

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Head Teacher's Comments

It's been a very productive week in school. Pupils and staff have been working very hard and I thank them for their efforts.

The adults in d'Auvergne really do put in a shift; 12-hour days are very common. This will be exemplified next week, when many colleagues are involved in taking Year 5 to the Scout Centre for overnight residentials. The extra time that they will be spending, sleeping at the Scout Centre beyond the working day, is entirely voluntary. Tomorrow morning, and for most Saturdays until Easter, teachers will be taking football teams – again, this is voluntary. THANK YOU to all for putting in this extra effort and for supporting our children.

And speaking of extra commitment, I am delighted to be accompanying our amazing office team next Thursday evening to the Government of Jersey Star Awards as they are finalists in the 'Customer Service Excellence' category. They really all do go the extra mile for d'Auvergne! THANK YOU.

## Award Winners

It was a pleasure to welcome parents of some of our younger children into school on Monday, as their children received school awards. EVERY d'Auvergne pupil has the chance to win one of our special awards each term – as long as they are trying their best, they are in with a strong chance!



## The Big Health and Wellbeing Conversation

The Public Health Department is launching Jersey's first Big Health and Wellbeing Conversation and all Islanders are invited to join the conversation. Starting on **Monday 10 October** (World Mental Health

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Day) and finishing on **Friday 21 October**, the team will be hosting an online survey and having in-person conversations across the island. They will be asking Islanders what works to protect and improve their health and wellbeing; and what more they would like to see from Government. The feedback from Islanders will be used to shape the Public Health strategy for the Island.

The Public Health team will be visiting d'Auvergne Primary School on **Wednesday 12 October**, around pick-up time from **2:30pm to 3:45pm**. Please consider coming in to talk with our public health colleagues as your views will help in better understanding our community and planning future improvements for Islanders' health and wellbeing.

All Islanders can join the online conversation at [gov.je/healthconversation](https://gov.je/healthconversation). This can be completed in four languages: English, Portuguese, Polish and Romanian. The online survey will be promoted through posters and postcards across the island and on social media platforms.

Please do consider taking the time to engaging with the conversation and complete the online survey yourself and with the children and young people in your home. Please do also feel free to forward on the Big Health and Wellbeing Conversation information to anyone else you think may be interested in having their say.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr Cooper

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## Year Group Updates

### Futures

This week brought us our first whole class trip, which was a great success! The weather stayed dry, and all the children and adults had a great time. Our highlights included one of the zookeepers pretending to be a gorilla and pulling faces through the glass at the children, followed by watching the bear having a paddle, then scratching his bottom on the wall! We spotted many signs of Autumn during our visit and collected many, many chestnuts along the way.



We have also continued with our horse-riding and surfing sessions this week. Our eldest children took part in a horse show full of games and challenges that required them to stop their horse by saying "Woah" and get them moving again by saying "Walk on". The children were fantastic and were each awarded a very special rosette for their efforts. Our youngest children are gaining more and more confidence being in and around the sea and building positive relationships with the staff at Healing Waves. I hope you agree that these sessions are of great benefit to our children.

Please see the link below for our signs for this week - "yes" & "no".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8u6cDkylXU8>

Have a great weekend

Mrs Mason & The Futures Team

### Nursery

The children have spent this week working hard on **Food Dudes** healthy snack trying. We are very proud of them and they have enjoyed getting their prizes in their lunchboxes.

With **Tapestry** up and running we are trying to balance out the recording of the children's learning and also not being stuck behind a screen whilst they interact. As parents this is one of life's tough balances! Thank you to those parents who have shared back with us ... we endeavor to view all posts.

Our puppet friends in Nursery (Rosie and Matthew) have been working hard this week, demonstrating how to put on helmets **independently** and how to wipe bottoms with our new toilet tissue dispensers. These skills can be practiced at home, along with our Flip Trick to independently put on ones coat.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr du Feu & Team

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## Reception

Thank you for all the family photos that have been coming in, we have thoroughly enjoyed listening about the special people that are in your child's life and the wonderful stories to match. We have shared what makes our family special to us and celebrated the similarities and differences that make up our family and friends. Please keep sending in family photos if you have not already done so to your child's teacher.

Carrying on the theme of celebrations and traditions we will be looking at festivals from around the world and how as families, we might celebrate them. These will include **Diwali, Harvest and Christmas**. Not every family celebrates in the same way, but it is important to have an insight into the different cultures families have.

This week we have learnt the sounds **f, e, l, h, sh**. Some of these sounds will be in their new spellings along with previous ones they have learnt. Please keep recording in your child's diary any reading or spelling they do at home as we can celebrate this in class.

Celebration, celebration, celebration!!! On Monday it was wonderful to celebrate our winners of the Summer Awards, a HUGE WELL DONE to all involved. We are looking forward to seeing who it will be next!

Next week Reception will have a visit from Super Smiles! This is just a reminder that if you still need to return the Super Smiles consent letter, please give this to your child's teacher and let the brushing begin!

Please can we ask for any **clean cardboard toilet rolls** and **newspapers** ready for creating our scarecrows next week!

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for your continued support. As always, if you have any worries or concerns, please get in touch by email so we can answer any questions you may have.

Mrs Rachel Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Gina Hill

Reception Dream Team!

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## Year 1

This week in maths the children have been comparing amounts of objects, using the words more, fewer and equal to. The children have also been ordering numbers 1-10. We would ask that you consolidate this learning at home.

In Literacy the children have been discussing and forming sentences about what they have seen on their zoo trip.

On Wednesday we went to the zoo as part of our topic learning 'Paws, claws and whiskers'. Thank you to parent helpers for your support. During our trip to the zoo the children spent some time in the zoo classroom learning about different animals and they spent some time exploring the animals and enclosures in the zoo.

We have Pet Visitors (dog and hamster) coming into school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Please let us know if your child had any allergies or fears.

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If your child has experienced vomiting and diarrhoea please note that there is a 48 hour exclusion period from the last bout of vomiting and diarrhoea.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs. Andre Brown and Miss Aubert.

## **Year 2**

This week has been a great week for reading in Year 2. The children have enjoyed learning about the life of the famous artist Frida Kahlo and have used what they have discovered to help them to edit sentences, ask and answer questions and have discussion about people's lives that are different from their own. The children have also written their second diary entry about the Great Fire of London and have been working hard at applying their place value knowledge in our new learning about addition and subtraction.

The Year 2 Team

## **Year 3**

This week in Reading, we have been really focussing hard on how to respond to questions that check we have understood what has been read. The children have learned to use phrases from within the question to help them start a reply. For example, 'Why is Icarus excited about the boat journey?' The children might reply with 'Icarus is excited about the boat journey because...' Please encourage full sentence responses when talking about reading at home. It will really help the children with their writing skills too.

Lots of the children are moving through the tables well. If your child is stuck on their x2 tables still then please encourage lots of practise at home. Speedy recall is super important. Remember 14 correct answers in 1 minute are required. Two useful websites where you can focus on one set of times tables are:

<https://www.timestables.com/> or <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Both have games and activities that require that speedy recall. Hit the button is an old favourite!

A final reminder that we have our Year 3 : **Groovy Greeks Day on Tuesday, 18th October**. The children can dress up as someone from Ancient Greece and will be making and sampling Greek food and exploring daily life for Ancient Greeks. Please let us know if you think you might be able to come and help the children make Greek Flatbreads in the morning that day.

Sadly, the reading volunteers who were coming to 3L have had to be reallocated to another year group for now (we did have rather a lot!) So, please continue to read as much as you can at home. The children will be coming home with two library books – one of their own choosing at any level of interest and one at a banded reading level. You can read either with them at home.

Next week's spelling pattern: There is NO pattern!! This coming week, the children will have some Special Focus Common Exception Words. These are: **answer, island, February, length, strength,**

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**business.** These will be handed out on Monday and stuck into diaries for the children to practise for their homework. At home you can support them by finding words within their daily reading. Most importantly, does your child know what they mean and can they put them into a sentence to show the meaning?

As always, please do ask if you have any questions. Our emails are below,

Best wishes,

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#### **Year 4**

Another busy week in Year 4 – in maths, we have been cementing our understanding of place value and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and a 1000. We have also started doing arithmetic tests. To encourage more participation on Times Tables Rockstars, we have arranged a 'battle' against the classes in Year 4. It has been really good to see some children already involved with this. Please encourage your child to get involved, as quick recall of times tables will increase their confidence and understanding in maths.

In writing, we have begun writing a class fact file about teeth, the importance of oral hygiene and exploring more deeply the role of a dentist. Why not find out some fun facts about teeth over the weekend.

In RE, we are looking at celebrations in Hinduism and enjoyed looking at traditions that they have in their culture and making candle holders. This week, we also got creative beginning our Julian Opie portraits of ourselves.

In PE, we have been practising our dribbling, kicking and shooting skills in PE.

We are delving deeper into Demon Dentist, honing our skills of explaining the meaning of unfamiliar words in context, as well as getting to know the characters even better. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm from the children in Year 4 enjoying reading with our volunteer readers on a Thursday lunchtime – as always, they have been wonderful ambassadors for d'Auvergne.

As the weather can be sunny one moment and a down pour the next, please ensure that your child is bringing their coat to school every day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 4 Team.

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## **Year 5**

Another great week in Year 5!

We have moved onto the next chapter in maths, addition and subtraction. The children spent some time refreshing their brains on methods they already know and used a range of resources to show the process of addition.

In writing, we had a go at re-writing a space related myth as a class, using a range of exciting sentence types. See if your child can tell you what sentence types they can remember. This will feed into the children planning and writing their own myth as an independent write.

In computing, we have been learning about how to be safe online. The children learnt a 'SMART' rule to help them make sensible choices when using the internet. See if you child can tell you eat of the letters stand for!

We are all really excited for our Scout Hut trip next week. Please take time on the weekend to go through the checklist on the letter. Please also remember to provide a packed lunch on the day your child is attending the Scout Hut. Trumpet lessons will still be taking place, but please feel free to bring your trumpet in on an earlier day to leave in school if it is easier. Swimming will also still be taking place for 5F and 5JS. 5Lee will NOT have swimming next week, due to timing of arrival back to school on the Thursday morning.

### **Remember:**

5F - Monday - Tuesday morning

5JS - Tuesday - Wednesday morning

5Lee - Wednesday - Thursday morning

If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's class teacher.

Thanks!

Year 5 Team

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## **Year 6**

A busy week as always! Some of us have been venturing over cliffs and some of us have had a particularly arty week! Thank you also to all of those children and parents who donated bottles last week, and those who have brought cakes in this week for our Autumn Fair.

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In Writing, we are finishing our persuasive letter as a group and will very soon be planning our own letter addressed to Jersey Zoo/Durrell. The children will need to remember the **pros** and **cons** they listed on our zoo trip and should consider how they will use these to make strong, persuasive arguments.

In Maths, we have been working on subtraction using the column. Children recognised that column subtraction is the inverse of column addition so this has helped their understanding a lot. With Mental Maths, we have continued to develop speed in applying the skills we already know about mathematical concepts. We have seen a growing confidence in many of our young mathematicians!

In Reading, we have been continuing with Cracking Comprehension. Children are learning to read questions carefully and follow instructions strictly. If a question states, '**Find** and **copy** evidence from the text to support how the main character is feeling' then children are investigating the text and then copying exactly which evidence is needed.

We have been patient and precise with our Charles Darwin timelines, ensuring that his incredible life has been accurately reported and beautifully illustrated. The children have worked so hard on them! And although it sounds too early for Christmas, the children have designed their own Christmas Cards. We look forward to seeing how they look once they have been published!

What a fantastic week it has been in 6H. We have had an absolute blast on our John Muir outdoor learning week. We managed to cover over 8km on day one, whilst picking out an invasive plant (sour fig) and getting 'slightly' wet on day two. On day three we had a great day down at Plemont Bay and at the time of writing this, look forward to another exciting fourth and final day. The children have been great role models to the school, have had great fun and seen some absolutely stunning sights that Jersey has to offer. Well done 6H, you have all smashed it this week!

**A reminder for parents of children in 6B:** Your John Muir Trip begins this Monday coming (**10<sup>th</sup> October**). Please refer to the letter handed out or Google Classroom where there is also a copy of the letter, for information about what your child is required to bring.

### **Achievers**

The achiever in 6B this week is Ruby. Ruby has been working hard in school in all subjects but specifically has been showing a greater understanding of addition and subtraction. Ruby your behaviour this week has been fantastic, too. I'm so proud of you!

The achiever in 6AW this week is Harry. He constantly displays the d'Auvergne standard, has a brilliant attitude and always tries his best. Well done Harry I am super proud of you.

The achiever in 6H this week is the whole class! After having such an amazing week on the John Muir outdoor learning week, every single member of 6H deserves plaudits. They have behaved admirably and put 100% into everything asked of them. 6H, you were awesome this week!

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