# d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Head Teacher's Comments**

#### **PiRA and PuMA Assessments**

Children in Years 2-6 have undertaken Performance in Reading and Performance in Maths assessments this week. From the summer term these will be taken every term from YI upwards and will help inform us about your child's attainment but, more importantly, areas in which they need greater support. Your child's class teacher will inform you of results and targets through Annual Reports, although you are welcome to ask for specific results at any time.

## **Termly Awards**

Next week, I shall be calling some parents to let them know that their child has won one of our termly trophies. The majority of our school awards awards are for **effort**, meaning that everyone should have a chance of winning. The children don't have to be the top of the class, as long as they are trying their very best!

## Zumba Glow Party event for Jersey Women's Refuge

Claudia, who runs our After School Club Zumba classes, is hosting an annual fundraiser Zumba Glow Party event for Jersey Women's Refuge. Due to COVID this year, it's going to be via ZOOM. It's a family event, suitable for everyone:



Have a great weekend everyone, Mr Cooper

## **Year Group Updates**

## **Nursery**

We are so excited about our eggs and waiting with huge anticipation about when they may hatch.

This week we have been revising our letter sounds and looking at 'Beat the Clock'.

Click on the link below to play at home, post on tapestry about how you got on.

https://nrich.maths.org/14655

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Knight

## Reception

This week we have been learning all about recycling and looking after our planet. We have continued to learn about the environment and how humans can impact the planet both positively and negatively. We have explored a variety of human-made materials such as cardboard, plastic and metal and discussed how we can help with recycling the materials that we use.

To support your child with this learning and understanding at home, please could you save any small/ medium sized cardboard boxes and bring them into school to use for our junk modelling creations, (We also accept toilet roll tubes!).

A parent mail has been sent out advising how to help your child at home with Maths learning. Please take the time to read this and watch the videos as they will benefit your child's progress with the subject.

This week we have explored 3D shapes and discussed their properties by asking questions such as 'Can the shape roll?' 'What do you notice about the shapes that don't roll?' We have introduced language such as 'sides' and 'edges'. To further explore this at home, please encourage your child to notice 3D shapes in their home environment and describe their properties.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Reception Team

#### Year 1

This week, we have been using all of the writing skills that we have been working on throughout Year 1 so far to write our very own pirate stories! We can write a sentence... a sequence of sentences... join our sentences using 'and'... use adjectives to make our sentences more excited and now we can use these super skills to write stories! It has been fabulous seeing how inspired some of your children have been, bringing in their own stories they've written at home – well done!

In maths, we have introduced the words 'digit, tens and ones'. These words have helped us to understand place value and how to write numbers beyond 20. Please keep practising counting in 2's, 5's and 10's as this is helping our learning each day and is an essential part of the lessons. Keep singing the songs that we sent on You Tube last week!!

Please remember to keep RWInc. books in your child's book bag each day so that they can be exchanged for new books on "swaperoony day" (thanks Mrs P!!!!). These are either every 3 or 5 days and varies for each group so it is important that they are always there.

Thank you for all of your continuous support,

Miss Fage and Mrs Prothero

## Year 2

We're on our countdown to hatching next week. The eggs are going into lockdown over the weekend, so we won't need to turn them anymore. Preparations are underway to welcome our chicks...

We've had some amazing minibeast projects handed in this week and we are expecting to see the rest on **Monday 22nd March**. You have the weekend to complete these. Please remember, it's the children's work we really want to see so let them have a good go!

Next week, we are writing information leaflets about caring for our chicks now that we are becoming egg-xperts!! Ask your children to explain what happens as the chick hatches, they should be telling you all about the Pip, Zip, Pop!

In Maths, we will be learning about statistics and interpreting data from pictograms. This is new for a lot of the children so please have a chat with them about these before next week. We have a few unnamed items that we can't return to their rightful owners, please make sure all uniform is clearly named so the children can find their own easily.

Thank you for your continued support and as always, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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#### Year 3

This week the children have been completing their independent write focusing on using all their story writing skills they have learnt. We used a powerful video of an underwater volcano as a 'hook' and the children have then been writing their own adventure story based on this video. We have been focusing on how we can add impact into the stories, especially in the introduction, by using a wide range of story starters to add impact and build suspense.

A gentle reminder to keep up the support with home learning. Mathletics, TT rock stars and Accelerated Reader are all fantastic resources which will benefit your child so please do keep supporting your child in accessing these. In addition, the importance of daily reading cannot be emphasized enough and we thank you for your continued support.

In French this week we were learning animals' names and colours reading a book 'Ours brun' ('Brown Bear'). Mrs Kruk suggests that you follow the link to play a game with your child to revise animals' names from the story:

https://wordwall.net/resource/319678/french/les-animaux-et-les-couleurs-dans-lhistoire-ours-brun-dis

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Banks, Miss Dunn and Mr du Feu

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## Year 4

This week the children completed and learned to play their Mbiras. Here is one of the finished instruments:



Mr. Livesey linked some of them up to a microphone so that we could all hear them together. They were brilliant! What musical making triumphs will be next?

In science we have learned that sound travels in waves and we have been explaining and proving how we know that sound is made by vibrations. Ask your child to explain to you, why you cannot hear sounds in space. Do you have any instruments at home? If so, encourage the children to explain how the instruments make sound using vibration.

Between now and the end of term, the children will be writing poetry and the lyrics for songs. Do you have a favourite lyric or tune? If so, please do share it with them.

Finally, have you ever tried the 'Baby Shark Abs Challenge'? Watch this team of gymnasts on the YouTube link below and see if you can encourage our Year 4 children to last the same length of time without putting their feet on the around! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LurCQ9XGkt0

Have a wonderful weekend,

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## Year 5

Another busy week has passed in the brilliant Year 5!

We are continuing with our diary writing in literacy. We have been looking at the various features that makes a good diary entry and ways that different sentence structures can up level our work.

In maths, we are still working on fractions. Adding, subtracting, and converting fractions! Hard work, but definitely worthwhile!

Our achievers for this week are:

Edason: for really working hard on his diary writing. He has used great punctuation and adjectives. Well done Edason you workhorse.

Nicola: for working hard in her writing. Nicola is carefully listening to advice to make sure her writing is improving. Well done!

Bella, for being an absolute delight in 5H. Bella is a role model student, and her standards are impeccable. She is the definition of the d'Auvergne standard, and is well on her way to be 'Fit for the Future'.

#### Year 6

Year 6 have been demonstrating their increasing stamina, perseverance, and stamina this week in doing their assessments, and daily fitness.

We have been looking at the features of instruction texts and have started drafting our own about how to test our fitness, by measuring your resting heartbeat, and heartbeat after exercise.

Frankie is our achiever in 6W this week, for his determination and persistence while drawing the human heart. His mindset went from, 'I can't do this!' to 'This is a challenge, but when I focus, I can do this' and producing a wonderful and detailed drawing.

In 6AW, this week's achiever is Daniel for a fantastic improvement in his comprehension, inference, and identification of language features.

Reading isn't easy for all of us, but Daniel has showed real perseverance and has committed to attending regular additional learning sessions to better himself. This mature attitude and approach to difficulties will get you far in life young man!

I am really pleased with the progress you are making Daniel, keep it up!

Please keep encouraging your children with their daily home learning: TT Rockstars, Mathletics and reading for 20 minutes every day.