

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Well, the festive season is fully underway at d'Auvergne! Deco Day yesterday was a hoot, with everyone getting deeply involved in the activities. Thanks to all, particularly Ms Keogh, for bringing it all together. The school is looking very cheerful!

In this respect, we hope the lights outside (and mince pies / hot chocolate) will encourage a great turnout for our final flurry of the year on Thursday 15th at 5.15pm – our songs around the tree! This is a lovely event, for the whole school community – it always gets us into the spirit. Thanks to our amazing elves, Mr Le Cornec and Mr Coyne, for their endeavours in brightening up our lives – the tree and shelters look fabulous!

A Guide for Parents – Jersey Curriculum

I am attaching a document that has been available for some time, but you may find helpful. It provides a simple guide to the Jersey Curriculum – helping you understand the 'standards' expected within each year group. I hope you find it a useful point of reference.

PTA Disco next Thursday

Don't forget to return the Reply Slips on Monday, to avoid disappointment.

NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO WALK HOME ALONE AFTER THE DISCO – THEY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

Netball

Miss Trigg would like to extend her congratulations to all those who have played in the netball matches this week against Trinity and FCJ. They were brilliant and were a fantastic ambassador of the school. It was a brilliant experience, and the children learnt a lot from the process – so well done to...

Laura (6B) Sophia (6H) Evie (6H) Yara (6AW) Hollie (6H) Raisha (5L) Eden (5L) Ava (4NW) Joseph (4T) Jan (4T) Lexi (4T) Orson (4NW) Maisie Grace (4NW) Bonnie (4T)
Matilde (4T) Charlie Birch (4T) Corena (6AW) Grace (6AW) Keira (5F) Amelia (6B) Isabella (6H)

Congratulations and Good luck to the teams playing this week against St Michael's and Grouville. Parents to confirm their child's attendance via email to Miss Trigg if they haven't already. We can't wait!

Staff Changes

Naturally, in a school of our size there will always be some turn-over of staff. At the end of term, we say goodbye to Ms Watson who will be heading to take a position at Mont Nicolle School. Additionally, we say farewell to Mr Woodhouse as he steps out of education for the time being. I am sure you join me in wishing both these super colleagues all the very best in their new challenges – they leave us with our best wishes.

Additionally, Ms Mitchell will be leaving us temporarily to take up a development opportunity at St. Peter's school – but time will fly, and she will be back with us later in 2023. Again, have a great time!

Music to Listen to in December

This month in school, we are listening to:

- **Smoke on the water**, by Deep Purple
- **54-46 That's my number**, by Frederick Nathaniel Hibbert
- **Symphony No 5**, by Beethoven
- **Happy**, by Parrell Williams
- **ESOL lessons for parents / carers:**
 - There are still places available for parents / carers who would like to learn English as Second Language in d'Auvergne.
 - The classes will be run on Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm from the 11th January by the ESOL tutors from Highlands College.
 - The tutors can deliver courses on various levels, e.g., beginners, elementary, intermediate, Business English, Advanced English, etc.
 - If you are interested in enrolling on the free ESOL course in d'Auvergne School, could you please email Mrs Kruk (k.kruk@dauvergne.sch.je)?

Snow Closure

Should we return after Christmas to a white January, here is a reminder of the procedures of School closure due to severe weather:

Decision not to open Schools:

If conditions deteriorate overnight any decisions for the schools not to open will be taken by CYPES.

The present arrangements for communication with the general public are as follows:

- The BBC will be informed and there is an agreement that they will carry a message on the broadcasts of Radio Jersey between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m.
- Channel Television will also carry newsflashes during broadcast hours
- Channel 103 will also carry newsflashes during broadcast hours
- Updates will also appear on the government's website www.gov.je
- We will also provide updates on Twitter, Facebook and by SIMS InTouch

Closure when a School is in Session:

The decision to close during a snowfall or when there is a forecast of deteriorating conditions will be taken by CYPES and an announcement will be made on the local media.

Support during the Christmas Holidays

We hope that all members of our community enjoy a safe, restful and enjoyable festive period. However, we also recognise that some young people and their families will need to access wellbeing support whilst school is closed. Various support services are signposted on the Jersey Online Directory: <http://www.jod.je/kb5/jersey/directory/results.action?adultchannel=5&sr=50&nh=10>

Have a great weekend all!

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures

What an exciting week. We have some new class pets – stick insects!

Please meet Speedy, Chomp, Sticky, Tickle Monster, (other names still to be decided...)



We will be learning how to care for our new friends, by collecting brambles for them to eat and making sure they have a spray of water every day. The children will have the opportunity to carefully hold the insects if they wish (with 1-1 supervision) or just observe them if they prefer. We are all extremely excited by our new arrivals!

All the Futures children will have a Healing Waves session next **Friday 9th December**, as well as on **Tuesday 13th December**. After the Tuesday session, we have arranged for the children to have a special Christmas party lunch, with food supplied by Cascades Cafe at the Aquadome.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Mason & The Futures Team

Nursery

It has stopped raining and the wind has died down! This has meant the children have been re-discovering our outside play zones, as well as using the Flip Trick to pop on their **coats** and even now doing their zips. Please reinforce these skills over the weekend and into the festive period.

Speaking of the festive period: we have **activities** going on in Nursery this week that bring joy to the soul. Decorating the tree is a favourite, finding our elf is a fun morning task, cooking holiday treats is going down well and we are even using our woodwork skills to hammer decorations on wooden Christmas trees! Wow ... busy little learners.

In addition to these activities within the Nursery, we have used our **Key Group** learning time this week to focus on more cutting skills, writing the "a-a-a" sound, the preposition "on" and number hunting.

Finally, we have taught the children to say the **sound** "d-d-d" which is a bouncy sound. The picture to aid this sound is a "d-d-dinosaur". Whilst reading to your children please point this sound out!

Reminder: we are welcoming parents in next **Wednesday** (7th December) to Pop-In-And-Play with their children. You are invited to come in with your child at 8:30 and see how the day begins at d'Auvergne.

Have a wonderful, wintery weekend with these special children.

Mr du Feu & Team

Reception

This week the children thoroughly enjoyed bringing in their special teddy for our teddy bear's picnic. We sang songs and played lots of fun games and shared stories.

Another exciting day this week has been Deco Day! The children were able to decorate d'Auvergne corridors with their glittery stars and create their own props for our very own Father Christmas Workshop in the classroom. Reception children have been busy!

Ready for our Christmas Sing Song on **Thursday 15th December**, please could we ask that you supply your child with a tinsel halo head band (any colour), like the one pictured below. The children need to be in their full school uniform ready for their musical performance.



Finally, could we please ask that any spare clothes either lent from school or for your own child's bag is replenished as we seem to be running low.

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rachel Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Gina Hill

Reception Dream Team!

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Year 1

This week, we welcomed members of Jersey Baptist Church, into school, to mark the beginning of Advent by making Christingles with the children. We have then used the experience to influence our writing in Literacy.

In maths, we continue with number bonds to 10, and specifically, number problems. For example,

$$2 + _ = 10$$

or

$$5 + 5 = 6 + _$$

This week in topic, we have started to discuss The Nativity story, and the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem. With this in mind, please take note of the following dates;

- Thursday 8th December, 5.00–6.30, Key Stage 1 disco at school.
- Tuesday 13th December, Key Stage 1 Nativity performance at school; 1.30pm and 6.00pm. Please note each child can welcome 2 adults to each performance. Your child is required to attend both performances.
- Wednesday 14th December, Key Stage 1 party afternoon. Please provide your child with a festive lunchbox.
- Thursday 15th December, 5.15pm, Christmas Carols around the tree.
- Friday 16th December, end of term.

As always, thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Andre-Brown and Miss Aubert

Year 2

Rehearsals for Christmas are in full swing and the singing is sounding spectacular. We will be focusing on the acting over the next week. We really look forward to showing you what we have been working so hard on! Please can we make sure that all costumes are in by **Wednesday 7th December**. If you are unsure, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you to all those who came to parents' evening – it was nice to meet you all and talk about your children's progress. If you did not attend and would like an appointment, please email your child's class teacher to arrange.

We have now started exploring the 2, 5 and 10 times tables in maths. The children have all now received a log in for TTRS which is a great online tool to help the children consolidate their multiplication and division facts.

Excitable Edgar has been the focus of our writing this week – the children have thoroughly enjoyed writing and developing their language skills, using the themes from this advert.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

In Maker Space on Tuesdays, we are adding a few more coding instructions to our Scratch games so that Pegasus can fly around the clouds to collect the lightning. We learned how to code instructions so that everytime Pegasus touched a white cloud, he would go back to the gemstone at the

beginning. If you were clever enough to get through the maze of clouds, then Pegasus says 'YAY!' Ask your children to have a go on their new game.

Please make sure that your child is learning the year group Christmas poem off by heart ready for next week. We will be practising everyday. All the children were given a paper copy but there is also a copy of it on Google Classroom. Speaking clearly and in front of an audience is always a tricky thing for many, practice will really help us to crack this.

We've had an amazing Deco day this week too. The children have used white air dough to make sensational stars to hang in your Christmas trees at home at the end of term. Neil from the jersey Baptist Church visited the children on Thursday to talk about the Christmas Story. The children have been given their own special Christmas box to bring home and keep.

Next week the spelling pattern will be... special words known as HOMOPHONES. Examples such as no - know, write - right, where - wear *Can your child find these words in their reading? Can they find any more homophones? Do they know what the words mean?*

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

Best wishes,

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Year 4

Another wonderful week, with the children continuing to work hard, despite Christmas being ever closer.

In Maker Space, the children made their own drum kit using Scratch coding to programme it, so when they tapped their piece of paper with foil drums on, it made a sound. They gained a good understanding of circuits and were even able to include themselves in the circuit.

In Maths, we continue to show the relationship between division and multiplication. Please can we remind parents that the children can be practising their times tables on online resources such as: Mathletics; Times Tables Rockstars and Complete Maths Tutor. Otherwise, a brilliant time to be practising these could be in the car to school or walking to and from school. If you need help accessing these, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help. Why not ask your child to explain to you what commutative means.

In PE, the children have continued to improve their throwing and catching skills, defending and attacking in dodgeball and bench ball. They also had a wonderful session with Rob doing bleep tests, sprints and agility tests.

We loved Deco Day, although the cleaners, who had the unfortunate job of cleaning our classrooms probably didn't! The children enjoyed making beautiful zentangle patterns on their stars in silver and gold pens and they look wonderful! They are displayed downstairs by the office and look gloriously festive.

As the children are beginning to get festive, the children have also been practising carols and our class poem, 'The Star', ready for their performance on the 14th December. We can't wait to see it all come together. They have been practising so hard!

Miss Trigg's achiever for this week goes to... Lexi! Lexi completed a brilliant piece of writing all about a mouse. It was so well written that Miss Trigg thought it was only necessary to allow Mr Cooper to hear it. We were both amazed at her creativity and imagination shown throughout her writing. Lexi was so focused, determined and encapsulated in her story, it was hard to peel her away from her writing. Well done, Lexi! Miss Trigg is so proud of all your hard work.

In 4NW, Kyle is the achiever this week for being an all-round superstar. His manners are impeccable and his positivity and helpful nature. He is always doing things for the greater good of the whole class, whether it is handing out books, tucking in chairs, or being a supportive learning partner. His work is always done to the highest standard and I have been really impressed with his imagination and composition in his narrative about a kitten playing drums. Keep up the excellent work, Kyle - I am proud of you.

Kind regards,

Ms Watson and Miss Trigg

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have worked hard on planning and writing our class newspaper report about Tim Peake's training in preparation for his Principia mission to the International Space Station. We worked together to ensure we used the key features of a newspaper report, which the children will then apply to their independent report next week.

In maths, we have continued to learn methods for multiplication of 4-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. This will develop into working on multiplying 2 digits by 2 digits and 3 digits by 2 digits next week.

Our trumpet concert on Wednesday afternoon was successful. Thank you for your support with this throughout the term. The children have learnt so much. Please remember, if your child is interested in learning an instrument, let Mrs. Prothero know via email s.prothero@dauvergne.sch.je.

Our Christmas Deco day was extremely enjoyed this morning. Our main corridor will look extremely Christmassy once everyone's hand-made decorations are up!

Next week is our final swimming session for Year 5. The children have worked super hard and have made good progress. Thank you for all your support if you have helped this term with walking to and from swimming!

Year 5 Team

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Year 6

In Writing, we have been using speech to support our language. Ask your children about when to use full-stops, commas, exclamation marks and question marks within speech marks! Not only this, but we have also delved deeper into frightening fiction... Children are assessing Victorian Ghost stories to identify which quality features they have. Very soon we will be writing some spooky stories ourselves... (Also notice that next week's spellings would work very well in a ghost story!)

In Maths, we have learned about prime numbers and their relationship with **factors** and **multiples**. Children should be able to tell you what rules are needed for a *prime* number and what rules are needed to make a *composite* number.

In Reading, children have been using their laptops to access Cracking Comprehension. They should carefully read the text and answer questions. This is something they should continue at home.

For our topic, we have learned about the Industrial Revolution. Children should be able to tell you what *industry* and *revolution* means, and what inventions were made which created a revolution. Some of those inventions we still use today!

Home Learning WB Monday 5th December

Reading: Daily for 20 minutes. Please remind your child to record this in their homework diary.

Spelling:

This week's spellings feature the **-less** suffix. **Careless, flavourless, hopeless, pitiless motionless, thoughtless.**

CEW: **recommend, familiar, foreign, forty.**

Maths: Maths Tutor and TT Rockstars. Children have set their own targets on Maths Tutor so they know which areas they can develop independently.

Achievers

This week in 6AW the achiever is Rebeca. Rebeca is growing in independence and making good progress with her writing, reading and maths. Well done, Rebeca!

The achiever in 6B this week Maddie! Maddie has shown a great attitude to her learning recently and it has shown itself in her beautiful writing and more confidence in maths. Keep it up!

The achiever in 6H is Ziva for her extra commitment in writing. Ziva has written a ghostly story on her laptop in her own time, and even used the year 6 success criteria to ensure that it is a high-quality piece of work. Well done – keep up the extra effort!
