

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Head Teacher's Comments

### School Walk

The children were amazing today – they did so well on our walk, whatever length challenge they took on. Those who made it to St. Aubin were well beyond 26, 000 steps – I think they'll sleep well tonight!

### Bingo is Back!

A while ago we had to postpone a Family Bingo night – but we are now good to go! KEEP THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY – JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>, 6pm – 8pm. We have a record of who originally paid and they are very welcome to attend, but shall be opening the doors to all – details to follow.

### JCG Open Event

Please see attached in respect to an Open Event at JCG.

Have a great Liberation weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

## Year Group Updates

### Nursery

We have been smashing our **learning** this week with prepositions taking focus and using the language:

*in      on      under    in front      behind      in-between    next to      opposite*

In addition, we have been ordering items within our maths learning and collecting insects for our Bug Hotel.

We are happy to welcome **Miss Robinson** back to d'Auvergne. She has been on maternity leave and has had a wonderful first week back in over a year! This does mean that **Miss Sophie** will be doing some work in other parts of the school, but will be in Nursery each day.

**Suncream** and **hats** are now needed more than ever – please make sure your child has been sun-creamed up of a morning and has a sunhat either on, or in their bag.

Have a wonderful warm weekend,

Team Nursery

### Reception

We've had a wonderful week in Reception full of learning through play.

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As mathematicians, we continue to explore the composition of numbers. We are focusing on ways to make 5 and 10 using objects. By the end of Reception children should be able to recall the number bonds that make 5 (e.g. 4 +1) and some number bonds to 10 (e.g. 8+2).

As part of the Understanding The World curriculum we are learning about dinosaurs and the past. We will be discussing Liberation Day and how we celebrate, and we would love to see how you are all celebrating. Please feel free to send photos to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your efforts with the Penpals handwriting book, if you are still working through it please continue to do this, but please keep it in the book bag so that class teachers can see how you are doing.

### **Year 1**

We have a busy four days!

This week we have been writing Spring Poems, with a focus on rhyming couplets. It is lovely to see signs of Spring around our school.

In Maths we have been measuring height and length. Please consolidate this vocabulary, at home, with your child.

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of May, we have a trip to Hamptonne Country Life museum, as part of our work on our topic this term, 'Food and Farming.' If you can help with this trip, please contact your child's class teacher.

Just a reminder, to please keep reading at home, and recapping on Set 2 and 3 Speeds Sounds, to support Read Write Inc.

Please use these links below to help:

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

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVB0Ddgu7ewHk0WVb1a4ICBfUS\\_8oQHx](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVB0Ddgu7ewHk0WVb1a4ICBfUS_8oQHx)

Happy Long weekend!

Year 1 Team

### **Year 2**

It's been a busy week, albeit only 4 days! The children are enjoying learning about The Battle of Jersey and have been taking part in role playing Baron de Rullecourt and Major Peirson and the parts they played in this historic event. Next week, we will be looking at features of newspaper reports and what we need to include to write a successful one. The children will have the opportunity to be news reporters, interviewing eyewitnesses who saw or were involved in the battle. Do you think they will choose to be one of the French invaders or the Jersey Militia?

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In Maths, we are continuing our learning on money and how to make different values with different combination of coins and notes. Keep practising at home, counting in 50's, 20's 10s, 5's as this will help when adding using money.

Next week, we have a healthy eating talk from Super Smiles, and we'll be looking at our own lunch boxes, sharing the foods we enjoy and the foods we should have to help us stay healthy. The children have already been introduced to vocabulary such as carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals, and protein. If you have the opportunity at home, please chat to your children about different food groups whilst making dinner or ask your child to be involved in making their own lunches now and again.

Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle, hat and sun cream applied if it looks set to be a warm day.

Thank you for your continued support, we really do appreciate you all.

Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Miss Fage 😊

### **Year 3**

This week the children have been continuing to learn about fractions, focusing on adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. The children have really enjoyed learning how to do this and are becoming more confident with understanding how we use fractions in everyday life. Can you help your child to see what fractions they can spot around the house?

In writing, they have begun learning about biographies and have carried out research on Gerald Durrell in preparation for writing their own biography all about his incredible life. They have been able to recall information from last week's trip to Jersey Zoo and the insightful knowledge passed on from Mr Le Quesne.

The children have enjoyed their second tennis lesson and have been focusing on serving the ball in preparation for playing small games in the forthcoming weeks.

We hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Banks and Miss Dunn

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### **Year 4**

What's a group of fish called? A school! And at d'Auvergne school, Year 4 are looking a lot like fish at the moment. Their swimming is **fin**-tastic! We have seen great improvement in the 4 swim lessons at Haute Vallée we have had so far. Keep it up! Thank you to all pupils, parents, and carers for organising so well around the swimming. It is greatly appreciated. It will please you to know, too, that pupils are walking safely to-and-from school.

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Keeping with our fishy theme, we have hosted a crafty day where all pupils showed their creativity in making origami flying fish, paper-maché jellyfish, and water-coloured mackerel. If you wandered down our corridor you would feel like you were gliding under the sea through our oceanic display.

Miss Barette kindly asks if anyone has any plastic bottle lids, to please save a few and bring in for our rubbish in the ocean display. We don't need lots, but if there are any lying around in your recycling boxes at home, please give it to your child to bring into school. We've had loads of crisp packets, but not many lids. Thank you again for your continued support in this.

Congratulations to this week's achievers in Year 4:

4L – Ashlynn Mackenzie – for settling into school life at d'Auvergne so quickly and for finding her long lost twin! What a joy to have such a happy, confident and honest addition to our class.

4KB – Thomas – for his positive support and encouragement with other class members during swimming, especially when they feel uncertainty in their swimming skills. He is a fabulous team member who shows kindness and never stops encouraging others.

4RB – Bethany Berry – Bethany is always attentive in class. Whilst we are discussing ideas as a group, Bethany will be writing down answers or thoughts on to her notebook. Then when it comes to the next task, she has all of her notes there to help her. Bethany you are working so hard! Well done!

This coming week the new spelling words will be using the phonic pattern 'ssion or cian'. What do the words mean? Can you find examples of these words in texts over the weekend?

If you have any queries, please get in touch. Our emails are below.

Best wishes,

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## **Year 5**

Another busy week for us in Year 5, fitting as much in as possible into the shorter weeks! We have continued our topic 'A Child's War', learning about how World War 2 started. In Maker Space, we looked at how messages were sent during the war and learnt how to encrypt and decrypt codes! We had great fun sending secret messages to each other.

In reading, we continued reading extracts from Anne Frank's diary, considering the meaning of words and answering questions using evidence from the text. This style of writing has helped us in our writing lessons too, as we will be writing diary entries. We also looked at using a range of punctuation in sentences, specifically commas and dashes to add information and make our writing engaging for the reader.

We are continuing our chapter on decimals in maths, now focusing on adding and subtracting decimals, remembering to line up all the numbers correctly when using the column method.

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We finished the week with a fantastic School Walk. It was so lovely to see us all come together as a community and really appreciate those parents who were able to give up their time to join us! We hope you all enjoy another bank holiday weekend – Liberation Day is on Monday, so it would be great if you could talk to your child about the importance of this day in Jersey and why we celebrate it.

Remember to keep reading and signing the home learning books every day!

Best wishes,

Year 5

### **Year 6**

Despite being an extremely short week, with the bank holiday Monday and school walk, Year 6 still managed to get lots of work done – from interpreting and drawing line graphs, to calculating and interpreting the mean of a set of data. Why not try working out the mean of the ages of everyone in your household!

In writing, we have continued looking at poetry and the children have been writing their own shape poems about emotions, while thinking up some amazing alliterations, super similes, marvellous metaphors and radical rhyming.

It was evident to see the progress happening in Gaelic football this week, and the coaches were really pleased with everyone's participation and engagement. They are running trial sessions over the next few weeks on the playing fields at Grainville School, every Thursday at 6:30pm – why not go along and find out all about it or practise your existing skills.

A big well done to all the members of Year 6, who took part in the tag rugby tournament on Thursday – you were great ambassadors for d'Auvergne.

### Home Learning

**Spelling:** Special Focus 9 – hyphens:

co-operate, re-enter, re-open, co-ordinate

Tricky words: nuisance, parliament, persuade, sincerely, suggest

**Maths:** A new selection of tasks on Mathletics have been set and keep practising on TT Rockstars!

**Reading:** Remember to keep reading daily, keep doing Accelerated Reader Quizzes and completing Cracking Comprehension texts. Bug club is now available to you as well.

**Speaking and Listening:** Can you write a guide to surviving Year 6 for the current Year 5, ensuring that you write it using:

- modal verbs
  - conjunctions
  - relative clauses
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-correct punctuation and spelling

**SATS Focus:** Maths, SPAG and Reading pack.

We hope everyone has a lovely bank holiday weekend celebrating Liberation Day.

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