

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



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Head Teacher's Comments

It's been a great start to the summer term! The weather has certainly brought out the best in the children...they are working hard and making great choices around school. Well done everyone!

Year 6 will be delighted to learn that our Activities Week is ON! We may not be heading to France, but the week we have in store for you on-Island will be amazing.

Next week, we welcome colleagues from the Education Department to assist us in reviewing our teaching of reading in Key Stage 2. This is part of our normal cycle of school review and improvement. Miss Watson will update you with outcomes in due course.

Additionally, in respect to school monitoring, I am meeting every teacher over the next two weeks to discuss the attainment and progress of every pupil. These Pupil Progress Meetings (which happen every term) are valuable conversations and a great chance for me to see the remarkable progress that so many are making.

Our After School Club is an incredible offer and I really do think this is a valuable asset to our children and their busy working parents. From time to time we may not be able to meet demand and this is unfortunate. Please do make sure that you renew your requests for the term ahead well in advance as there are many children waiting to get into some of the clubs. Due to demand (some clubs have waiting lists), some of the clubs have to be run on

a termly rotational basis – this is fair to all the children. If children are on a waiting list for more than one term, they will receive priority (bearing in mind that other clubs are available).

The After School Club is an extra that we provide; no other school is operating a provision such as ours. Such is the scale of our offer, we warmly welcome Carmen Rodrigues to d'Auvergne; Carmen will be managing our ASC and is available at the school office from 9.30am – 5.15pm every day.

Mrs Huelin's ASC group are developing a Mud Kitchen. If you have any old pots, pans, colanders or sieves, cooking utensils (spoons, potato mashers etc) we would welcome them! Thank you.

Until we receive notification from the Government, all the pre-Easter arrangements around Covid still exist. Children must arrive at the school at their allotted time (not before, unless they have a sibling who starts earlier). Masks must be worn by all adults on our premises, unless a medical exemption applies. Thank you for your support with this – we are (hopefully) nearly out of the woods.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,
Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

The children have settled back into Nursery life with ease. We have had smiles at the gate and lots of high levels of involvement.

The children are spending more time outside due to the lovely weather we have been experiencing.

On that note, it is nearly sun cream season! As you can imagine, having 39 different bottles of sun cream is quite difficult to manage alongside regular top ups throughout the day.

I will be purchasing some factor 50 sensitive sun cream for the Nursery, next week you will be asked to sign to consent for us to use our sun cream on your child.

If your child has allergies or you do not want them to use our sun cream, please speak to a member of staff.

We hope you enjoy a lovely weekend,

Mrs Knight

Reception

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you had a lovely break and are looking forward to our last term in Reception!

This week we have sent home a handwriting book for your child to practice using the correct letter formation. There is a letter attached to the book explaining how to support your child at home with this. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the reception teachers if you have any questions regarding this.

In Maths, we have been focusing on numbers to 20 this week. The children have been using tens frames to support them with this. Each morning, we are providing a morning maths challenge where the children are encouraged to write their own number lines to 20. Practicing number formation at home would support your child greatly with this skill.

Now that the weather is getting warmer if you wish to bring your own sun-cream in we are happy to store it here. Please label the bottle clearly as we do not share sun-creams and teach the children independence by encouraging them to apply it themselves.

Enjoy your weekend and welcome back!

The Reception Team

Year 1

Welcome back to our last term in Year 1!

This half term, we are learning all about castles and fairy tales. This week, we have been focussing on the story of Cinderella, and have been retelling the story in our writing lessons. In maths, we have started to introduce multiplication by looking at 'groups of' things. The very first step in this is to recognise equal groups, can your child spot any equal groups at home? For example 3 bunches of flowers each having 5 flowers (3 groups of 5) or 4 bunches of 2 bananas (4 groups of 2)? Can they explain to you what equal means? You can use the picture below to help your child identify equal groups.

We are very excited now that we are allowed to go on trips again to enhance our learning.

With this in mind, we will be going to Mont Orgueil Castle on **Tuesday 27th April (NEXT WEEK)**. Children can come to school in their PE kits as usual, as we will be returning to school before lunch and having our normal PE lessons in the afternoon. Please ensure they have a disposable snack on this day, as we will be asking the children to carry them to the castle. If required, please bring a coat as well.

Year 2

A great start to the summer term of Year 2, we are straight down to the business of learning and have had a super week.

We are reading Roald Dahl's *George's Marvellous Medicine* and the children are loving it. We've been making predictions about the story so far and can't wait to find out what happens to Grandma.

In Maths, we are learning about money and how we can use different combinations to make a certain amount.

How many ways can you make £1.25? Which coins could you use? Please practise this at home too.

We've used the MakerSpace this week to carry out a Scientific experiment. We are learning about 'changing state' and what happens to eggs as we fry, boil, or soak them in vinegar. Ask your children if they can tell you what their predictions are.

Just a reminder as the warmer weather approaches – please provide your child with a hat, suncream and a water bottle.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Andre Brown

Year 3

Welcome back! We hope you and your families had a wonderful Easter and are enjoying the beautiful weather we have recently had. Year 3 have had a fabulous start to the term learning about the new topic which is 'Predators.' In writing, we have begun to learn about **non chronological reports** linked to different types of predators and in maths we have started learning about **time**. This maths topic is really beneficial for everyday life and would be great to be discussed at home. The children are learning about both digital and analogue time and can hopefully tell you lots of things they have already learnt.

On Tuesday 4th May, Year 3 will be heading up to Jersey Zoo. This is linked to their Predators topic. Each class requires a parent volunteer, please email your respective class teacher if you are able to offer assistance. Please don't be offended if we say "thanks but no thanks" we only have space for 1 helper! A letter will follow with further details.

Finally, we are hoping to begin our PWC / Hive Hackers coding very soon. If you did not manage to complete the form – please do so asap!

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Banks, Miss Dunn and Mr du Feu

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Year 4

Welcome back Year 4! What a great start we've had.

Who is Stanley? Have you heard the rumours? We heard he's got two handles... We heard he came from a local shop... Some of us heard that he was being bullied by the other bags... Some of us heard he fell from the sky! Ask your children what rumours they heard about Stanley, the main character in our book 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'.

This week we introduced the children to the laptops. We will be making sure all children can log on, access our home learning websites (e.g. TT Rockstars, Mathletics) and ensuring they understand the safe use of them. Once we are happy with this, the children will be able to bring them home.

We welcomed Lauren from Jersey Sport this week, who came to teach each class Netball on Tuesday. This will continue till half term.

It has been a great start to our new topic and we are really looking forward to our final term in Year 4!

Best wishes,

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Year 5

What a great start to the summer term! It is lovely to see everyone well rested and ready for a busy term in Year 5.

We have started our new topic, Pharaohs, by looking at the timeline of events and where Egypt is. Our new book is Poppy Pym and the Pharaohs Curse, throughout the week we have predicted what might happen in the story by looking at the front cover and blurb, we cannot wait to find out what happens to Poppy.

In maths, we have started a new chapter on decimals, we have been showing decimals numbers using concrete and pictorial methods to help our understanding.

Achievers this week:

5KL - Summer for coming to school ready to learn. She has shown through her writing this week that she wants to try hard and put the effort in. Well done Summer!

5H – Megan, for being an absolute book worm. Megan has such enthusiasm for reading and never fails to read, read, read, read and read some more. Well done Megan, keep up the hard work!

5L – Ruben – for the great start to this new term. He's grafted, listened well and show a level of maturity that is appreciated by all.

PE Days

Our PE days have changed. Year 5 PE days are now Monday and Thursday.

Thank you for your continue support at home. Remember to keep reading lots at home, using TTrackstars, completing Athletics task and completing handwriting. All home learning tasks can be found on our Google Classrooms. Keep this up Year 5!

Year 6

Over the past four days, the children have all settled back in swiftly after the wonderful and sunny Easter Holidays! Please remember that school for Year 6 now starts at 8:20 with the register being taken at 8:30.

We kicked off the week with an exciting recap of how to take our pulse using an online website and the cameras on our laptop! The children then used Excel to enter data and create tables and a line graph.

We have been working hard trying to master how to convert various measurements (mm, cm, m, km etc), while incorporating our prior learning of decimals and fractions in Maths! In Writing, the children have been using their laptops in class when designing Information Leaflets on organs within the body.

The majority of children now have access to Cracking Comprehension online. They have been set two texts per week to access at home. These texts are set at a level that the children should be able to access independently. On Google Classroom, from Monday, we will be sharing texts for the children to read out loud at home and maybe discuss with yourselves or their siblings. They can then share their views on the texts in the comments section, along with favourite parts, bits they would change, features they have spotted and words that were unfamiliar to them.

On Friday, we began to look at arabesque/Islamic art and identifying the beauty in repetition and geometric patterns.

In 6AW this week the achiever is Alyssa – congratulations on letting your confidence shine this week in your new drama class! I hope you continue to make the most of this wonderful opportunity! Great job Alyssa.

In 6W, Zike is our achiever for his excellent work ethic in class – always listening and doing his best. He has also shown fantastic resilience this week, continuing with his work, while suffering from hay fever, without complaining. Well done Zike!

Please can we request that any empty (clean) jam jars be brought in for the children to use to create something exciting with Mr Livesey in this term's Maker Space.

Many thanks for your continued support.
