

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

I have been holding Pupil Progress Meetings with teaching colleagues all week. These are part of our monitoring and accountability processes. Individual pupils are discussed and their attainment / progress is reviewed.

I am very reassured that all teachers know their children very well. They know the children's targets and next steps and what systems we have in place to support them achieve these. One of these systems, for many pupils, is personal or small group tutoring. Again, if your child is offered tutoring it is very important for their development that they turn up on time for it and sessions aren't missed. My thanks to the team of tutors for your commitment early in the morning, lunchtimes, after school or on the weekend.

If your child isn't currently being offered a personal tutor at the moment, this may well be planned for later in the year. Nonetheless, be assured that your child's teachers and fabulous teaching assistants are doing their very best to support your child raise their attainment levels.

To help us further raise standards, we shall shortly be providing EVERY child in Key Stage 2 with their own laptop. The ownership of these devices (which will be able to go home) will remain with the school, but a minimal fee (likely to be £10 per term) will be requested to help with insurance and IT support. Additionally, a further 100 iPads will be available for pupils to use in school in Key Stage 1. This extra resource for your child(ren) will be unparalleled for a mainstream primary school in Jersey and is a reflection of the level of provision that we wish to offer every child.

I have been informed by our School Business Manager, Mrs Nelson, that we now have well over 600 places filled each week in either Breakfast or After School Club. This is a significant offer, too, and I thank Mrs Nelson for her commitment to these important aspects of our school life and the very supportive personnel involved in running them. We will shortly be welcoming a new After School Administrator to our team to take on the management of our wrap-around provision.

A few 'housekeeping' issues...

Confidential Data Check Sheet and Permission Sheets

A polite reminder that these are now due. Please may the last few be returned on Monday.

Message Specific to Nursery and Reception Parents

We are still seeing parents or carers at drop-off / pick-up times not wearing a mask. EVERY adult on our premises has to wear a mask please, unless they are medically exempt. Thank you.

Toilet Use After School

We are obviously very particular at the moment as to who is able to access school and our facilities. Whilst we will never say 'no' to an adult or child returning to school to use our facilities, we would really appreciate minimising use out of hours. Thank you.

Inhalers

We request that **every child who has an inhaler** is provided with a spare one that one is kept in each classroom's medical cupboard, at school at all times.

Lateral Flow Tests for Staff

Staff at d'Auvergne have started having regular Lateral Flow Tests, as part of our continued fight against the virus. Please see attached a Press Release providing you with more information.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

This week the children have settled back into Nursery life and have enjoyed seeing their friends again. We have been showing an interest in the weather, talking about the colours of the clouds and what that means.

We have also started learning letter sounds. This week we looked at 'i', 'n', 'p', 'g', and 'o'. Please look at these together at home. Click on the links below to look at pronunciation and to learn the handwriting phrases to go with each letter, saying these aloud when writing helps children to learn the correct letter formation which is really important.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TzDabdq4j4&list=PLVB0Ddgu7ewF2JC3SFaII_El66qOMxeTI&index=6

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMXudFyBlk4&list=PLVB0Ddgu7ewF2JC3SFaII_El66qOMxeTI&index=19

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2wLNJ40tjM&list=PLVB0Ddgu7ewF2JC3SFaII_El66qOMxeTI&index=20

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QqlonDge3-w&list=PLVB0Ddgu7ewF2JC3SFaII_El66qOMxeTI&index=21

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZlqxIbDE0k&list=PLVB0Ddgu7ewF2JC3SFaII_El66qOMxeTI&index=8

In Maths we have been learning all about the number 2. What it looks like, how to write it, finding it around the room, counting one object, counting a clap/jump/hop and talking about one more and one less than 2. Next week we will be looking at number 3.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Knight

Reception

We have kicked off our inclusive curriculum this week by celebrating Martin Luther King day. Throughout the week we have learnt about his life story and why he was such an important and inspirational figure in history. We have talked about what equality means and what it looks like in our classroom. We have also discussed the importance of speaking out when we feel we are being treated unfairly. Hopefully, your children will continue to discuss this subject with you at home.

In Maths this week we have moved onto numbers 6,7, and 8. Once again looking at one more and one less, sequencing the numbers, counting forward and backwards to and from the numbers, as well as discovering shapes with a matching number of sides.

Year 1

Hello!

We're working so hard in Y1 on our reading, writing and maths. Thank you for all of your support with this at home – it really makes a difference in school, please keep it up! 😊😊 Remember to sign up to our Google Classroom, the login and password is located in the front cover of your child's white home learning diary. If you need a replacement of this, do get in touch with us.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our trip to the zoo this half term due to restrictions however we have been fortunate enough to have been offered an online lesson with members of the zoo education team. We will be participating in this next week, learning how to classify animals!

Continuing with our ongoing 'seasons' topic, next week we shall be taking the children into the woods to look for signs of winter. Please make sure that your child has wellies/boiler suit in school next week as we will be most likely going in the rain (hello winter!).

We hope you are getting on ok with the handwriting home learning pack, we will be taking a look at this on Friday so please ensure that this comes into school that day.

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Year 2

This week we visited the forest school area to experience a fire and imagine what it would have been like for the Londoners during The Great Fire in 1666. This will inform our writing for next week when we write our own diaries in the style of Samuel Pepys. Get your wigs and feather quills ready...

We continue to work on multiplication and the inverse operations, division. It's crucial that children are confident at recalling the 2's, 5's and 10's. Please keep up with mathematics, it really does benefit your child.

Thank you for your continued support with reading and listening to your child every day. Please ask lots of questions about the text to develop their comprehension and encourage them to ask you questions to show they have understood what they've read.

Reminder: 2AB and 2LC open their doors at 8.10am. This is an opportunity for the children to wash their hands, put their things away, practise their spelling, change their reading books and work on their maths skills. Our formal learning begins at 8.20am and this is when our register closes. **Please ensure your child arrives promptly so they are sat with pencil in hand ready to learn at 8.20am.**

Pick up remains the same at 2.40pm. It's important you are on time to pick up your child because, as a school, we are continuing to stagger pick up times to maintain bubbles and social distancing.

It's been lovely to hear that the children are telling you all about The Great Fire of London, if they choose to do any research at home, we would love them to share it with us.

Have a lovely weekend 😊

Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Andre Brown

Year 3

This week the children have been learning about leaflets and have been preparing to make their own. In Maker Space they have begun creating their own cities and towns which they are all thoroughly enjoying—we have some great designers in year 3!

To clarify, the spelling test this coming Monday will be on the words from the 25th January, for example enough and musician.

Well done to the vast majority of the children who completed the first week of their 'Happy Handwriting Home learning'. All children have the sheet and green book with them and this is checked every Wednesday and Friday. Please may we remind parents to ensure children are completing this handwriting at home.

We hope you and your family have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Banks, Miss Dunn and Mr du Feu

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Year 4

Thank you to you all for helping the children to be organised with their swimming things each Monday, Thursday and Friday. It helps them to be settled and ready and this week we are already seeing

progress in the pool. There was one fabulous idea from a Granny, who used a shower curtain to make a changing overall for after swimming. It is light to carry and we thought it would be good to share with you.

Every day the children are expected to read independently at school and note which pages they have read in their diaries. They can read independently at home, but we ask that you do sign the diaries to show that you have checked in with them about this. We know that many of you do share the books with them and this is wonderful.

Quick reminder: Library book days for 4L and 4S are Thursdays. For 4W, it is each Tuesday.

Thank you to those of you who have been in touch about family and friends in the USA. After half term, our topic will be 'Playlist'. If you are part of or know someone in a band that might be able to do a live performance online for the children then please get in touch!

Finally, we are reading a book called 'Brother Eagle, Sister Sky' to the children. They all seem really motivated about the book and the environmental and ethical messages behind it. Ask your child about 'Chief Seattle's Speech' and it will likely spark some interesting conversations.

As always, please get in touch if you need to,

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Year 5

Another whirlwind of a week in Year 5! We are learning so much in our topic lessons regarding World War 2 and some of the atrocities that went on. We are so fortunate to be living on an island of peace and safety! As well as this, we are continuing to write to persuade and multiplying and dividing in maths.

Achievers for this week:

Melissa: For trying her absolute best in all that she does, for every single lesson. This is seeing her improve in all her learning. Well done you work horse!

Mwayitaishe: for working really hard in class. She is making sure she is listening carefully and asking questions to help her learning. Well done, keep up all the hard work!

Callum: For trying his absolute best in all aspects of his learning. He is producing some fantastic work especially in maths. Callum is becoming a human calculator! Well done and keep up the great work!

Keep wearing warm clothes as the classrooms are rather chilly at the moment!

Year 6

This week has zoomed past and we have covered and achieved so much! Assessment week has been completed and the children showed their commitment to progress by applying themselves to their papers.

In Maths, the children have continued to work hard to explore and use Fractions when adding and subtracting in a range of problem solving and reasoning contexts (mostly to do with weight, mass and measure).

We are really coming to terms with the importance of a common denominator! Those children who are on TTRockstars each night are finding the concept of this much easier to grasp, if you have let this slide recently please do pick it back up!

On Tuesday we had the joy of the Maker Space! This week we used TinkerCad to create our own Darwin inspired beetles, hopefully Mr Livesey will print these out for us.

A huge congratulations to Michael for being the achiever this week in 6AW, his enthusiasm for the Maker Space and learning about all things Science and History based is second to none. Well done on your outstanding manners and level of engagement during this session. We are incredibly proud of Bianca from 6W, for her continued and outstanding efforts with her reading. It has been wonderful to see her love of reading and confidence grow ❤️ She is also working incredibly hard on her spellings, which she doesn't always find easy, but got 12/12 last week! Well done for all of your hard work.

Next week we will be continuing on our Fractions journey as well as creating time lines of Charles Darwin's life. Hopefully if the weather is good on Friday we will be able to go outside and conduct a local flora audit showing off our sketching and observation skills.

REMEMBER – no juice in water bottles, reading for 20 minutes each and every night and complete TTRockstars and Athletics tasks.
