

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

I can't tell you how proud I have been of everyone in d'Auvergne this week. The children have started / returned so well – very calm and focussed. As always, we are here to help and will aim to resolve any difficulties (no matter how small) as quickly as possible; please let us know if there are any teething problems that need our attention.

I am very proud to be the Head of such an amazing team of school staff. Their efforts during the holiday and this week in getting prepared for the year ahead should not be underestimated; thanks everyone.

As the children settle back, routines will become familiar. If small issues occur (e.g. PE kit on the wrong day), please don't panic – there's a lot to take on board at the start of the new year. Homework expectations for each class will soon be set, if they haven't already been – reading will always form part of this and should be undertaken every day in every year group.

The children are looking smart! Yes, there are a few tweaks needed here and there in respect to school shoes, but I am sure you are addressing this over the weekend.

You will have received my earlier communication about adjustments to pick-up arrangements for Years 1, 3 and 4. We shall monitor these and revise, as required. Our priority is to keep everyone safe. Wherever possible, please walk, cycle or scooter to school.

Have a great weekend everyone; I think there may be some tired 'd'Auvergnians' out there – young and old(er) after the first week back!

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

What a fabulous start by our newest d'Auvergne recruits!

The Nursery Team have been bowled over by the beautiful way the children have entered our wonderful school.

They have had to battle heat, lightning and monsoon-like rain to survive their first week - and they have done so brilliantly! Thank you, parents, for your patience and flexibility regarding both drop offs and pickups. Every year is different, and we will be attempting to tweak and improve both these parts of the day during our year together.

Communication wise, we will not be using Tapestry this year but are aiming to begin a Nursery Google Classroom account later in the term for updates on your children. This will complement the ParentMail services along with Focus Children monitoring.

Have a great weekend,

The Nursery Team

Reception

What a wonderful first week we have had in Reception! We have had great fun getting to know all of your children and are very impressed with how well they have settled.

We have had a few questions, which we aim to answer below.

To be able to engage in all their learning we ask that the children have wellies and waterproof clothing. These need to be named and they will be kept at school, so the children can access the outdoor area in all weathers.

In the morning, please place your child's named water bottle and snack on top of their classroom trolley which will be placed outside the spare Reception classroom. This will help the children to prepare for play time independently. Lunchboxes should go on the bottom two shelves of the trolley.

Thank you for providing a set of named spare clothing for your child. Please include several pairs of socks, these are the things we frequently change! If you have done so, we will be returning the bags that they came in as each child has a small basket where these supplies are kept.

Year 1

We have had a great week in Year One. The children have been settled and happy, and we have been impressed at how independently they have been coming into school.

A curriculum letter will be on its way to you, which will hopefully answer any questions you have. Please check your child's bookbag for their topic vocabulary words. Our topic this

term is 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'. It would be beneficial if you could spend some time with your child explaining and discussing these key words regularly.

We are aware that the end of day pick up is busy! To try and help this run more smoothly, please see the photos below showing where we would like you to wait to pick up your child. We ask, that you don't enter these areas till 2.45pm. Please share this information with any other adults who collect your child.

We are looking forward to working in partnership with you, this year. If you have any questions or queries, please find our email addresses below.

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Happy weekend,

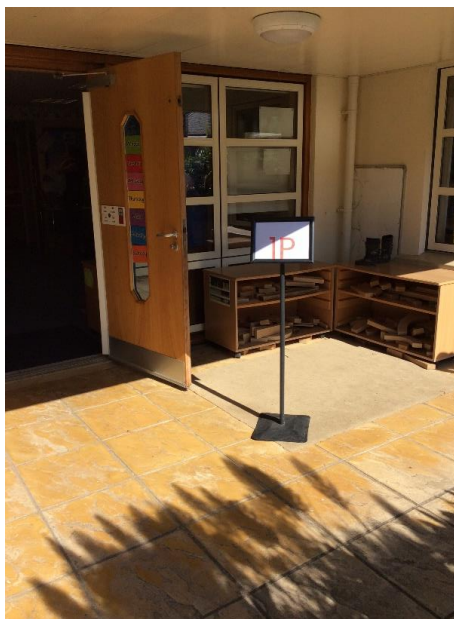
Year One Team



Year 1M parents, please keep to the right-hand side.



Year 1AB parents, please keep to the left-hand side.



Year 1P parents, please wait around the corner outside the classroom.

Year 2

What a great start to the new school year!

The children have settled back into school life beautifully and we're excited to get started on our new topic, The Great Fire of London. We already know some facts about this historic event and I'm sure your children will be able to share some of their new knowledge with you at home!

Your child will have come home this afternoon with their school planner and their spellings for next week stuck in the spelling section at the back. Our spelling test will be on Fridays, please ensure you practise these daily at home. Next week, the children will be joining their new RWInc. groups so you will soon see RWInc. books coming home too.

Thank you for your support with allowing the children to come into school independently, this really sets them up for a settled start to their learning.

We know that it can be tricky to catch us at the start and end of the day, so please do not hesitate to email us with any questions.

We are really looking forward to working with you and your children this upcoming year, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Miss Fage

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Year 3

What a fabulous start we have had to year 3! The children have returned to school looking super smart and looking forward to the exciting year ahead. The children have written a recount about their amazing summer holidays and have started looking at place value in maths. In addition, they have enjoyed sketching self-portraits using 'Austin's Butterfly' example to understand that perseverance, re-drafting and gaining constructive feedback from others are all vital for success.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Miss Banks and Miss Dunn

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Year 4

Welcome back! It's brilliant to see the faces of your children this week. Some very familiar faces but just that little bit taller. Your child has done so well despite the heat which should hopefully cool down a bit next week!

We have sunk our teeth into our class text of Demon Dentist. The intrigue regarding what is to happen has all of us ensuring that we are flossing and brushing on a regular basis!

Your child's homework diaries should be with your child today which has some important bits of paperwork such as weekly spellings, common exception words and also their learning timetable for the week. There is also a useful timetable of 'hand in' days for your organisation of homework. We do want to see laptops and diaries on a daily basis please.

Finally, just a reminder that Year 4 will be doing PE on a Tuesday and Thursday this half term.

Achievers for our first week:

4CL: James Dunn. For the cracking start he has made to 4CL. It has been a seamless transition and his fingerprint artwork was second to none!

4K: Theo. This week you have listened carefully, completed all tasks to a high standard and are showing me that you are ready for Year 4. Well done Theo!

4L: Isaac. For being so willing, warm hearted and friendly in offering to support and work with others. This is something that makes everyone feel included and part of the new 4L team. Thanks Isaac.

Best wishes,

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Year 5

What a fantastic start we have had to Year 5, diving straight into our new topic, Stargazers!

We have already researched into the solar system and found out some interesting facts. Ask your child to share one with you! Please look at Google Classroom, where you'll find topic words and home learning ideas.

Just a reminder, our PE days are Wednesdays. We are starting swimming again on Thursday. Please ensure your child is wearing their PE kit on swimming days, with their swimming costume underneath. Don't forget to pack underwear! We will be walking to the pool come rain or shine, so please be prepared for all weather conditions.

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions you might have.

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Year 6

What a fabulous few days we have had with the new Year 6s!

They have all settled in so well and made a great first impression on their new teachers and Mr Henderson has loved having his old crew back together.

We began the term by creating our class contract and decorating hands to show that we agree to the rules we have created to enable us to create a supportive and effective learning environment, where we can all be happy and flourish both academically and socially.

We began our Maths topic – Numbers to 10 million– by discussing our knowledge of number and identifying and recording number both in digits and words.

We have learned and researched about our class capital cities (Kuala Lumpur, Lisbon and Moscow) in order to prepare non-chronological informative leaflets.

We have also showcased our spelling ability by demonstrating which of the 104 Year 5/6 Common Exception Words we can spell and which we still need to work on.

A huge congratulations to the 3 Year Six achievers this week: Santi (6A), Leon (6H), Danny (6W)

Santi has made an excellent impression on Mrs Wheaton by demonstrating fantastic listening skills, AMAZING artwork and working hard constantly! Well done Santi, this is the Year 6 standard! Keep it up!

Leon is the 6H achiever this week for his fantastic transition into Year 6! Leon has really impressed Mr Henderson this week and his attitude to learning has been excellent. Keep this up Leon. Super proud teacher!

In 6W, Danny is our achiever this week – for his fantastic start to Year 6. Ms Watson has been so impressed with his great attitude to doing his work and the quality of the work that he has produced. He showed fantastic focus doing his Julian Opie picture and produced a wonderful picture of himself. Well done Danny 😊
