

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Trips This Week

What an amazing week, both in and out of d'Auvergne.

The **Year 6 pupils** have had a wonderful time on their Activities Week – surfing, jumping, golfing, rib rides, dolphins... the list goes on. My grateful thanks to all those who assisted – particularly Mrs Wheaton for leading on the arrangements. Great job everyone!

The **Choir** EXCELLED at Government House last night. In front of a large audience, they looked super smart and sang their hearts out. They were a credit to themselves and represented our school so well. My thanks to Mrs Prothero for her significant efforts with the choir – terrific work!

Other classes, including Nursery have been to La Hougue Bie, the Elephant Park, the Eric Young Foundation. We've had tennis competitions and swimming lessons to attend. The Bikeability team continue to support our children with road-sense....it's all going on at d'Auvergne!

After School Club

Please please please can parents who send their children to ASC call the office to let them know if they have made any alternative arrangements for their children, instead of attending their usual club. If this doesn't happen, our 'Missing Child' protocols kick in and this clearly presents a safeguarding risk. By letting the Office Team know (Mrs Rodrigues in particular) of alternative arrangements will save the team a lot of worry and time trying to contact you. Thank you.

Additionally, collection times are either **4pm or 5pm at the latest**. This is to do with staffing issues – we have to plan based on the numbers of children expected. Imposing a Late Collection Fee is not what we want to do, as it doesn't solve the problem. However, we will do so as it meets the costs we have to incur.

Some of the staff start the day at 7am. It is fair for them to be able to go home at the time they are contracted to do so. Thank you.

Use of School After School Hours

Children and families are welcome to use the grounds after school hours, but priority has to be given to our After School Club (ASC).

Children not attending ASC are not to re-enter the building at the end of the day (e.g. to use the toilets etc).

Reminder to parents, students and teachers to keep up with Lateral Flow Tests

Public Health is reminding parents, students, and education staff to keep doing the right thing by doing a lateral flow test (LFT) at least twice weekly. This reminder follows a significant rise in cases of COVID-19 on Island which is mirrored in the UK.

If you receive a positive LFT result, you should follow the guidance at: [lateral flow testing programmes \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/lateral-flow-testing-programmes)

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you are recommended to book a PCR test and isolate.

Have a great weekend everyone,
Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

Thank you, parents! Sending your children in ready for the heat makes our job so much easier; sunscreen, hats and less coats is awesome at the moment.

In Nursery this week we have been continuing phonics, number counting, emotion regulation, name writing and (shhh) card making. In addition to this, Super Smiles have delivered a healthy eating session which has blown the children's minds regarding the amount of sugar in many common foods. This could provoke some great conversations around the dinner table!

In general, we have had such a wonderful week with your children. Their play is gorgeous and their friendships are blossoming! Well done to them.

Have a lovely, safe weekend.

Mr du Feu and Team

Reception

This week we have been making the most of the glorious weather and have been learning and exploring outdoors in our shady forest school. The children have been observing nature and the changes in their environment from Spring to Summer.

Thank you to those parents that have brought in sun cream for their child. We are teaching independence with applying the sun cream and the children are enjoying the challenge!

Please can you ensure that your child brings a hat to school every day. We learn outdoors most days and the weather is extremely warm.

Thank you for your commitment so far with home learning. Although we are almost near the end of the final term, it is so important that we continue to practice reading and maths at home to ensure that your child maximizes their potential room for development before the long summer holidays.

Enjoy the sunny weekend!

The Reception Team

Year 1

We are continuing to work hard in class even though it's very hot.

Please will you continue to send your child with a water bottle, so we can drink plenty through the day.

Also a hat is recommended as it gets very hot outside.

Please remember to name all of the clothes that your child is wearing as it's hard to find unnamed items.

We have been continuing to look at equal groups in Maths and halves and quarters.

Well done for keeping up with Mathletics – there are lots of certificates being given out. Don't forget to get on to Bugclub where there are lots of books to read online.

Please can you make sure that you sign up to Google classroom – thank you.

The Year 1 team

Year 2

What a hot and sticky week!

In writing, we've started our Island Adventure narratives and they are coming on a treat. We've certainly got some budding authors in Year 2 and your children are working hard on their plans and opening chapters to make their stories interesting and appealing to the reader. Hopefully, you'll have an opportunity to read some of their stories when you pop in next week for either a Tuesday Treat or a Friday Fry-Up. Mr Cooper is preparing the bacon once again.

In maths, we've completed our chapter on Fractions, please keep practising this at home, particularly fractions of an amount e.g., $\frac{1}{2}$ of 12 = 6, $\frac{1}{4}$ of 12 = 3, $\frac{3}{4}$ of 12 = 9 and $\frac{1}{3}$ of 12 = 4.

Next week, we are moving on to 'time'. Your child will need to know how to tell the time in intervals of 5 minutes so please support them at home with this. We are also assessing the children on their 2 times and 10 times tables. There's a super online game called 'hit the button' which your child will be familiar with, and it will help them develop their mental maths.

In Geography, we have been looking at aerial maps and learning the points of a compass. Over the weekend, you could ask your child to draw out the route they take to school and label it with a key.

Thank you to those children (and parents) who have completed their materials home learning project and have either emailed or submitted it on our google classroom. This was due this week! If your child has not yet handed it in, please do so by Monday.

The sunshine has been lovely, but the children have found it tricky to focus this week. We've had lots of conversations about listening and being respectful of each other. Please reiterate this at home too; we still have lots of learning to do.

Sark is approaching fast; if you haven't yet sent in the payment for this trip and need to talk to myself or Mr Cooper about support with this, please email me as soon as possible. We are due to pay the full amount to the boat company this next week and we wouldn't want any of the children to miss out on this amazing learning opportunity.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Miss McEnery

Year 3

Year 3 have had a lovely week and we have certainly enjoyed the sunshine! They have really enjoyed their first two netball lessons and have been learning all about the different types of passes and have been practising catching the ball after a toss-up. Lots of the children had extremely quick reactions and we certainly have some aspiring athletes in year 3.

On Thursday, we had a wonderful day at La Hogue Bie learning about life during the Stone Age and seeing many ancient monuments. The children particularly enjoyed visiting the 'passage grave' and having a look inside it. We learnt all about how neolithic people lived and went inside the 'Neolithic Longhouse'. We had an insightful talk from a member of the Jersey Heritage who explained how houses were built with natural materials and tools and we were surprised to hear how stinging nettles were frequently used to make rope and string.

In writing, the children have been recapping their letter writing skills and have written some wonderful letters, taking on the role of Barney who writes a letter to Stig enquiring how his Christmas has been and telling Stig about all the exciting things he got up to over the festive period.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
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Year 4

Year 4 are busy designing their own 3D fish on Scratch, ready to begin animating them for their own underwater themed computer games. Mr. Livesey provided some helpful templates for the children and they were able to tweak the patterns and colours to their own choosing. At home this weekend, perhaps they could share these with you and make sure that they have finished them, ready for their next session on Monday.

Next Friday, we are all off to the waterfront area by the causeway leading to Elizabeth Castle for Year 4's annual Bio Blitz. We will be scientists out on site for the morning, exploring and recording what marine life species we can find. A parentmail will provide a little more information for you about this at the beginning of next week.

Next week, the new spelling words will be using the phonic pattern 's' sound spelt using 'sc'. Examples are: science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent. The list can be found in diaries and on Google Classroom. What do the words mean? Can you find other examples of these words in your reading?

Congratulations to this week's achievers in Year 4 who are:

4L – Charlotte and Eve – for proudly representing the school and Year 4 at Government House, singing in the school choir.

4KB – Layla – Thank you for being such a delight in class. You're hardworking, respectful of others and you're always striving to do your best. We will really miss you and we hope you have many fond memories to look back on, on your journey throughout the school. Best of luck- you'll always be a d'Auvergner!

4RB – Dakota – for providing persuasive arguments in her persuasive letter plan. Dakota knows all the reasons why we should reduce our use of plastic! Well done, eco-champion!

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

Best wishes,

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Year 5

What a scorching week in year 5! 5KL completed their Bikeability course on Monday and Tuesday. Well done to every child who took part, you all did amazing and learnt lots of new skills to be safe on a bike. Remember – one group of 5W will finish their session on Thursday 20th!

In writing, we have continued our persuasive texts and looked at the important features of the introductions to engage the reader straight away. In these, we have included a strong title, rhetorical questions and an opinion followed by evidence to support.

In maths, we are continuing to learn to measure angles and have begun learning to draw angles. We need to continue to remember our important rules when using a protractor.

1. Place the cross or circle at the point (vertex) of the angle.
2. Read from the zero on the scale of the protractor.
3. Count the degree lines carefully.

In reading this week, we have enjoyed exploring a fiction Cracking Comprehension text. We discussed the interesting language used in it and compared the events in the text to our own experiences.

Please remember to put sun cream on before school. We are still looking for adult helpers for our Swim Safe session on 28th June. Please email your child's class teacher if yourself or a family member can help.

Best wishes,

Year 5

Year 6

An update from Year 6 will be sent next week – the teachers are exhausted!
