

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Head Teacher's Comments

A year seems a long time ago, but this time last year we were staying open for the May half-term. Whilst still in the pandemic, we are seeing (in Jersey at least with fingers crossed) the light at the end of the tunnel.

To that end, we are optimistic about school events next half-term. Our SUMMER FAIR on Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> 11am – 3pm, will be a highlight. From the start of June, we hope that every child will be able to contribute items to help us with the Fair. PLEASE, during the week off, can you give consideration to your child bringing in a **bottle for the Bottle Stall**. If the bottle is of something alcoholic, this must be given by yourselves directly to an adult in school – we can't have children handling alcoholic beverages. We also need quality **cuddly toys (clean!)** and **great quality books, toys and bric-a-brac**. **QUALITY** IS THE WORD, please. Thanks in anticipation.

## Road Safety

Again, I have to remind all adults and children of the need to prioritise road safety when on or near d'Auvergne. We have had reports of children scooting home, in the road, against the traffic. Adults have been seen handling phones whilst driving in their vehicles. Some small children are not wearing an appropriate belt or are not in suitable booster seats, with some even being carried in cars by an adult.

I have informed our Police Liaison Officer with respect to Road Safety and the behaviours of a minority in our community. The coming and goings of d'Auvergne children and adults may be monitored by supporting Officers. I hope that you would agree that this is an important issue and that adults must model appropriate behaviours. Thank you for your support.

## Smartie Challenge

I mentioned last week that we'd start the Smartie Challenge this week. Unfortunately, they have gone missing in the post and so we shall launch this after half-term.

## Rights Respecting Group

This week we decided on the winners of our Rights Respecting Competition for Article 16 (the right to privacy) and Article 19 (the right to be safe). They are:

KS1 – Keyla N.

LKS2 – Erica B. (Art. 16) & Aidan dS (Art. 19)

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UKS2 – Sirena W. & Nina M. (Art. 16) & Skyla M (Art. 19)

After half term we will be continuing to focus on **Article 24 (Right to health)**, and we will be thinking about how we can promote eating healthily, looking after the environment and generally being healthier. The poster for next half term's competition is attached.

### **Golden Paintbrush Competition**

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the competition to create a 3D piece of Art. The work your children submitted was amazing and we definitely have some future designers and engineers at school.

#### Upper Key Stage 2

1st Place Helier

2nd Place Bella

#### Lower Key Stage 2

1st Place Jared

2nd Place Erica

The next competition will be to make a story in a box. If you Google '**Storybox dioramas**' you will find lots of ideas and what a great way to celebrate your favourite book.

### **Autism Jersey Fundraiser**

Please find attached some information regarding a forthcoming fundraiser organised by Autism Jersey. They hope to reach out to as much of our local community as possible and are anticipating an enjoyable and successful event, especially after such a long period without public fundraising opportunities due to Covid restrictions and guidelines.

Sunshine at long last! Hoorah! ... Have a great break everyone.

Mr Cooper

### **Year Group Updates**

#### **Nursery**

This week we have had a fabulous time celebrating Africa Day!

We tasted some delicious treats courtesy of Yara's Mummy, enjoyed some African dancing and learnt all about Africa and the animals which live there.

We will be finishing the year with a big push on our letter sounds so please practise these at home over half term. Click on the link below to use the helpful video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4oJ4Rwpkdlk>

We hope you have some lovely family time, and we can't wait to see you back very soon!

Mrs Knight

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## Reception

Wow, another busy week in Reception!

As scientists we have been watching closely as our beans grow, using vocabulary such as roots, stem and leaves. We have grown our beans inside clear cups, so that the children can observe all parts of the plant such as the roots. We have also discussed what plants need to survive. As a family, you might want to have a go at growing something simple like cress to continue your child's learning.

As mathematicians we have been busy weighing things using scales. We have introduced the vocabulary heavier and lighter and have begun to compare items familiar to us.

As readers and writers we have used ipads to write sentences about our beans. Likewise, we continue to write for a variety of purposes, for example, some children wrote lists of what plants need to grow. To support your child as a writer, please encourage them to write about something that interests them.

We hope to see a bit more of the sun in Summer 2, so please ensure your child has a named water bottle and a sunhat every day.

Have a wonderful half term,  
The Reception Team

## Year 1

What a half term! The children have been working so hard this half term and we could not be more proud of the effort they have been putting into their work.

As we have been assessing in RWInc. you may notice that your child has come home with a coloured 'get writing' book. This is no longer needed in school so feel free to complete this at home if you wish. However, please do not leave these in your child's book bag as some of the book bags are getting quite heavy!

With RWInc in mind, please do continue to **READ** with your child every day at home, the higher levels require fluency and speed when reading and this is often where the children get stuck.

This week, we have gone into the computer room and have been practising logging on, using a mouse and keyboard and then getting ourselves onto Mathletics and Purple Mash.

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Please ensure that your child has their white home learning diaries so that they have access to their logon and password information.

After half term, we will be starting our 'Food and Farming' topic. Please take some time to read through the topic words with your child, making note of anything that they are unsure of. If you happen to visit a farm, or spot some farm animals over your half term adventures, please do send pictures to us - the children love talking/showing us about things that they have experienced!

Have a lovely, restful half term and thank you as always for your ongoing support,

Miss Fage and Mrs Prothero

## **Year 2**

We are so proud of Year 2's Chocolate Stories; they're full of beautiful rich language including adjectives and adverbs. They create suspense, excitement, and adventure. This week, the children have been proof reading and editing their own work with 'the purple pens of power'. This is a tricky skill to learn but they've smashed it. Well done Year 2!

In Maths, we've been looking at measuring volume in litres and millilitres and on Friday, we had a Science morning, investigating materials and their properties.

Next half term, our topic is Islands. Unfortunately, this year we are unable to travel to Sark so we will be focusing on our very own tropical sunny island of Jersey. All pre-topic vocabulary has been uploaded to our google classroom in English, Polish, Portuguese, and Romanian. Please look at this with your child over the holiday.

Trip reminder for Rockpool Rambles at La Rocque: 2LC - Tuesday 8th June, 2AB - Wednesday 9th June. Please note details sent out on the original parent mail regarding this trip. See below:

Your child will need to come to school in their d'Auvergne PE kit (shorts, t-shirt, and trainers). They will also require a **pair of wellies, spare old trainers, or reef shoes and a spare pair of socks!** Do not send in sandals however, as they are not very secure underfoot. It is hopefully going to be quite warm so they will need a **sun hat** and **sun cream** applied. If the weather looks overcast, you may also want to provide your child with a **lightweight waterproof coat**.

Your child will need their **book bag, snack, lunch, and water bottle** as normal.

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Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely half term break.

Mrs Lutkin-Clarke & Mrs Andre Brown

### **Year 3**

This week the children have been busy finishing our class text- Bear Grylls Jungle Adventure and using summarising skills to highlight key parts and re-tell the story to a friend.

We have also made a start on Fractions! We have been looking at adding and subtracting fraction and finding equivalent fractions including tenths, nineths, fifths and many more. During half term, some creative baking/cooking might be useful to support their understanding with this topic.

Just a reminder about **Open Farm Sunday** on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Tickets are free but MUST be prebooked, please follow the link: <http://www.trybooking.com/uk/BBEZ>

We hope you have a super half term and enjoy the sunshine! (If it makes an appearance).

Kind regards,

Miss Banks, Miss Dunn and Mr du Feu

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### **Year 4**

What a busy half term we've had in Year 4! The children have completed their independent writes this week, writing persuasive letters to the person who dropped Stanley (the plastic bag) in the ocean. We have had some great discussions about ocean pollution and used our online safety knowledge to help us research facts too.

We have now finished Chapter 1 of our class text 'Why the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the characters so far and look forward to going on adventures with them after half term. Will they finally meet the Birdman? Will he be as described?

We have continued our Decimals unit in Maths this week, investigating tenths and hundredths. Next, we will focus on rounding decimals, as well as dividing numbers by 10 and 100.

Please keep up the great support with the laptops and completing home learning! Please can we ask that laptops are charged at home, ready for use in school. They have already become a fantastic tool to use in the classroom.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term, enjoy the sunshine (hopefully) and we look forward to our last half term in Year 4, continuing our Blue Abyss topic. Please remember we will be going on our Bio Blitz trip on the first Monday and Tuesday after half term, so

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please ensure your child is in PE kit on those days with appropriate footwear and outerwear for the weather! (PE days will remain on a Tuesday and Wednesday).

Best wishes,

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## **Year 5**

What another wonderful week it has been in Year 5. In writing we have concluded our final narrative stories; in maths we have become protractor experts and in topic we have learnt even more about Ancient Egypt.

Swim Safe. On Thursday 24th of June, Year 5 children will have a brilliant opportunity to head down to Havre des Pas to learn about safety in the sea and what to do if they get into difficulty or if they find someone else in trouble. It will be a very practical session with the kids doing a range of activities in the sea and on land. A further parentmail will be sent to you regarding more details closer to the date.

It has been a lovely half term, and we thank you for all of your support. Below are a few dates to remind you of for next half term:

5H:

**Bikeability:** Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th June (9:30am-11am)

**Swim Safe:** Thursday 24th June (10am-11am)

**States Chamber Visit:** Monday 5th July

5KL:

**Bikeability:** Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th July (9:30am-11am)

**Swim Safe:** Thursday 24th June (10am-11am)

**States Chamber Visit:** Monday 21st June

5L:

**Bikeability:** Monday 21st June & Friday 2nd July (9:30am-11am)

**Swim Safe:** Thursday 24th June (10:45am-11:45am)

**States Chamber Visit:** Completed

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5H: Anya, for an outstanding piece of writing. Her big write this week was fantastic and included all of the success criteria. She is an incredibly talented and dedicated writer. Keep up the hard work and you'll be a bestselling author soon!

5L: Simao, The Peoples' Champion. For trying his best in every single lesson, every single day. We all celebrate his successes.

5KL: Amber and Billy for attending extra reading lessons every day. They have both worked very hard in their reading and this has paid off as they have now finished the program. Well done to you both. Keep up this hard work!

## **Year 6**

This week we concluded our Year 6 experience of the Maker Space, what fun we have had in there over the past two years and how much we have learnt! Thank you to Mr Livesey for his expertise, time and patience with us all! The children completed their Tetra pack designs and we are sure that your gardens will be vastly improved with the additions of colourful bird feeders and plant pots! Mr Livesey showed the children in 6AW [www.bitsbox.com](http://www.bitsbox.com) which is a fantastic coding website, where you can learn how Apps are made. Please click on and enjoy!!

We have continued to read on with 'Pig Heart Boy' and almost reached the final chapter – some children have requested to take a copy of the text home to conclude this over the May Half term. What a fascinating read that has been!

The children have worked hard to produce well informed, well thought out biographies and we have concluded work on these this week after weeks and weeks of research on Muhammad Ali.

Both classes took part in the House Point Spelling Bee with the top spellers from both classes being Alex B and Gabbi! Well done both!

The 6W achiever this week is Megan W for her fantastic spelling and all-round great results in her assessments. Megan is extremely modest, but she would be justified to shout from the rooftops about all that she achieves on a day-to-day basis. Megan has written a fantastic biography about Mohammed Ali, using a range of sentence structures, using verb openers, subordinate conjunctions and fronted adverbials – well done Megan.

While in 6AW the achiever is Megan (H) for her beautifully presented, well thought out Muhammad Ali biography! An excellent read Megan and lots of good research used throughout, not to mention your confident use of brackets for additional information, paragraphing for text organisation and good use of fronted adverbials

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Looking ahead to next term we will be learning all about 'Allotment' – understanding plants and how they grow as well as exploring where food comes from! We will also be looking at the importance of a healthy diet. On this note please can you make sure that children have a healthy choice of fruit and/or vegetables for snack time and NOT crisps!

Have a wonderful half term whatever you do, wherever you go. Remember to be safe!  
If you see some fascinating plants, please take a picture and share on google classroom!  
Finally, HAPPY BIRTHDAY MS WATSON!

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