

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

It has been a highly productive half-term in school – the most productive we have had for over two years! Your children will be tired, and I hope they manage to get some good rest before another push...there is much learning and many positive experiences to be had before mid-July.

An example of the children's efforts is demonstrated through our Achievers' Certificates each week. Your child may have mentioned that we have changed the format of how we award them, making the experience much more personal for them. To receive an Achievers' Certificate is a recognition of the hard work and commitment that we expect of our students; so many are delivering week in, week out. Well done to all this half-term's Achievers.

Many children do the right thing, all of the time, even when no-one is looking. We have decided to make more of a fuss of them, and so I shall be taking 17 of them to Jump Jersey as a treat (and a 'Thank You') on the Monday after half-term. Parents of these children will receive a note from me during the half-term with details – but the children know who they are!

Our athletes have excelled this week. Strong performances at the Island Championships, topped-off by Craig's second place in the long jump. Moreover, having come second, the first thing he did was to go to the winner and congratulate them. That's the standard! (I hope the Real Madrid players will be just as magnanimous in defeat tomorrow night against Liverpool!)

Take care everyone. Rest up and we shall see you soon for another busy half-term!

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

This half term has been bouncing, bubbling and above all BRILLIANT!

Well done to all the children for pushing themselves this week, even though it is clear we have driven them hard this term ... as they are very tired indeed!

I mentioned some dates in previous weeks and I would like to elaborate on our trip to The Elephant Park on Thursday 16th June. We will be heading out to explore the Railway Walk and then to play at the park for our first major outing this year. If parents would like to join us then we would love you come along. You will only be required for the morning. Please just email Mr du Feu (l.dufeu@dauvergne.sch.je).

Aside from this exciting excursion we have also visited the woods this week (the "big ones" at the back of the school) and the children loved it. The skills and confidence they achieve during our weekly visits to the smaller woods have been transferred beautifully.

We wish you guys a wonderful week off with the fabulous Nursery Squad ... and look forward to just 6 and a bit more weeks of learning with them!

Kind regards,

The Nursery Team

Reception

Writing and preparing for Year One

This week, the children have started to write simple sentences with the aim that they can be read by themselves and others. For your child to reach the Writing Early Learning Goal, it is important that they practice this daily, both in school and at home. We have sent home a guide that explains how to support your child with their writing worksheet. Please work on this as much as possible over the next half term to ensure your child is 'Year One ready'.

Some examples of simple sentences that you may wish to read aloud to your child to encourage them to hear and blend the sounds independently are...

Sit on a pin
a dog can yap
Can a log jump a dog
get a cat in a hat
I can run and hop
I had a red hat
I sit in the sun

If you have any questions regarding this, then please do not hesitate to ask.

PE on Mondays

After half term, Reception will **no longer have PE on Mondays**. Please ensure that your child is in their regular uniform on Mondays. Sportsbugs **will** continue on Tuesdays and your child can wear their PE kit on this day.

Year 1

We have had another full week, working hard in year 1.

This week we have been looking at writing instructions and making sure they are clearly written with time openers. For example, First, get 2 slices of bread. 2. Next, butter the bread and so on.

In Maths, we have been practicing counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. Please could you help your child with this at home and see how far they can count.

We are well aware that we have sent home lots of log ins and passwords to access different activities, but please can you encourage your child to have a go on Athletics and Bug Club as these both will help and consolidate the learning that takes place in school and especially as we have half term coming up?

Thank you to those who have accepted the Google Classroom invitation. We are putting a few things on there for you to look at.

Have a lovely half term
The Year 1 team

Year 2

What a fantastic half term, the children have worked hard and deserve a well-earned rest!

This week in our writing, the children have been learning about contractions e.g. did not – didn't, we will – we'll. Can they spot any of these words when reading? Can they tell you what they mean?

In preparation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the children have been learning a song and working in groups to find facts about the Queen to share with the class. Thank you to those parents who provided cakes for our tea party! The children had a lovely time.

On Thursday, we visited the Royal Square to consolidate our learning on the Battle of Jersey, looking at where the battle took place before moving onto La Roque, discussing how the French invaded our island! We then had a rock pooling lesson with Erin from The National Trust to aid our learning on habitats, we hope that the children enjoyed this experience and were able to share lots of information with you.

PE days after half term will be **Monday and Wednesday for 2LC** and **Wednesday and Thursday for 2F**. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct d'Auvergne PE kit, with trainers that they can tie up independently.

Please keep checking our Year 2 Google Classroom, we will be posting information about our 'materials home learning project' where the children will need to complete research about an inventor – how exciting!

Have a lovely half term, we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 6th June.

Miss Fage and Mrs Lutkin-Clarke

Year 3

This week year 3 have enjoyed finishing our class text, 'Bear Grylls-The Jungle Challenge' and finding out how the book ends. They then compared and contrasted the themes in this book with the last Bear Grylls book we read and completed a Venn diagram comparing both.

In maths, the children have finished our fractions topic. They have been learning how to find a fraction of an amount e.g $\frac{1}{5}$ of 35. The quickest way to calculate this is to do $35 \div 5$ which has, once again, highlighted the importance of times tables and division facts. Those children who are not confident with their times tables and division facts have found this challenging, so please do continue to support your child with these at home. They really are extremely important.

Next term our topic is 'Tribal Tales,' where will be learning all about the stone age. The children will bring their pre topic vocab home with them on Friday. Please do spend some time looking at this with your child before we return to school.

Please note that PE days next half term will be **Monday** and **Friday**.

We hope you have a lovely half term break.

Kind regards,

Miss Banks and Miss Dunn

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Year 4

Firstly, a huge well done to all the children in Year 4 who have now all learned to swim. The lessons will return in Year 5 and we hope they continue to progress further. At home, please provide opportunities for your children to swim as much as you can to keep them practising the skills they have learnt over the last half term and this will stand them in good stead for when they return next year.

A special thank you to the parents and Mrs. Pinto who walked with us to support the children walking backwards, forwards, backwards, forwards, backwards, forwards.... Some interesting wildlife was found along the way from slow worms, amazing moths, colourful beetles and this week a rat! Not forgetting the penguins in the swimming pool too of course!

IMPORTANT: THE NEW Yr4 PE DAYS WILL BE Tuesday and Thursday

In Maths, the children have been learning to identify the value of different digits in decimal numbers and round them to the nearest whole number, tenth or hundredth. Please continue practising this at home over the coming week. We have noticed that the number of GOLD certificates has reduced on Athletics recently. Please encourage lots of time on athletics over the half term. **HOW MANY MATHLETIC GOLDS CAN YEAR 4 ACHIEVE THIS WEEK?**

Over half term, the new spelling words will be continuing with the phonic pattern 'k' sound spelt using 'ch'. Examples are words like, chorus, choir and ache. The list can be found in diaries and on Google Classroom. What do the words mean? Can you find examples of these words in your reading?

Congratulations to this week's achievers in Year 4:

4L – The WHOLE Class! I am so very proud of all the aquatic penguins in 4L. Everyone got to swim to the deep end of the pool and this has taken perseverance and bravery for many of you. You represented the school so well and should all be hugely proud of your achievements at the pool this half term.

4KB – JJ – I am so proud of you for being brave in facing your fears this week and showing resilience in getting back into the pool after the weekend. You kept going and kept that smile on your face throughout. If there's a will, there's a wave!

4RB – Nikola – Well done for being such a joy in class. You are intelligent, fast-working, and I am sure your many friends will miss you. Best of luck in England and for your future education! And please continue to read, write, talk, and learn about pollution, climate change, and our important environment.

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

Best wishes,

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Year 5

Last week of the first Summer half term and we have been working super hard in Year 5.

In Maker Space, the children continued to record their sound clips for their WW2 radios and then opened these on Scratch to combine with their coding skills. The radio announcements were extremely realistic!

In writing, we have planned and written our independent writes, which included 3 diary entries from The Blitz. The children included the features of a diary, along with lots of powerful language and exciting sentence types.

In maths we have started our new chapter, geometry. We have begun by learning about the names of angles. Can your child name the different types of angles and their features?

Our children who have been participating in the Bikeability after school club have all made fantastic progress with their cycling skills and we are super proud of you. We look forward to seeing more of this after the half term in our class Bikeability sessions!

A huge well done to the Year 5 children involved in the Athletics Championships this week, who were all extremely successful in qualifying in their heats. Some then placed in the semi-finals and finals! Go Team d'Auvergne! We can't to see them participate next year.

Best wishes,

Year 5

Year 6

This week was our last coaching session of Gaelic football, before the tournament at Springfield Stadium on Friday 10th June. Parents and carers are welcome to come down and support on the day, and if you think you would be able to accompany us on the walk from school down to Springfield Stadium (and back again) then please send your child's teacher an email. **Don't forget there will still be training sessions, at Grainville playing fields, every Thursday at 6:30pm** – if you have been selected for the team, we strongly recommend that you attend these sessions.

Despite having done their KS2 assessments last week, Year 6 are continuing to work hard. In maths, we have been looking at probability and using language to describe the likelihood of an event happening. We have also been continuing to read our class text, The Secret of Platform 13, as we follow the rescuers on their quest to return the prince to the island.

As part of our ID topic, we have been playing detective and looking at our fingerprints: how they're formed; why we have them and the different types of fingerprints – loops, whorls and arches. Why not have a go at identifying what type of fingerprints the people in your family have? Remember that no two people have exactly the same fingerprints, not even twins!

This half term, we have had lots of visits from secondary schools coming in to meet the children, who will be joining their schools in September, and I know the children have been enjoying finding out a bit more about what it will be like for them in Year 7. Grainville will be last school coming in, after half term, on the 6th June.

The achiever in 6W, this week, always impresses me but has particularly shone consistently throughout this week. He has been learning his spellings, answering questions brilliantly in reading and being incredibly enthusiastic about probability and working out the most likely outcomes. As well as this, he is a ray of sunshine, a kind friend and a good listener. Well done, Dominik, I am really proud of you. 😊

This week, in 6A the achiever is Simao. Simao truly represents the d'Auvergne standard ALL OF THE TIME. Whether this is being polite and courteous to his peers and teachers, trying his best in assessments or taking part in new challenges such as Success@Arithmetic he truly shines. Well done Simao keep this up!

The achiever in 6H this week is Bella. She is an absolutely fantastic role model for d'Auvergne and is always setting the standard. She has an eye for detail and is consistently trying to challenge herself and raise her expectation in every piece of work she does. This was evident this week in Bella's oil pastel artwork. She spent so much time refining the detail, the final piece wouldn't look out of place in a Picasso gallery. Well done, Bella, keep it up!

Home Learning

Spelling:

Unit 11 – plural nouns

bonus	box
bonuses	address/es
address	boxes
wish	wish/es
pea/ch	pea/ch/es

Speaking and Listening: Make sure that you are reading, as we will be asking you to do a book review/book recommendation, after half term.

Remember to go on Mathletics and TT Rockstars to keep your brains ticking over!

Well done on all your hard work this term. We hope you all have a lovely half term and get to enjoy some family time and are able to get outdoors to explore our beautiful island.
