

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Head Teacher's Comments

It was a pleasure to join the Year 2 Jewish Wedding today – a genuine treat! Gaining an understanding of world religions is a key part of our RE curriculum and Year 2 have certainly learned a huge amount this term. Well done and thanks to all involved. Mazel Tov!



## Mathletics November Numeracy Challenge

From Monday to next Sunday, we are registered to take part in this on-line challenge. Live Mathletics is the name of the game – children competing against other children around the world. Please see the attached information letter for parents.

## Staff Changes

For a variety of reasons, we shall be saying 'Goodbye' to a number of staff at Christmas. Our longest-serving member of the team, Mrs Whitehouse, is retiring; Ms Bonass has been successful in pursuing an ambition to become a Family Support Worker; Mrs Knight is exploring other avenues in teaching; and Ms Le Put is relocating with her family to Scotland. More details and comments about these very valued colleagues will be shared later this term.

In the meantime, we are topping and tailing the recruitment of the replacement staff and the names will be confirmed once contracts have been finalised. Please be assured, particularly those parents of children in Y4K, that a smooth transition is very important to us. Names of new staff will be announced shortly.

## Footballs in School

We have plenty of footballs for use in school at break times. Children should not be bringing their own to school. Thank you.

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### **Drop –Off and Pick-Up**

We continue to have parents / carers parking their vehicles along the pavement at the start of the day. THIS IS A QUICK DROP ZONE ONLY. If you are escorting your child to class, visiting the office, checking your phone whilst in your vehicle PLEASE TAKE A DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE. This allows traffic to flow much more easily.

Additionally, the yellow lines around the grounds are there for a reason. Anyone parking on them will be causing a blockage – if not immediately, then after a short period of time. PLEASE park in appropriate spaces. Thank you.

### **Tuck Shop**

Next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> we shall be having a PTA Tuck Shop. For those wishing to receive a sweet treat at the end of the day, please can multiples of 50p be sent to school by Wednesday. Thank you.

### **Children in Need Day**

Next Friday is also Children in Need Day. Donations for this hugely worthwhile charity are to be brought to school next Friday. A reminder that for a £1 family donation, children may wear anything yellow or Pudsey-style on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Also, Mrs Whitehouse will be raffling 'Pudsey'. For 50p a ticket, children have the opportunity to win one of her hand-crafted special bears. Tickets will be on sale all next week.

### **PTA Raffle**

Next week, we shall be sending home our PTA Christmas Raffle tickets – 10 per child. Whilst we are asking for the stubs and money to be returned by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, please return tickets that you are unable to sell earlier so that we may pass them on to people who want more. The draw is on 17<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Mr Cooper

## **Year Group Updates**

### **Nursery**

We have been helping the children this week to recognise their own names in written form. This has also introduced the first sound of their names which has been fun to practice out loud. Please feel free to have a go at this at home.

Mr du Feu will be chatting to the parents of his du Feu Dolphins this coming week. The Bears, Kangaroos and Starfish will follow. We look forward to being able to share a little more regarding your children's settling-in period.

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Finally - a clothes update. We have been working really hard with the children regarding changing and returning their own items into their bags. We are seeing real progress. If your child does come home wearing items that do not belong to them, please wash and return asap. A few families are missing boots, jackets and other items. Many thanks for your patience.

Have a lovely weekend.

Team Nursery

### **Reception**

Thank you to the parents who attended the RWI talk this week. Your time and presence are much appreciated.

This week in Reception, we have been busy exploring the season of Autumn. We have taken our learning outdoors by walking through the woods and spending some time at forest school. Whilst there, we have focused on looking at and discussing the changes in our environment. The children have particularly enjoyed noticing the autumn leaves on the floor and finding out why they have fallen.

The children absolutely love their new reading shed. Filled with fairy lights, classic books and calm writing activities, they now have a relaxing learning space in our newly refurbished outdoor area. Lucky us!

### **Home Learning**

- Please continue to practise name writing at home as this will help strengthen your child's letter formation and fine motor skills.
- If your child received letter sound cards- please continue to practise these every day.
- If your child received blending books- Please continue to read these each day.

### **Year 1**

We have really enjoyed attending the Year 2 Jewish wedding this week and we looked super smart. The cakes, music and dancing were all great fun. Thanks to all the parents who sent in yummy cakes.

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In our maths this week we have been using number bonds to make part/whole diagrams and are getting really good at this. Please could you practice number bonds to 10? That would really help.

Next week, we will be looking at 'Changes in Living Memory'. Please could you send in or email a PHOTO of your child (that we can stick in their books) as a baby so we can compare how they look now, to how they looked then.

The Year 1 super-team!

## **Year 2**

Mazel Tov!

What an exciting week we've had! The children have been involved in preparations for our Jewish wedding. They've written beautiful invitations, created bunting for the reception, made kippahs to wear and handkerchiefs to dance with.

We are so proud of their efforts and how they have conducted themselves this week, from our visit to the Synagogue last Friday to the run up to our wedding today.

Thank you to all the mummies and daddies that have made cakes for the children to enjoy and for making that extra effort to make sure your children came into school in their finest clothes for this special occasion.

Next week, we will be starting our Christmas preparations (more details to follow) as well as making sure we are still learning lots of reading, writing and maths.

Lots of parents have been asking for updates on their child's progress so far; we are due to hold parent consultations during the week beginning 6th December once we have completed our end of Autumn assessments. A parent mail will go out so you can sign up for a telephone appointment with us.

Please remember to send in your child with a cardboard box (no bigger than a shoe box) ready for our DT project - old style fire engines.

A polite reminder - our doors open at 8:15am and register is taken at 8:30am. Some children are arriving too early; we are generally in meetings before school so an adult will not always be present in the classroom. Some children are arriving after the register has closed and this makes it tricky for them coming into school when all the other children are settled into their learning. Thank you

Thank you for your continued support with home learning, keep reading, keep practising neat and tidy handwriting and keep practising those number bonds.

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Have a wonderful weekend,  
Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Miss Fage

### **Year 3**

This week, year 3 have had their first Makerspace session with Mr Livesey. The children enjoyed making earthquake proof structures and testing these by creating earthquake simulators. The children also learnt a lot about safety measures in regard to earthquakes and are looking forward to creating earthquake alarms in the forthcoming weeks.

In writing, the children have been planning, drafting, writing and editing their own Greek Myth using characters they have created based on Greek myths we have read earlier this term.

If you would like to have access to some 'Maths-No Problem!' content and be able to see what your child is learning in class then please email Mrs Wheaton ([a.wheaton@dauvergne.sch.je](mailto:a.wheaton@dauvergne.sch.je)) so she can provide you with a username and password to give you access to parts of the 'Maths-No Problem!' website.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,  
Kind regards,  
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### **Year 4**

Monday in the Maker Space involved a lot of buzzing – our ears were ringing as we tried to play each Body Buzz Game. We worked out that small hooks on the handle made the weaving through the intestines MUCH more tricky.

In PSHE the children were asked to complete these sentences:

Girls are... Boys are... Police are.... Rich people are... Poor people are... This brought on some interesting discussions and some of us realised that our assumptions had to change. How would you complete these sentences?

The book 'The Bear and the Piano' has provided Year 4 with a great platform to create their own stories. They are busy planning and thinking about how they can include a range of new sentences they have learned to use already in Year 4 such as – the adjective pair – the de:de – the fronted adverbial – and rhetorical questions. Can the children explain any of these to you?

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At home, please blitz those times tables and the daily reading with diaries signed.

Congratulations to our achievers this week:

4L: Dylan – for his determined efforts to concentrate on his learning. He has been coming in early each morning to learn and has given up some of his lunch times too. Dylan has moved up RWInc levels, contributed some great ideas for writing and has even been spotted helping others with their reading!

4CL: Nikola – for her silky smooth dance moves this week! It was as if she had written the “How to Salsa” book herself.

4K: Marika – For always doing what is asked to a high standard. Thank you Marika for being such a super star!

Have a fabulous weekend,  
Best wishes,

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## **Year 5**

We started the week planning and carrying out a Science experiment. Our key question was: 'What object will fall quickest due to less air resistance?' We compared objects, found out their mass and then devised an experiment ensuring it was a fair test. Ask your children if they can explain why a flat piece of A4 paper falls slower than a crumpled piece of A4 paper. See if they can use the words 'air resistance' and 'surface area'.

In Literacy, we have had great fun creating our own 'Gravity Rap' poems. As we have been learning about free verse poetry, the children could choose their own style/ structure of rap poem. We then performed them to the class and took on board feedback from peers before our final masterpiece performances! We have been so impressed with the creativity.

In Maths, we have looked at Roman Numerals and have been solving problems converting numbers. Where might you find Roman Numerals today?

We are also in need of a parent helper for swimming on the following dates: 5S 25th November 8.30 – 10.30 and 5KL 18th November, 25th November, 2nd December, 9th December 9.30 – 11.30. If you are able to help please email class teachers.

We hope you have a great weekend. Best wishes,

Year 5

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## **Year 6**

This week, in Year 6, we have continued to navigate our way through Persuasive Writing - this is an incredibly complex writing genre with many areas to explore and master. We have looked specifically at the use of brackets for parenthesis and the use of advanced punctuation like colons and semi-colons. We are all continually trying to improve our handwriting and the progress is starting to show; well done to those children who are now confidently using pens!

We have begun to explore our new Science topic of Inheritance and Evolution; each class has spent some time looking at how palaeontologists use fossils to find clues about how animals that are now extinct lived in the past.

In Maths, the children are mastering their methods of division, this is proving to be quite difficult for many of the children to master, so Mrs Wheaton has placed a video, help sheet and some examples for you to practice at home over the weekend (these are available on Google Classroom). It would be of great benefit to all three classes for the children to have a go at this, invest some time and really secure their use of division before we look at more complicated areas of Maths.

On Thursday we were joined by PC Carter, who shared with the children the importance of e-safety both online on their phones and on laptops and other devices. She also shared <https://www.common sense media.org/> with the children and encouraged them to check the appropriateness and legal age requirement for apps and games they play. Most children were stunned to know that YouTube is actually an over 18s website - the staff were quite shocked to see that none of the children said they accessed KidsYouTube, but they were all using YouTube.com!

Also on Thursday, the children learned about Remembrance Day and the importance and history surrounding this tradition. They were all incredibly respectful during the minutes silence and made us very proud.

This week the achievers are Lily T(6A), Helier (6H) and Danny (6W).

What a transformation this girl is having! Well done Lily T!! You have been incredible this week! She has confidently approached a difficult Maths week with an 'I can!' attitude. Lily was able to guide me through a complicated 4 digit by 2-digit division problem with confidence and ease. Keep this up Lily! YOU CAN DO IT!!

This week, the achiever in 6H is Helier. He has been absolutely fantastic and increased his appetite for learning immensely. Helier is really pushing himself this half term, and every day is willing to knuckle down and work hard, even asking for extra work to complete! Well done, Helier - keep up the exceptional motivation for learning. Super proud teacher!

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Danny is our achiever in 6W this week, for getting a gold certificate in Mathletics, which is helping him improve in his Maths. Danny is also a great team player and loves to help others and do jobs in class. Despite finding things difficult, Danny will always persevere and try his best. Well done, Danny - 'I can, I will, and I am going to!'

Next week we will be welcoming the wonderful Kirsten, from YOU MATTER, back for some workshops, with the focus on Friendships. She will be discussing the importance of friendships; how to maintain healthy friendships and what to do if you find yourself in an unhealthy friendship.

**Homework:**

**Reading** – continue to read your library books as well as anything else you can lay your hands on! Cracking comprehension tasks are set and should be completed weekly!

**Spelling** – 10 new spelling words have been set this week that use the suffix -ible. Can you read them, identify the sounds and special friends, note the syllables and use them in a sentence?

**Maths** – Google classroom division revision! Plus, the usual Mathletics and TTRockstars!

**Talking homework** – Research a fossil that catches your eye, send a photo to your teacher and be prepared to confidently speak about this fossil. Things to think about: Where is it from? Where was it found? How was it found? When was it found? What was it? What were its plus points? What were its disadvantages? How old is it? Is the animal around today? What is the closest relative the animal has today? Have many more of these fossils been found? Remember our talking time this term is to aim to talk for 2 minutes.

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