d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,



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Head Teacher's Comments

A year ago, we committed to staying open during the Easter holidays, to provide a service to many of our families. Twelve months later, we continue to be open to many children over the next fortnight – this time for personal tutoring. If your child has been allocated a place on our Tutoring Programme, please make sure they attend. Places are limited (other children are waiting to get on the Programme) and it is for your child's benefit. A missed appointment is costly to your child, not fair to the child who could have attended in their place and is an expense to school. Thank you for your support.

Termly Award Winners

The warmest of congratulations to the all the recipients of our termly trophies. EVERY pupil in our school has the chance to win an award as they are based on effort, being a good friend / role-model, or for displaying excellence (in arts, sport, academics).

PTA Treats

So many thanks to Charlie and her team of domestic little helpers for the gifts that have been provided to all the children (and Mr Lim) today. Very much appreciated.

Uniform

The Easter holiday will give parents and carers a chance to check their children's uniforms. Please make sure that everything is clearly labelled – many come off in the wash and we then can't return them to their owner.

School shoes might have been outgrown; please check before the start of next term, as trainers are not permitted.

Hooray! Summer is on its way so summer dresses may be worn (striped, available from JSSK and Lyndale).

If any family is struggling with the cost of uniform, please let me know as I may be able to assist. I do not want any child to feel that they are 'different' to the rest of their friends because of the clothes they wear. Thank you.

Isolating Post-travel

Some children are talking about going away during Easter.

If you do travel you must follow the relevant guidance in respect to returning to school: https://www.gov.je/Health/Coronavirus/Travel/Pages/CoronavirusTravelAdvice.aspx Thank you.

Have a lovely Easter everyone. Let us hope that increased 'normality' resumes next term. Stay safe.

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

This week we have enjoyed spending more time with Egguarda and Fluffy, drawing them pictures and writing them lovely letters.

We have been excited (eggcited) all week about having an Easter Egg hunt in the garden. We have been drawing and making Easter Eggs in the Creative Area and hiding them around the Nursery in preparation!

Your child will be sent home today with a letter sound sheet for them to work on over the holidays. Spend some time looking at these every day to help to retain the sounds we have already learnt and to pick up some new sounds. This is most effective when completed reguarly and briefly. Do not spend more than 5 minutes on this each day. Click on the link below for pronunciations...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yln6PpV1G1I&t=2s



<u>How to say the sounds - YouTube</u>

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Over the Easter, we hope you have some wonderful family time and hopefully we can all enjoy some lovely sunny weather.

See you very soon,

Mrs Knight

Reception

It's hard to believe that we have come to the end of another term - time seems to be just flying by! We do hope that the weather is kind over the holidays and that we are all able to get out and enjoy some sunshine around our beautiful island.

The children have been noticing the changes that the Spring is bringing, in particular the beautiful blossom on the trees and the daisies and dandelions that are beginning to sprout up everywhere. We have spoken about the bees that are beginning to visit our outside area and the important role they play on our planet, this has linked brilliantly to our current theme of looking after the environment.

Please check your child's bookbag as we have included some additional home learning materials that you could use over the holidays. This does not have to be handed back into us but should be used to engage your child in some Maths learning and discussion over the next few weeks.

We wish you and your children a very restful and happy break.

The Reception Team

Year 1

We can't believe that we are at the end of the spring term already - where has the time gone?!

We have really enjoyed learning about pirates this half term and looking for the early signs of spring.

Our topic for next half term is 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets' (castles). You will have already received a paper copy of our topic words. Please make sure that you read through these words over the Easter holidays in preparation for the start of the new term.



The BIG news is we start **earlier next** term. We will be welcoming your child into the classroom between **8:00-8:10am**, the register will be taken promptly at 8:10 ready to start our learning for the day. Our end of day will now be **2:30pm**.

Thank you for all of your ongoing support.

We hope that you have a lovely Easter and we look forward to seeing you (and hopefully the sunshine!) in the summer term.

Miss Fage and Mrs Prothero

Year 2

What a super term of learning we've had in Year 2. The children have all worked incredibly hard, and we are really proud of their progress so far. The chicks have been a highlight for us all and we are all going to miss them as they return to the farm at the end of this week. It's been so lovely to see how caring the children have been and they have loved having a cuddle with our chick friends.

Thank you to you all for your continued support with your child's learning. Every bit of reading, maths and handwriting practice you do at home, helps with your child's progress in class too.

PE days will remain on Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed in the d'Auvergne kit for these days.

We hope you and your family have an enjoyable and hopefully sunny Easter holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 20th April at 8.10am.

Happy Easter 🏠

Mrs Lutkin-Clarke, Mrs Andre Brown, and the rest of the Year 2 Team

Year 3

This week the children have listened to an online assembly from the Baptist Church, which reminded us of the meaning behind Easter, Easter Eggs and delicious Hot Cross Buns. The Baptist Church will be having their own celebrations this Easter Holiday for those who wish to join in, for more information please visit their website: https://www.jerseybaptistchurch.co.uk/ and follow the link for 'Kids' Big Day Out'.

The children have had a real treat this week being able to visit the newly hatched chicks down in Year 2, something they was not able to fully enjoy last year due to the pandemic. Our topic next half term will be.....**Predators!** Please can you have a look over our Pre-Topic Vocab sheet, discuss any unfamiliar words and begin to think about what your favourite predator is and why!

We hope you have a wonderful Easter and enjoy the sunshine.

Kind regards,

Miss Banks, Miss Dunn and Mr du Feu

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Year 4

The toes and fingers have been tapping all week whilst the children have been writing the lyrics for their own songs. With the help of Pharrell Williams and Freddie Mercury we have been rocking the school roof off! The children have been using 'rhetorical questions, rhyming, onomatopoeia and similes' to help add interest and excitement to their lyrics. Hopefully, you will all get a finely tuned performance at home over the holidays!

We played the giant piano a bit more in the Maker Space this week and learned how to create an invisible piano using sensory coding on the ipads. Watch how this type of activity can make people pick up more

litter... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cbEKAwCoCKw. The children were also introduced to an amazing instrument made by one man. Watch this video of the

incredible marble machine and see if you can spot how all the different sounds are made...https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvUU8joBb1Q

Next term, our topic is 'The Blue Abyss' for the whole term. We hope that you will find a moment to look at and discuss the vocabulary shared in the letters that have come home. Our PE days have changed too. We will all have PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please have a safe and wonderful Easter break. We are looking forward to seeing all the children back in school on the 20th April, which will be a PE day!

Best wishes,

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This week in French we started learning animals' names. We are going to continue learning this theme also after Easter.

Please visit with your child our school website where in 'Our Learning' in 'French' is a link to a catchy song to revise vocabulary and sentences taught in French.

Tu as un animal? - YouTube



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www.youtube.com

Madame Kruk

Year 5

We started this week by having a visit from our local police officer PC Jo Carter, she told us all about how to be safe online and the appropriate things to be doing for our age. https://www.commonsensemedia.org/ is a great website to find out if an app, game or film is appropriate for our age.

We have finished our topic all about WW2 and The Occupation! We have learnt so much about the time during the war and have completed diary entries and written letters from the position of a child during the war.

We are so excited to start our new topic after Easter, Pharaohs. We have sent home topic vocabulary sheets, don't forget to have a look at these.

We hope you have a wonderful rest over Easter.

Year 5 team

Year 6

Year 6 are definitely ready for a well-earned rest after a busy and productive term!

On Tuesday, we enjoyed our visit from PC Carter, learning about on-line safety and why it's important to use your phone sensibly. She even talked about how enjoyable life can be without social media! PC Carter also advised the children to check out: commonsensemedia.org, which explains which apps, books, games and films are suitable for which age group.

In among continuing our daily fitness, we have been focusing on our handwriting and been producing some of our work in best. We have also written a persuasive letter as a character from Pig Heart Boy - either writing for, or against, Cameron having a xenotransplantation. Beware, the children may use their persuasive techniques on getting what they want from you!

They have made fantastic progress with their fitness, so please ensure they keep this up and get out and about over the holidays. Please ensure that your children are also continuing to read regularly, as well as using Mathletics and TT Rockstars as much as possible.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and enjoy some sunshine, rest and relaxation.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Ms Watson and Mrs Wheaton