

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

As this round of our Parent Consultations come to a close this week, it's started me thinking about what the next opportunity to 'meet' with you might look like. Very optimistically, I hope that it will be face to face in school. However, there will be many positive learnings to be taken for schools from the whole Covid experience and how we run some meetings may well go 'on-line' permanently from now on.

That said, being in the same vicinity of others is really important to humans and coming together to be social can't be beaten...much better than a Zoom get-together. With this in mind, we have pressed 'go' on summer events that have been on hold for so long. Our **PTA SUMMER FAIR** will take place (all things being equal) on **SUNDAY 11th JULY**. More details will follow, but please do keep this day free for the whole d'Auvergne community to come together. In preparation for the Summer Fair we need **books for the book stall, bottles for the bottle stall and bric-a-brac, toys and games** (must be in excellent condition). If your child could start to gather these and bring them in to their class teacher, that would be really appreciated (any bottles of alcohol have to be brought to school by an adult!) Thank you in advance – and fingers crossed that we'll be restriction-free, without barrier tape and bubbles!

Mr Lim is currently preparing Sports Days for the second half of the summer term too. **Foundation Stage and Key Stage One Sports Day will be on Monday 28th June and Key Stage Two will be on Tuesday 29th June.** Arrangements will follow soon.

For the time-being, we are still restricted and we all have to observe the guidelines for the foreseeable. Please may I remind parents / carers to remain physically distanced (particularly at collection time) and leave the premises as quickly as possible. However much we would like to see families staying to enjoy the premises after school, this still isn't possible yet.

PTA Community Award. It's that time of term when we are considering whose names will be engraved on our awards. One of these is for a child who has helped their community outside of d'Auvergne. If your child has been actively involved in supporting others, we want to know about it – please contact me directly by Wednesday 17th March. Perhaps they are a First Aider, volunteer for an environmental group, help their neighbours or bake cakes for a care home...whatever it is, we would love to celebrate it.

Our **Daily Fitness** regime is underway! All classes in Key Stages One and Two are now participating in 10-15 minutes exercise every day, to develop their physical literacy. This week we've been running laps and improving every day. Next week, it's 'Invasion Games'! This sits alongside the children's PE lessons. Thanks to Mr Lim for organising and to all the children for their efforts...keep going and you'll be Fit for the Future!

Maths Update from Mrs Wheaton

Maths No Problem:

As Parent Consultations come to a close this week, please do feel free to get in touch so I can set you up with online access to Maths No Problem. This is the scheme that we use at d'Auvergne to support the children's maths.

If you contact me (a.wheaton@dauvergne.sch.je) with

1. Your preferred email address;
2. Your child's year group,

I will be able to give you access to this wonderful resource. You will be able to use this to discuss what Maths your child has learned today at school as well as cover areas they found tricky and see the various methods we use in school today. More support will be available in the coming weeks via social media.... Watch this space!

Mathletics:

So far this year the children of d'Auvergne have been awarded 1 279 certificates!!!

9 GOLD certificates

152 SILVER certificates

1 118 BRONZE certificates

163 of these certificates belong to children from 2AB! Well done 😊

Our average student has spent 7 hours 37 minutes online on Mathletics.

As a whole school we have been online and interacting with Mathletics for 2924 hours and 55 minutes..... WOW!!!!

22,363 activities have been completed!

In order to acquire these certificates please read the following advice from Mathletics:

A certificate is awarded to a student once they have earned 1000 points in a single week. Only one certificate is awarded each week, to help encourage sustained study by the student. Points are awarded across Mathletics in a number of ways:

- 1 point per correct answer in Live Mathletics
 - 2 points per correct answer within the student's bonus level of Live Mathletics
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- 10 points per correct answer within individual Mathletics curriculum activities*
 - 20 points per correct answer within a curriculum Are You Ready? or Topic Test*

**Within the Mathletics curriculum a maximum of 300 points can be earned per week from a single activity (600 points for Are You Ready? or Topic Tests). This is designed to encourage students to attempt a wide range of activities.*

Certificates are awarded as follows:

Bronze Certificate – 1000 points earned in a week

Silver Certificate – 5 x bronze certificates

Gold Certificate – 4 x silver certificates (20 weeks of sustained effort!)

It is important here to note that this is **sustained effort**, theoretically a Gold certificate cannot be fast tracked. If 1000 points are not earned in a week and no bronze certificate is achieved the points earned roll on over to the overall total.

Certificates are printed on a Thursday, if children earn their points by the end of the week they will still receive a certificate but this will be the following week.

TTRockstars:

This week saw the beginning of 'Rock Down Relief UK' – this tournament has been created by TTRockstars themselves, in aid of Comic Relief's Red Nose Day, and will run until the 18th of March.

Sadly, we have dropped from the 12th school in Jersey to 13th!! Let's try our best to get up there to the top 10!

We have had the following participation from each year group over the past 7 days, with the top average playing time being 4 minutes 35 seconds!

Year 3 – 70%

Year 4 – 46%

Year 5 – 65%

Year 6 – 96%

Mr Henderson and I have some very exciting plans ahead for TTRockstars and House Teams, so keep competing and don't forget to 'buy' your Comic Relief Red Noses from the online shop for your avatars!

Mrs Alex Wheaton

Maths Lead

Year Group Updates

Nursery

This week we have been very excited about our eggs which have arrived and are now incubating. We have been learning all about what is growing inside the eggs and what they will grow into. Please have a conversation about this with your child and record on Tapestry what they tell you.

We are continuing with our Subitising this week, please play the game on the link below at home to help to consolidate what we have been learning at school this week.

This week we have settled back into the Nursery routine and have enjoyed some of the lovely weather we have been having.

In Maths this half term we will be focusing on the skill of 'Subitising', the skill of knowing a quantity without counting. (e.g. rolling a die and knowing that it lands on number 4 without counting all of the four dots). This skill is really important for children to develop their mental maths skills and will support their understanding of number as they move up the school.

Click on the link below for the activity we have been doing this week, please re-create this at home.

<https://nrich.maths.org/9888>



[Dice - Maths](#)

The Activity Join with a group of children who are already rolling the dice and show how they can use the dice in order to choose the number of teddies/dolls etc. to join them for the picnic/tea party (perhaps in the role play area).

nrich.maths.org

Please keep looking at Speed Sounds Set 1 at home to help the children to remember these sounds. Use the link below for a great recap, watch this every day and encourage the children to shout out the sound before she says it!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FeBYXp5_ZPM



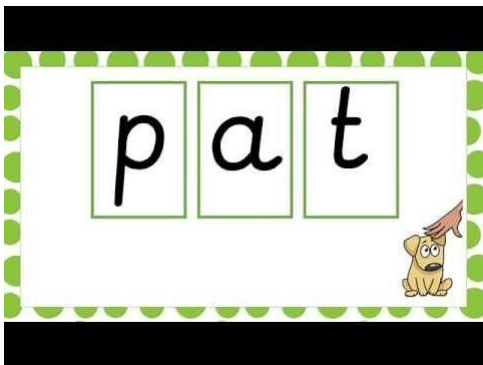
[Recap of Read Write Inc. Phonics Set 1 sounds.](#)

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www.youtube.com

We have also started to have a go at blending simple three letter words. Here is a video for you to watch at home with your child so that they can practise this very important skill.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ovJlxTQpsU>



[Practice Blending Sounds for Reading- CVC Words](#)

<http://www.epicphonics.com/resources/p-hase/2>

Check out our printable phonics resources and online games! This reading machine helps children practice blending the letter sounds they've already learnt with simple phonetically decodable CVC words. The letters are from Phase 2 Phonics of the Letters and Sounds document s,a,t,p,i and n. Children in ...

www.youtube.com

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Knight

Reception

Thank you for all that have signed up for Parent Teacher Consultations so far. Those who haven't, please could you confirm a time with your child's teacher as soon as possible.

In Maths, we have continued our work on number bonds to 10, using both ten's frames and part whole models to help us explore the different ways numbers can be partitioned. It has been lovely to see the children begin to use some of these strategies within their play and to help them solve real life problems.

We have had lots of interesting conversations around International Women's Day, celebrating inspirational women who inspire us. This has led to discussions about equality and gender stereotypes. Our writing this week has also been based around women who inspire us and why. Please do get involved in talking about this at home.

We hope you have found the emails we have sent out about helping with reading and writing at home helpful. Please do get in touch if you have any further questions about how you can support your child's learning at home.

Have a lovely weekend
The Reception Team

Year 1

Hello!

What a fabulous week we've had. Thank you so much for all the effort your children made with pirate day, they all looked great!

In maths this week, we are learning about numbers up to 40. Please ensure that your child can count in multiples of 2's, 5's and 10's so help them with this. There are some of the videos that we use in class to support this, the children really love them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvTcpfSnOMQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EemjeA2Djjw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ftati8iGQcs>



[The Counting by Tens Song | Counting Songs | Scratch Garden](#)

Count by tens from zero to one hundred with an adventurous dog and an adventurous song! The Counting by Tens song teaches skip counting by 10. Our 2ND CHANNEL is on Patreon! b :b : <https://www.patreon.com/scratchgard>

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[The Counting by Fives Song | Counting Songs | Scratch Garden](#)

Count by fives from zero to one hundred! Skip Counting with an original animation and song... don't skip it! Our 2ND CHANNEL is on Patreon! b :b : <https://www.patreon.com/scratchgarden> en b b The Counting by Fives song teaches skip counting by 5. If you are learning to count or teaching math and early years numeracy, the Counting by 5's song by ...

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[The Counting by Twos Song | Counting Songs | Scratch Garden](#)

Go up into space as you count up by twos with a dog and a song on a crazy rocket cruise! The Counting by Twos song teaches skip counting by 2. If you are learning to count or teaching math and early years numeracy, the Counting by 2's song by Scratch Garden is the best way to get there! Our 2ND CHANNEL is on Patreon! b :b : <https://www.patreon> ...

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Remember, we are checking Mathletics weekly and have added some quests for your child to complete. They need 1000 points per week to earn a special certificate and we would love more of these to be handed out to Y1 children.

Have a lovely weekend, don't forget to READ READ READ! 😊

Miss Fage and Mrs Prothero

Year 2

This week we have candled our incubating eggs which means we shone a special torch close to the egg to see if we could spot any evidence of chicks developing inside. We observed signs of life and saw the air sac, blood vessels and even a little flicker of movement in some of the eggs. Let's hope they continue to develop so we can fully experience the whole process.

We have had some minibeast projects handed in already and we are looking forward to seeing the rest. Keep sending them in; we can see the effort which has gone into the handwriting and presentation. Thank you for your help with this at home. The final hand in date is Monday 22nd March so plenty of time to get researching.

It has been wonderful to talk to so many of you this week during our consultations and we really do appreciate all the support so we can work together to give your amazing children the best possible outcomes for this year. If you haven't made an appointment to speak to us, then please email us to arrange a time.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Lutkin-Clarke & Mrs Andre Brown

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Year 3

This week the children have been planning and writing their own adventure stories and have been recapping how to use direct speech so they can incorporate this in their story. In addition, year 3 have enjoyed their second indoor golf session with a professional golf player. It is a great opportunity for the children to have such expert coaching and we have many talented budding golfers within the year!

The children are very excited about the laptop scheme. This is an incredible opportunity and these laptops will be used to support learning both at home and in the classroom. We now have the vast majority of forms back-thank you. Please do consider this opportunity carefully as it will be an integral part of your child's future education.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Banks, Miss Dunn and Mr du Feu

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Year 4

What a fabulous bunch of creative writing superstars we have in Year 4. 'The Bear and the Piano' is a short story that the children first read in Year 1! But this week they have been looking at the language and structure of the story in a lot more detail and the children have now planned and written their own versions. We have spotted short sentences, rhetorical questions, 'If, if ,if then' sentences, 'Adjective pair' sentences and 'De:De' Sentences. Well done Year 4, we are super proud of you all.

Keep cracking on with Mathletics and TTRockstars at home please. Congratulations to 4L who won the Year 4 TTRockstars Battle last weekend. We will do some more of these soon.

This week in the Maker Space, the children had to do some problem solving. They needed to work out which was the best material to help lift the tines on their thumb pianos, so that they would 'PING!'. In their small groups, they worked out what was best for their instrument and after some careful measuring and cutting the children were at a point where they could begin to start playing!

This weekend, please chat to the children about special tunes, bands or music that you all grew up to – a favourite song or one that reminds you of a special time or place. Discuss why it is special and explain why you like it. Is it the lyrics perhaps? Listen to it together. We will be asking the children to share some of these at school over the coming weeks.

Have a lovely weekend and please do get in touch if you have any queries,

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Mrs. Wilkinson – s.wilkinson@dauvergne.sch.je

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been making our very own wartime radio broadcasts in the Maker Space, had a You Matter workshop all about our feelings and made a fantastic start to our daily morning fitness regime.

Regarding reading and writing, we have started to read more of our class text and analyse pieces of diary writing to make them stronger. In maths, we have continued our work on fractions. Can your child give you an example of a mixed number or an improper fraction?

Well done to all those children continuing with their home learning. Mathletics and TT Rockstars are great tools to help support your children with their maths learning.

Also, please ensure that all children have an appropriate winter coat when they arrive at school. With some rainy weather recently, and some more predicted, we want the children to be as warm as possible when they are out on the playground.

Thank you for your continued support!

Achievers:

5H – The whole class – for showing excellent teamwork, effort and resilience. We currently live in very tough times, but this week 5H have shown what a tight-knit unit they are. I am super proud of every single one of them. They really deserve it this week. Thank you 5H!

5KL – Tudor – for being an absolute dream member of 5KL. He not only works his hardest in class time, but he has also run his socks off in morning fitness club. Well done Tudor!

5L – Diogo – for making a concerted effort to improve his output in class. Well done Diogo you deserve this award!

Year 6

Year 6 have been showing their perseverance and stamina this week not only in their work, but also during daily fitness and have done really well running laps in the rain, with little to no complaining! As the oldest children in the school, it is important that we set the example with uniform; there are a number of children coming into school not wearing the correct d'Auvergne PE kit. We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform. Please could we ask that waterproof, light-weight coats are regularly brought to school, as the weather is so interchangeable, and the children should

be prepared to be outside in all weathers. They also need to be bringing appropriate footwear to do exercise in.

In French, this week, they have been learning how to ask how much something costs and enjoyed doing role play buying and selling fruit and vegetables. Ms Kruk has put a plethora of resources on our website under 'Our Learning' – French. If you scroll down to the bottom of the page, you will see a section called: 7. 'Ms Kruk's Games', which is a fun and interactive way for your child to revise what they have been learning. They will be having a French assessment, so it is important they are revisiting their learning on a regular basis.

We are thrilled to have unearthed some John Keats and Maya Angelous among us in Year 6, as they have written some excellent emotive poetry, this week, using a range of figurative language to describe how emotions feel.

Year 6 are continuing to exercise their Maths' brains with regular arithmetic tests and are continuing to enjoy carrying out several operations, using decimals in Maths No Problem. In 6W this week, Natalia is our achiever for her quiet determination and fabulous attitude to her work. It has been wonderful to see her confidence developing in Maths. She also displayed her wonderful writer's voice in her fantastic and moving poem about sadness, using rhyming and similes.

This week, in 6AW, our shining star is one of our perfect poets...Eric! Your beautiful, well thought out, joyful poem brought sunshine to Mrs Wheaton's day on a drab and damp Wednesday! Well done! Eric is able to identify a range of poetic features ranging from repetition – personification and use these features in his own writing. A really great job Eric! Keep up this wonderful writing!

Please remember to give your children a 'healthy snack' to have at break time – this should be fruit or vegetables and not crisps. We have a zero tolerance to nut products, to keep children safe who have a nut allergy. Many thanks for your continuing support.

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." Maya Angelou
