

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Year 4 Teacher

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Katie Barette will be taking over from Mrs Knight next term. Miss Barette is already a familiar face to the children, having been working in School on a Supply basis for many months.

Staff Leaving

You are aware that Mrs Whitehouse, Mrs Knight, Ms Bonass and Ms Le Put are leaving at the end of this term. If any parent wishes to make a contribution to their leaving gifts, please leave these with the Office next week. Many thanks.

Raffle Tickets

We have a few remaining PTA raffle tickets for sale. If you want more, please come to the Office window on Monday with money (£5 / book). Thank you.

Parent Survey

You will be receiving our biennial Parent Survey. Please complete and return to school next week – thank you so much for completing this.

Christmas Jumper Parade – Grosnez House

A reminder that next Friday is our Christmas Jumper parade, organised by Grosnez House! No donation is necessary.

Parent Consultations

This week, teachers have been discussing pupil progress with most parents / carers. If you haven't made an appointment, please do get in touch with your child's teacher before the end of term.

Uniform

It is essential that all children wear full school uniform (not tracksuits) next Tuesday and Wednesday, whilst we are filming for our Christmas production.

Monday Evening – Carols Around the Tree

We are very much looking forward to welcoming families next Monday, from 5pm, for our carols and songs around the Christmas Tree. We shall be outside with mince pies and hot chocolates! Mrs Prothero is waiting for you.....

Have a great weekend.

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

This week has been jammed full of Christmas card message writing, Christmas Tree making, Christmas Tree decorating and plenty of other **festive activities**.

We have been working hard with learning some basic **sign** recognition too: "STOP!" and "Fire Escape" seem to be our favorites. Please do point out other signs on the roads or around our neighborhood.

In addition to this, our boys and girls have been practicing hard with Miss Kelly to learn their Christmas songs – ready to perform on **Wednesday**. Could the children be in their d'Auvergne **polo shirts** for this day please?

Finally, next Friday we would like to have a little holiday **party** to celebrate the end of the children's first full term and Nursery. If the boys and girls would like to wear something funky, festive or just dress up ... then great! If something a little more "party food" is in their lunch boxes ... great too! However, there is zero pressure, and it will be a fun day of dancing and playing together.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Team Nursery

Reception

This week we have assessed the children with their reading will be sending home a learning slip explaining where your child is currently working at on our Read, Write, Inc programme. We have set specific targets and a home learning focus for you to help support your child with their next steps in reading.

You **may** be receiving flashcards or blending books to support your child at home. Using these regularly will help your child make the expected progress.

Please do not hesitate to email either Mrs. Sweeney or Miss Mitchell if you have any questions on how to do this.

Group A children– Please focus on practicing those flash cards! The more fluent they are in knowing these sounds, the more ready they will be for blending/ reading words.

Group B Children– You will be receiving blending books. The children should 'Fred talk, read the word' (sound out and blend the sounds together to read the word) Please aim to read one book each day.

Group C children– Practice 'special friend' sounds (sh,qu,nk,ng,ch,th). The children need to recognise these, say them, sound them out, and blend them in words (e.g. sh-i-p or ch-a-t)

All children– Please practice name recognition and writing at home. This is so important in developing your child's confidence and independence as well as writing. Likewise, any opportunity for writing should be embraced, whether that be writing a shopping list, or perhaps thank you cards.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/>

The **parent's section** on this website has many videos that offer guidance on how to support your child at home with reading.

Alternatively, please look at our RWI learning section on our school website, which has helpful information on how to help at home.

Have a lovely week!

Year 1

This week, we have been practising hard for our Nativity play. We are due to film this on Tuesday 14th December, so please ensure that costumes are in school. All year 1 children will need to come dressed as a visitor to Bethlehem. This will be a plain T shirt, dark trousers, and a towel on their heads, tied on with a band. They will need their costumes in school by Friday 10th December.

Thank you to those of you who have kept your parent appointments, it has been pleasure talking to you all. Written reports, reflecting our conversations, will be sent out in the post.

This week in English, we have been writing letters to Santa, and in Maths, we have continued to work on addition and subtraction.

Thank you for your continued support,

Year 1 Team

Year 2

Year 2 has been full of angels, shepherds, sheep, and wise men this week as we continue our rehearsals for the Nativity production. Thank you to those parents who took time to check over the costumes and make them look sparkly ready for our performance.

Last chance to get the link so you can watch it at home; please send in £3 with the completed form on Monday.

This week we have been using our knowledge of the story of the Nativity and have been writing different sentences to describe how Mary and Joseph felt during this exciting but nervous time. Ask your children if they can describe what our four sentence types are and what punctuation they need to use.

It's been so lovely to catch up with lots of parents this week to talk about your child's progress and how we can support them to reach their targets. We apologise for 'Teams' not working and having to resort to

phone calls again; we hope our next meetings will be back to face to face. If you haven't booked an appointment, please email your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Miss Fage

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Year 3

This week, the children have written some fantastic diary entries imagining they saw a volcano erupt. The children have used some very dramatic and emotive language showing their understanding of the effects of this natural disaster.

It has been lovely to have a conversation with you all during the parent consultations. Please remember to use the home learning bookmarks (sent home) to help you support with your child's home learning. In addition, the A-Z glossary on Mathletics is a great resource to help the children develop their mathematic knowledge.

A reminder that next Thursday 16th December is our Christmas party and we would like to invite the children to wear their party clothes on this day, however, please be mindful that they will still be playing outside and may get cold so will still need appropriate footwear and coats. Please feel free to give your child a Christmassy lunchbox and an extra snack/treat to watch during the film if they wish. Please ensure the food contains no nuts and children will not be able to share the food.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Miss Banks and Miss Dunn

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Year 4

Monday was off to a busy start to our week, with the children decorating their Mbiras. Some are ready and playable and others are almost ready. One more week and the children will be able to bring them home to play sweet Christmas tunes to you all!

The writing of song lyrics this week has been inspiring. The children have chosen such a wide range of themes and messages from FIFA to World Peace, Christmas, Pets and Minecraft! What a selection of passions we all have in Year 4! Once the lyrics are written we will try to get a copy out to you all so that the children can share and perform their first songs with you. If it's a wet weekend, get them making a musical instrument at home that they could use to play along as they perform.

We are finishing the topic of Addition and Subtraction next week – please continue to practise at home, especially with finding the difference problems. There are some on Mathletics but making maths a real life tool is so important. Get to the shops and encourage the children to compare the prices of similar products. You never know, they may save you some money!!

Some of the children were in the Cooking Club after school this term and last week they made Gingerbread houses. We think they are amazing! Check these out...



Congratulations to this week's achievers in Year 4:

4L – Olivia – for making superb progress with her reading and spellings (and having a good go at reciting Silent Night in Portuguese when she wasn't feeling at all confident with this).

4K – Laura – For always working hard, trying your best and producing work to the d'Auvergne Standard. You have absolutely smashed your reading assessment and should be proud of yourself. Well done Laura!

Caelan – For going a whole week with excellent effort and behaviour. For completing all of your work and showing me you are mature and sensible. You should feel proud of yourself. Well done Caelan!

4CL – Amelia: for being such a kind, independent and mature learner. She will give anything a go and this is a trait that makes her a great person to have in the classroom.

Please do ask if you have any questions. Our emails are below,

Best wishes,

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Year 5

This week 5KL and 5W took part in fantastic debates at the States Chamber. The children were able to enter through the States Members entrance and act as some of our Senators and Deputies. We were able to find out more information about local history and have a chance to speak as if it were a real debate. Don't worry 5S, your time is next Monday and I'm sure you'll have just as much fun!

In Literacy, we have been working towards our final independent write of the term, a newspaper report. Each class has chosen a section of our class book 'Cosmic' to write a newspaper report on. We have loved getting to know more about the characters in the book and having a giggle whilst reading it too!

In Maths, we've been using our times tables to help us solve larger calculations, such as multiplying 4-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. We've used pictorial methods, as well as the expanded formal method. It really does help the children if they have quick recall of their multiplication facts up to 12 x 12, so please continue learning these at home and using TT Rockstars too.

With just one week to go, we would like to thank you all for your support this term and especially those that have given up time to help us with trips. We are very appreciative of your time and support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Year 5

Year 6

What a week it has been in Year 6! We have managed to dodge the awful storms and still been able to concentrate on an array of tasks in school, despite the Noah's Ark weather outside doing its best to distract us!

Our final session of PWC was on Thursday, we'll really miss Narelle and her wonderful team coming in to further our coding practice. Very kindly we were gifted medals, t-shirts, and certificates, next week we will spend some time making Thank you/Christmas cards for all those adults that have helped us.

Each day this week we have practised our Christmas performance and are excited to be filmed next week.

We have also worked very hard on some beautiful artwork.

Science has been our key focus this week and we have explored and investigated how different types of beaks are suited to the retrieval of different seeds. Using our cross-curricular skills we have linked our Science with computing and learned how to create graphs on Google Slides! We have also created Fact Files for various Galapagos animals and researched all about their appearance, diet, offspring, and habitats. We have also looked closely at different animals and their characteristics.

In writing, we have explored explanation texts and familiarised ourselves with their features ahead of next week's independent write!

This week, 6A's achiever is Skyla! Well done Skyla on having a totally fantastic week! You have shown real improvement in attitude to all subjects this week and tried your best. Keep this up!

The achiever for 6H this week is Happy for absolutely smashing her writing target. She has successfully used all three types of parentheses and is slowly becoming the punctuation queen of 6H. Well done Happy – keep up the hard work!

Dominik is the achiever in 6W this week. He continues to impress me with his hard work and determination, always looking to improve his learning. Whilst moving house and his books being packed up in boxes, he looked at this as an opportunity and read books on Bug Club. Keep up the excellent work! 😊

Homework:

Maths – Lots to review on Cracking Comprehension! Ahead of the Christmas break we would like you to revisit your work on addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division! Don't forget about TTRockstars 😊

Reading – Continue to read your library books, books from BugClub or short texts on Cracking Comprehension.

Writing – It's not too late to knock up a short narrative and get it across to Mrs Wilkinson by Monday morning!

Spelling – Spellings this week continue with using suffixes – this week we focus on -ful. Don't forget to have a go on Spelling Shed to practise those words and some others.

Talking homework – To get us into the Christmas spirit we would like you to research your favourite Christmas tradition and be able to share this with the class. The more unusual the better!

Next week:

A quiet end to the term? What is that!? Next week, we will be working hard up until the last minute! Our last PE session for the term will be on Monday. We have our explanation texts to continue to study and independently write; fractions to begin to wrap our heads around; thank you /Christmas cards to make; our Christmas performance to record, and not to forget many special assemblies! Don't forget to wear a Christmas jumper on Friday.
