt to rename and regroup. Ask your children what these terms mean.

We are starting to use our Google Classrooms a little more and have uploaded the handwriting homework sheets and the weekly spellings so the children can access them at any time. Please accept the invitation for your child's google classroom so they have access to these. We have given each child a username and password which can be found in their school planners.

Next Friday, all children will be involved in a STEM day. A little note went home in their planners this week to ask them to collect some resources. We are looking for clean plastic food trays, yoghurt pots or anything that floats!

Thank you to those parents who have responded to our parent mail about parent/teacher consultations. If you have not yet done this, please email your child's class teacher as soon as possible to book your face to face, phone call or video call consultation. If you have

arranged a face to face, please follow the strict guidelines before entering the school. All visitors must adhere to social distancing and wear a mask.

Thank you for your support with this to keep us all safe.

Year 3

This week the children have enjoyed their first Maker Space session with Mr Livesey. The children created their own Iron Man by carving drawings in cuttlefish and then filling the carvings with liquid metal which then cooled and solidified into 3D body parts.

In addition, the children have enjoyed beginning to read this terms class text, which is 'the Iron Man', and have been predicting what may happen next and summarising what they have read.

Miss Banks, Miss Dunn and Mr Du Feu

Year 4

We spent Monday with Mr Livesey in the Maker Space creating circuits and finishing our Body Buzz Games. They look fantastic and sound... like they are working!

On Wednesday there was a Viking invasion at school, crafting jewellery, building longships and plundering the land of the Anglo-Saxons. Thank you for supporting children with their costumes and shields, it really was a great day and the perfect start to our new topic.

Thank you for bringing in any clean plastic bottles with lids for our STEM day next Friday (13th), we could always do with a few more if you have some.

Just to let you know, in the home learning diaries, the children have now stuck in a timetable to give an overview of what is happening and when.

Have a great weekend – The Year 4 Team.

Year 5

First week back and straight down to business!

Had a great trip to St Ouen's learning about some very interesting skills should we ever be stuck in the wilderness! This ties in nicely with our new theme of Frozen Kingdoms, though would rather be stranded in the carpark of Kempt Tower than in the Polar Regions!

Maths - looking at everyone's favourite of column addition and subtraction! Not enough? Borrow some from next door!

Literacy - Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Yr 5's are looking at newspaper reports. Do you read the paper? Perhaps you could purchase one on your way home from work and read through it with your child.

Achievers for this week:

5KL: Katherine for always working hard in everything she does. Katherine takes her time to ensure her work is up to the standard. Well done, keep it up!

5L: Harry for making a concerted effort to improve his output this new half term. Busy in the classroom and busy on the football pitch. A coach's dream!

5H - Margarida - for always giving 100% and coming into class with a smile. You never fail to brighten up my day with your smile. You are hardworking, always trying your best and so motivated to develop your learning. Keep up the amazing attitude to learning you have.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a great first week back, after half term. We are excited to have started our new topic learning about the Victorians and have been looking at limericks written by Edward Lear and enjoying writing some of our own. Our new class book: 'My Story - Mill Girl' by Sue Reid has given us a realistic introduction as to what life was like for a poor, working-class Victorian children.

In maths, we have been working hard on long division, using rounding, multiple lists, and estimation to help us reach and check our answers.

In 6W, Danny is this week's achiever, for showing great focus, determination, and perseverance with division and for his collaborative work, writing a limerick about a tiger.

Aiden is achiever in 6AW, for his hilarious and well thought out limericks and general improvement in attitude to learning! Well done Aiden keep it up!

Next week, we look forward to welcoming Kirsten from 'You Matter' back into class to discuss Friendships as part of our PSHE.
