

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

I am delighted to say that masks need no longer be worn by parents / carers at drop-off and pick up times. Social distancing should be maintained though.

In school, staff are required to wear masks in communal areas such as corridors.

Visitors coming into school are still required to wear a mask and provide contact tracing details. Our responsibilities to record people on site continues to the end of each school day, which for us is 5pm. Until this position changes we are not yet able to open up our facilities (e.g. our play equipment) as we would normally do to children and their parents. We just can't have families on site yet...soon though!

We've welcomed our Police Liaison Officer, PC Jo Carter, to school this week. She has supported us in giving road safety messages to our children – particularly those who use scooters or bikes. Additionally, in today's assemblies, I have reiterated the 'Stranger Danger' message, given the incident at another school this week. Please do take a little time to follow this up with chats at home this weekend, as appropriate.

St. Peter's Football Club Academy

St. Peter's Football Club Academy are very keen to invite interested young players, aged 5 to 12 years old – no matter what level of ability they are – to come along and sample the opportunities they can offer them, through their well-established club academy. Please see the attached information.

French For Fun

We have received the attached information re half-term French lessons. Please contact the Alliance directly if you are interested.

Finally, to many in our community, this week we have wished you a Happy Eid-ul-Fitr. Eid Mubarak! Thank you for the lovely sweet treats – much appreciated!

Have a great weekend everyone,
Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

This week we have enjoyed splashing in the puddles which the rain has provided once again!

Please ensure your children's clothing is clearly labelled and that your child is dressed appropriately with a coat each day. There have been one or two occasions where Nursery staff are frantically looking for coats at pick up time when the child did not actually wear one that day. Pick up times are very busy and can be stressful, to prevent waiting times for yourselves and the children, please help us by naming everything, even socks!

We have also enjoyed playing number games on the new Interactive Screen. The children have been matching numeral to quantity, ordering numbers, and counting objects.

We were very excited to have a visit from Miss Leonards Tortoise this week! We learned all about what they like to eat, where they come from and how to look after them. Ask all about the visit and record your child's response on Tapestry.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Knight

Reception

This week, if you have signed up for Mathletics, your child will have brought home an envelope containing their login and password along with some additional information about the programme. Please logon at home and give it a try. This is a new programme for both Reception teachers and children, so we do anticipate a few teething problems! Please let us know if you cannot logon or if you find the set activities are too challenging for your child – we will do our best to help as much as possible.

During our Literacy time, we have moved on from story writing and have begun to look at non-fiction books. The children have been learning how to find out information using the features of these books, such as using the contents and index page. We have paid close attention to the way non-fiction books are laid out, noticing the photos, labels and fact boxes. We will then begin to put together our own non-fiction books over the coming weeks. If you have any non-fiction books at home please enjoy sharing them with your children.

In Maths we are building on our knowledge of addition and beginning to use different strategies to help us solve addition problems. As well as combining two sets, we are encouraging the children to try counting on from the first number using objects or a number line to help. We are also learning to confidently recognise the + and - symbols.

Have a great weekend,
Reception staff

Year 1

We are still enjoying our learning about castle and are very much looking forward to our next trip on 24th May to Elizabeth Castle - please make yourselves known to us if you are available to come with us.

This week in maths we have been looking at halves $\frac{1}{2}$ and quarters $\frac{1}{4}$. We have been talking about a half being one of two equal parts, and a quarter being one of four equal parts. Also, two halves make a whole and four quarters make a whole. Please could you continue talking about this with your child. Next week, we will be looking at money, being able to recognise coins and notes. The children will also need to understand the value of each coin/note.

Please continue reading with your child every night, we will be reassessing RWInc next week.

Please remember that we now need to take the register at 8:10, we still have lots of children arriving closer towards 8:15am and this can be very disruptive to our morning learning.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Fage and Mrs Prothero

Year 2

This week, we have revisited Roald Dahl's Charlie and The Chocolate Factory story and enjoyed a sweet tasting experience to create our mouthwatering adjectives, ready for our description writing of The Chocolate Room.

Next week, the children will be writing their own chocolate stories, which we hope will be full of all the wonderful work we have done so far in preparation for this unaided piece of writing.

In Maths, we have been learning the properties of 3D shapes and played the game 'What am I?' *I have 1 face, 0 edges and 0 vertices...What am I?* Perhaps you could play this at home to consolidate their knowledge.

On Wednesday, we had a visit from PC Joana Carter. She came to talk to us about road safety and, taking care when using our bikes and scooters. If you are walking home with your child, and they are riding their bikes or scooters, please ensure they are wearing their helmets and are always with you.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Andre Brown

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been budding scientists recapping and learning how to find their pulse. They have been comparing their resting heart rate and heart rate post exercise to see the effect that exercise has on our cardiovascular system.

In addition, they have been completing their unit of work about time (in maths) and have been comparing the speed of the different hands on a clock.

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 busy week we've had in Year 4! We have started to look at our new book 'Why the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo. The children have come up with some fabulous rumours about the character Birdman – ask your child what they've heard about him. We are also looking at and writing letters, if you receive post at home, ask your child to spot the key features – is there an address, a date, a greeting, paragraphs and a sign off?

Thank you so much to those parents who have volunteered to help with our upcoming trips next term. Just a reminder of the dates below, please get in touch with your child's teacher if you can join us, we really appreciate your help.

Geopark Day – Thursday, 24th June – leaving on coach 8:45am – returning on coach to school 2:30pm.

BioBlitz morning 1 – Monday, 7th June 4W and half of 4L leaving on foot 9:45am – returning on foot to school 12:45pm.

BioBlitz morning 2 – Tuesday, 8th June 4S and half of 4L leaving on foot 10:00am – returning on foot to school 1:00pm.

Also, thank you for your support at home with laptops, the children are remembering to bring them in each day and are accessing different sites more confidently. Please keep encouraging logging on and entering usernames/passwords for the main websites we use

at home, such as Accelerated Reader, Mathletics, TT Rockstars and Cracking Comprehension.

Just a little reminder, please can you ensure your child has a healthy snack each day, fruit and/or vegetables to help them keep going through our busy mornings!

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

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Year 5

What a fantastic week! We have been writing our exciting stories about Ancient Egypt; lost treasure, collapsing tombs and cursed gold are just some of our ideas within our stories.

In reading, we continue to read our book Poppy Pym and The Cursed Ruby. Whilst we have read, we have been looking for examples parathesis and looking at synonyms and antonyms.

In maths, we have started our new chapter Geometry, we have been identifying angles: acute angles, obtuse angles, right angles, and reflex angles. We are also using protractors to measure these angles.

Our achievers this week:

5KL: Daria for being a super star and settling in so well to d'Auvergne life. Daria has already started picking up our home learning and being a Maths Whiz on Mathletics and TTRockstars. Well done Daria!

5H: Callum for being a cracking coder. His coding this week was fantastic, advanced and funny. I have never laughed but been so impressed at the same time during a computing lesson. Keep up the hard work and Google will be contacting you soon!

5L: Sam for the huge dedication to becoming a maths superstar! He has done so well on Mathletics, almost "breaking" the system!

Year 6

We have had another incredibly busy week in Year 6.

Please can we remember we MUST bring in a tetra pack (milk/juice carton) on Monday for our Maker Space activity on Tuesday. These should be washed thoroughly, if you can supply more all the better.

The children have enjoyed learning more about Muhammad Ali and we have watched 'A Life In Ten Pictures'. We have explored the injustices and prejudices Muhammad Ali faced during the pinnacle of his career. All part of our in detail research to support our biography writing.

We continue to love reading Pig Heart Boy and this week Cracking Comprehension treated us to two William Shakespeare texts in the form of extracts from The Tempest and Julius Caesar. Remember there are daily comprehension tasks available on Google Classroom that the children should be engaging with using their wonderful new Home-School Laptops. In Maths we have continued to learn how to find percentages and use these to solve problems. A few of us need to brush up on our dividing by 10 and 100! Don't forget there are appropriate tasks on Mathletics to support your learning with this. Drawing a 10 piece bar model can be incredibly helpful to assist in solving percentages of quantity and parts.

Next week we are incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to meet para Ju-Jitsu athlete on Friday. Also next week a number of Secondary school representatives will be visiting d'Auvergne to meet their new students prior to transiton on 1st and 2nd of July!

In 6W this week Gabbi is the achiever for always being a super star in and out of the classroom. She excels in everything that she does, whether it's writing a persuasive letter or being a pivotal part of the netball team. Gabbi's thirst for knowledge, eye for detail and methodical approach, means that she always produces work of the highest standard. She has enjoyed solving percentage problems this week and made a great start on her Muhammad Ali biography. Well done Gabbi.

In 6AW our achiever this week is Remus, he is fully committed to improving his reading and has attended additional JTP support sessions each and every day of the week since the beginning of term. He is able to quickly spot different text types and identify them using their features, he enjoys discussing events in narratives, poetry features and structures and learning new information. If you keep this reading up Remus you will go far!
