

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Uniform

Well, it's certainly feeling like autumn is with us! With this in mind, it is time to move out of summer dresses (by this time next week at the latest, please).

We are still collecting so many un-named pieces of uniform. If everything is named, we stand a good chance of returning the item to its owner. Un-named clothing makes it impossible and is a waste of your money. We shall be doing spot checks on children's tracksuits and jumpers / cardigans to make sure they are CLEARLY named.

Unless we have a medical note, all children in Reception to Year 6 should now be wearing school shoes – not trainers. If the cost of shoes is a difficulty for you, please come and see me in confidence – I am able to help. It is important to me that no child feels different to their peers because of family financial challenges. The same is true of other pieces of uniform – we can assist, where required.

Where children aren't in the correct uniform, we shall be sending a letter home (addressed to the parent / carer).

Thanks for your help with this.

European Day of Languages Celebrations

In school today, we recognised the diverse community that makes-up d'Auvergne. 17 different languages are spoken by our children with their families in their homes. We are, most certainly, a multi-cultural community – and we love this! There are so many social and cognitive (learning) benefits to speaking more than one language – the ability to do so opens so many doors to us. Thanks to Ms Kruk (our English as an Additional Language (EAL) co-ordinator) and the whole team for their commitment to promoting multi-lingualism in d'Auvergne.

During the day children have heard stories in Welsh; Polish poetry; French speaking; Spanish and Japanese counting; and the Gruffalo in Jerrais. What great experiences!

PTA Meeting

As detailed in our letter on Wednesday, we do hope to welcome some of you to our first PTA Committee meeting of the year on **Tuesday 12th October, 6pm – 7pm**. All parents are very welcome (please let me know if you'll be attending, s.cooper@dauvergne.sch.je) but we should particularly like to welcome **parents from Reception and Year 1** to join the group (as many of our Committee members have now stepped aside, as their children have moved to Secondary School.)

The time commitment to the PTA is entirely up to you – whatever you can help us with, we are grateful to receive! Thanks so much.

School Standards – Monitoring Procedures

Our in-house reviews of our standards and the quality of learning continue at pace. This term all teachers will be observed; every child's books and learning evidence is reviewed by a panel of teachers; each year group of teachers have to present to members of the school's leadership team on the standards in the year group through Pupil Progress Meetings, with actions and interventions for individual children put in place; weekly supervision meetings are held by me with our EAL, Jersey Premium, Wellbeing and Special Needs leads.

We spent our INSET days in September further refining our curriculum and planning across the school.

Furthermore, next week our systems and standards are being 'virtually' reviewed by a UK-based senior adviser. The week after we shall be having an external safeguarding / health and safety audit.

In a similar manner, in November we shall be sending out our biennial Parent Survey to gather your thoughts on our school.

All in all, there is much going on behind the scenes to keep driving standards upwards. Our commitment is to provide the best learning environment for your children that we can, so they are Fit for the Future.

Have a great weekend everyone. Don't forget the umbrella!

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

Well, I believe Autumn has arrived!

We have had a *bitty* week this week parents – with various children and adults getting those first Autumnal colds! Having said that I feel that watching your children play together has been my highlight: friendships forming, and interests being shared. Lovely!

Thank you for your patience with recovering the clothes your children shed during the day. We are encouraging them to use their pegs and to put their wellies / coats / trainers / puddle suits on independently; any practice at home with these things is much appreciated!

Have a restful weekend, looking forward to next week!

Team Nursery

Reception

Another wonderful week in Reception here at d'Auvergne!

The children have been exploring the outside environment developing their Understanding of The World, including noticing how the seasons are beginning to change.

As writers, we have been having a go at recognising and writing our name. You can support your child at home by writing using felt tips, crayons, and pencils. You might enjoy taking the learning outside and encourage your child to write their name in the sand at the beach. Please encourage your child to write a capital letter at the beginning of their name but write the rest in lower case letters.

As mathematicians, we continue to explore numbers up to 10, taking a deep dive into what number means. To challenge your children, you could begin to discuss one more and one less. For example, 'I have two grapes if I got one more how many would I have altogether?'

Year 1

What a busy week!

Our pet visitors were very popular on Tuesday – Fergie (the dog) and Gregory (the stick insect) were perfect guests! We thought very carefully about what questions are and how to use questioning words like – who? what? where? when? and how? to find out information about the animals. We also looked at using question marks and had a go at writing down some questions in our books.

In our Maths lessons we have been learning the number words to ten. Some of these are quite tricky to read so please spend some time recapping these at home, (see number word mat attached).

We are planning a trip to the zoo next Tuesday 5th October. We will be getting a coach from school and will be out all day.

- Please wear school uniform
- Please bring a waterproof coat
- Wellies can be worn if the weather looks wet
- Lunch, snack and drinks must be disposable (we will not carry around leftovers!)

Please name all carrier bags clearly

- No bookbags needed

We are looking forward to a great day, (fingers crossed for nice weather!)

The Year One team

Year 2

What a great week of learning in Year 2!

In Maths, we have been consolidating our work on number, place value and patterns. We have practised counting in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's, forwards and backwards from any number. Please keep working on this at home to ensure your child feels confident with this skill.

In writing, we've started our diaries in the style of Samuel Pepys and imagining what it would have been like to be an eyewitness in The Great Fire of London. Some emotive and descriptive writing is being used. We're looking forward to reading these together next week once we've proofread and edited them using our purple pens of power.

We carried out our first science investigation of Year 2 this week, creating 'fire in a jar' which involved using coloured water, oil, and salt. Ask your children to tell you about what happened and why. Why did the oil move away from the water? What happened when we added the salt? We spent time writing up our experiment using subheadings such as Prediction, Equipment, Results and Conclusion.

We had a visit from 'Just Shine' on Thursday, which gave us an opportunity to be involved in a drama session called 'Healthy Me'. Hopefully, this has inspired the children to eat healthily, be more active and get fit for the future.

On that note, please ensure you provide your child with a water bottle, so they have access to water throughout the day. They either keep them on the lunch trolley or by the sink, so they can get a drink at any point during their break, lunch or learning time.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Year 3

This week, year 3 have watched a live assembly from the National Farmers Union all about the harvest and have seen how dairy products such as milk and cheese are produced. The live assembly showed every step of the journey from the animal to the supermarket and showed how all the ingredients needed for a pizza are grown/produced. There was an unexpected addition to the live assembly which our children were lucky enough to see- a baby calf being born!

Thank you very much for returning the AUP letters for the laptops-if you have not done so yet, please do so at your earliest convenience so the children can get them as soon as possible.

Next Wednesday (6th October) the children will be having PE assessments carried out by Jersey Sport. Please may your child come to school in full PE kit on this day.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Miss Banks and Miss Dunn

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Year 4

David Walliams has introduced us all to the flamboyant Winnie: another whacky character in the Demon Dentist book we are reading. Can we trust her? In our writing, we have recalled how to join sentences to add details using conjunctions or even a colon!

In the Maker Space we learned how to make an electrical circuit and we discovered that when more than one bulb is added to a circuit, the dimmer the lights become. Next week we will be sawing wood, drilling holes and designing our games.

Some of the children will have come home with poems to learn and present because they would like to enter the Eisteddfod this year. We are so impressed with those who are keen to give this new experience a go.

Congratulations to our achievers this week:

4L: Gurmehar – for some amazing home learning redesigning Mrs. Lawrence’s false teeth! It’s like you never left!!

4K: Max – For really working hard this week, proving to me that he is a mature and sensible Yr4 child. He has listened carefully during instruction time and has produced some beautiful work. Well done Max!

4CL: Xavi: For being the ultimate timetable rock star. He has smashed his timetables to date and the ceiling is limitless in regard to him and his maths.

As always, we hope you have a fabulous weekend. Please do ask if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

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Year 5

In Maker Space, the children were able to use their knowledge of gear wheels to start making their own orrery. Ask your child which gear wheel moves faster, is it the smaller one or the larger one?

In Literacy, we have been rewriting a chosen myth, making them our own by including character, setting and atmosphere descriptions. Ask your child for a summary of the myth they are focusing on – can they remember what we mean by atmosphere? We looked at lots of different sentence structures and worked together to include them in our writing.

In Maths, we are looking at bar models and number lines to help us compare numbers and solve missing number problems.

We are so proud of all the children in swimming this week. They've been organised, enthusiastic and the progress already has been great to see!

Year 6

What a short week this week has seemed. It is as though it has whizzed past us and already, once again it's Friday!

This week we have delved into our new and short writing genre – Limericks. The children have loved learning about these quirky, five lined poems. We have dusted off our clapping hands to make sure that our syllable counting is correct, so we don't over complicate our lines and we stick to the features of lines 1,2 and 5 composing of 7-10 syllables, while lines 3 and 4 only contain 5-7 syllables! The children have written some fabulous poems together as a class, worked wonderfully in partners and produced some great independent work!

We have worked through some rather challenging, historical texts for Cracking Comprehension and explored age old hobbies such as jousting and monumental historical figures such as Boudicca.

In Religious Education, we have begun to explore the religion of Islam and have learned about the fundamental beliefs (the five pillars) of Islam, as well as Muslim holy places of worship, holy books and how they pray.

Kirsten from YOU MATTER also joined all classes over the course of the week to discuss 'Body Image'; she discussed the dangers of social media and that not everything we see is always real. Some of the children were incredibly shocked by the difference in real vs filtered photos.

This week in Year 6 our achievers are Kaia-Jade (6A), Oskar (6H) and Amber (6W).

Kaia-Jade is our achiever this week as well as being a shining star! From day one she has impressed Mrs Wheaton with her enthusiastic work ethic and commitment to completing tasks. She is an excellent talking partner, a kind and caring member of the class and is working her way towards a d'Auvergne dot! Well done Kaia! Keep being you 😊

The 6H achiever for this week is Oskar. He has produced some excellent work in all areas of his learning but especially in RE. He has applied himself so well and shown a Year 6 stamina for writing. It wouldn't surprise me if his fingers fall off over the weekend! Keep it up Oskar, you've smashed it this week!

Amber is the well-deserved achiever, in 6W, this week. She is polite, helpful, and always hardworking. She consistently displays the d'Auvergne standard, by being an excellent role model to others – with her great attitude, neatly presented work and the way in which she rises to any challenge. I was especially impressed with the limerick that she wrote this week and her perseverance, speed, and stamina during daily fitness, whizzing around doing laps! Keep up the good work, Amber!

Next week we are incredibly excited to begin our Hive Hacking work with PWC. This will take place each Thursday and help us to become better coders. Please make sure that laptops are in school and fully charged each day of the week, but particularly on these days!

Victorian day will soon be upon us: **Wednesday 13th October** More information will follow on the event and experiences of this day early next week. Prepare your most formal rags to wear to school, instead of your lovely, clean and bright d'Auvergne Uniform.

Homework:

1. **Reading** – EVERY DAY! – Remember to note down the pages you read in your homework diary and when you are finished take an Accelerated Reader Quiz.
2. **Cracking Comprehension** – each week there is something new to read! We are having a few problems with some accounts so if your child's account is showing no set texts, please contact the teacher immediately.
3. **Mathletics** – this week is an open forum before we move onto our next chapter next week. Remember to enjoy Live Mathletics, Multiverse and Rainforest Maths!
4. **TTRockstars** – 15 minutes is the aim (minimum)
5. **Talking homework** – present a fact or two about Queen Victoria or the Victorian British Empire.
6. **Spelling** – new words have been set this week!

As always, any questions please do not hesitate to contact us:

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