

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Year 6 Key Stage Two Assessments

I should like to congratulate the Year 6 pupils (and their teachers!) on the way they have conducted themselves this week during the Key Stage Two tests. Not an easy week, but their maturity and positivity has shone through. Well done to all concerned. Children, you are a credit to yourselves!

School Walk

As informed this week, we shall be on the march on Monday June 19th. Get the date in your diary!

PTA Family Fun Day, Sunday June 25th, 11am – 3pm

We welcome the return of our Family Sunday Funday! It has been a while since we last held such a huge summer fair event, but it's back and back with a bang!

Details to follow, but PLEASE START COLLECTING **BOTTLES OF DRINK, QUALITY BRIC-A-BRAC and BOOKS**. These can start to be brought to school after half-term. We shall also be requesting **CAKES** much nearer the time.

This promises to be a highlight of the d'Auvergne PTA calendar – get the date in your diaries now!

Help Available

We all know the financial challenges faced at the moment. If your family are in significant need of assistance for items for your children, your PTA and other agencies may be able to help. Please do not hesitate to have a confidential chat with me.

Slide and Pirate Ship

Our large metal slide is being removed as it is unsafe, and the area is being flattened. In due course, we shall be developing the space.

Similarly, the Pirate Ship (which is safe) will be sailing away in the summer holidays...to be replaced by **Fort d'Auvergne**. Think 'our school logo'. But better!

After School Supervision

Whilst we love having our community use our facilities after school, please remember that the use of our grounds (e.g. field / Polytunnel / Quiet Playground) is for our After School Club children in the first instance.

Children who are staying at the end of the day but are not in After School Club, until 5pm, have to be supervised by an adult. Once children have left school, they cannot return inside. Thank you.

Youth Celebration Day Saturday 20th May 11am – 4pm

St John Ambulance Jersey is organising a Youth Celebration Day on **Saturday 20th May**.

The event is running between **11am and 4pm at the Trinity Showground**. Please see poster attached.

The day not only sees St John Ambulance taking part, but also Scouts, Girlguiding, Jersey Youth Service and the Air Training Corps.

The event is **FREE** and there will be activities for children to see and do, as well as an opportunity to meet and hear about volunteering in our community.

The event is linked in with The Big Help Out.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures

We have had the most exciting time, with so many enrichment opportunities going on for the Futures children. In particular, these experiences provide the group with a whole host of speech and language opportunities and this week especially we have had some fantastic conversations both in and out of the classroom. With the warmer weather arriving we plan to continue getting out and about as much as possible. So please remember to provide a sun hat (this can stay at school if easier) and to apply suncream to your children before school. If that is not possible, just let us know and we are happy to help out. I will keep a bottle of children's suncream in the classroom for emergencies!

Our two Wet Wheels trips were a huge success – photos will follow in next week's update but first, POTATOES!

This week we dug up the two Jersey Royal tubers that we planted a few months ago.



We had managed to grow 250g of potatoes!



They needed a good clean in water before we boiled them up...



...And ate them for snack - Delicious!



Have a great weekend,
Mrs Mason & The Futures Team

Nursery **Trip** Plan

Next Tuesday, please bring your child into school **prepared** to be on their feet all day and also in the sun. They will need:

Lunches in labelled boxes (as normal) + spoons etc

Sun **hats** (as normal)

Sun **cream** applied (as normal)

Trainers & socks (not sandals)

We will have snacks and water carried up to the Elephant Park in Miss Sophie's car. If you are a helper - please also have the above for yourself!

Children must be here by **9am** on Monday and will be back to school by 2pm.

Any questions – please ask!

Enjoy the sunshine,

Mr du Feu & Team

Reception

This week the children have been immersed in learning all about capacity. We have learned that capacity means how much something can hold, this could be liquid in containers, cubes in boxes, rubbish in a bin or leaves in a bucket. The children have been introduced to the language of 'full, nearly full, halfway, nearly empty and empty' as well as comparing different amounts in a container.

Jumping back in time this week we have heard all about Amelia Earhart and her famous solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean and being the first woman to do so. Please do ask your children about this brave and courageous lady to see if you can find out anymore facts that we can share in school.

We've had another Now Press Play experience this week, focusing on different modes of transport including planes, trains and automobiles. We have also been looking at how these modes transport have changed over the years, have a little look at home and what differences you can spot.

We have unfortunately had to remind many children about their behaviour this week and the importance of respecting each other and resources. We have a standard at d'Auvergne and high expectations of the children, please do make every effort at home to reiterate our message of kind hands, kind feet, kind words and listening ears.

We have one more week before half term and then we will be into our final stretch to the end of Reception. Please remind yourselves of the Early Learning Goals (ELGS) and the targets that your child has been set to work on before moving into year 1. As always, we appreciate your support with this at home and continue to work together to give your child the best possible opportunities to learn.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Year 1

This week in Literacy we have been working on our unaided writes. This half term the children have been writing instructions to on how to grow a plant. This also links in with our topic learning for this term 'Food and Farming.' The children have worked hard on understanding how to write instructions and incorporating instructional language into their writing.

In Maths we have wrapped up our learning on solving word problems and then moved onto looking at shapes. We have been focusing on recognising and naming both 2D and 3D shapes. Vocabulary sheets will be coming home with the children over the next week to further support their learning.

We have been getting creative this week and making fruit faces! The children have been looking at the work of Guiseppe Arcimboldo and how he created painted portraits of people using fruits and vegetables. The children gave this a go by cutting and sticking fruit and veg onto face templates as a practice before they create their own food portraits.

Reminders

- Trip to Hamptonne, Wednesday 12th June. If you can help with this trip, please contact your child's teacher.
- Please ensure everything comes into school named. If items are lost, we will endeavour to locate them, but we are sure you appreciate this is made increasingly more difficult when items aren't named.
- Please, please, please, read with your child as often as possible, and sign their reading diary.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert

Year 2

Another fabulous, jam packed week in Year 2! Thank you to all those that helped on our trip to the Eric Young Foundation this week. The children had a great time exploring the grounds, learning about the parts of a plant and even had time to sketch different orchids too.

We were also lucky enough to meet Erin from the National Trust on Tuesday afternoon to plant a pollinator patch in the school grounds. Hopefully this will bloom with poppies, red campion, ox eyed daisies, cornflowers and dandelions over the summer and attract wildlife to our wonderful garden area.

In writing this week, we have continued looking at recounts and working on expanding noun phrases to make our writing more exciting to read. Next week, the children will have the chance to show off everything they have learnt in an independent write. The children will be writing a recount of our trip to the Orchid Foundation, ensuring they are writing in the past tense, in time order and using time connectives (first, next, then, after, finally) as well as expanded noun phrases (e.g. delicate, soft petal).

In maths, the children have started a new unit all about money. By the end of Year 2, children should be able to recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p), be able to combine amounts to make a particular value and find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money. At home, it would be beneficial for children to handle and identify different coins and notes. Once they can identify the value of each coin, counting a pile of coins is always a fun activity. As always, thank you for your support with this.

We hope you have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Kindest regards,

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

We returned to our Monday lessons with a snappy snake in our Maker Space session this week! The children had to work together, following instructions on how to build a snake out of Lego. Then they needed to attach a sensor and computer to the snake so that they could programme it to open and close it's jaws when it sensed something was close by. It was SSSsssssensational!

The children have finished writing biographies about Gerald Durrell and will be looking at leaflets that we could find in the Zoo or at a Vet. The leaflets will explain how we care for and protect animals. If you visit a pet shop, vet or the Zoo this weekend then please collect any leaflets about animals that you find to bring in and share.

Next week, our spelling pattern will be words ending in **-ly**. Words such as **happily, angrily, gently, simply, humbly** and **nobly** will be included and the children will be writing these in complete sentences on Monday morning.

Telling the time and understanding how many seconds there are in a minute, how many minutes there are in an hour and converting between these units of measurements are all going to be a focus of learning in Maths next week. Here are two short videos to help support understanding of time at home...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxA2mt27lM0> (6mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nus0XJ6Do9o> (7mins)

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

Best wishes,

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Year 4

The children in Year Four have been up to lots of activities this week.

In English we have been planning our own Persuasive Letters about topics we are interested in relating to our Topic. These include, littering, looking after sea life and recycling!

In Science we have been looking at evaporation and condensation. We have discussed how puddles evaporate on a sunny day and how this may change month to month.

In Maths, we have continuing with Geometry and also explored Roman Numerals. This included making our own Roman Numeral poster and our own tricky questions to test our friends!

The children are making superb progress in their swimming lessons. On Monday we have our PJ swimming session, these cannot be onesies or fluffy PJs and they must have long sleeves. Please also ensure swimming suits are still worn underneath PE kits on Monday morning as PJs will not be worn for the whole session.

Please could we also ensure girls hair is tied as we have had a few head lice cases recently, so it is important we keep hair tied back in School.

We are also going to St Clements Parish Hall on Wednesday 7th June. 4T will be going between 8.30–10.15am, 4C: 9.50–11.30am. If you are available to help with this, please could you email to let us know.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

All the best,

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Year 5

This week in writing we planned and wrote our independent write. All the children wrote a diary entry as if they were a child from London during The Blitz. They had to write the diary in first person, using time connectives and their thoughts and feelings.

In maths, we brought all of our mathematical knowledge and skills together from our fractions and decimals chapter to complete our percentages lessons. We learnt how to convert fractions to decimals and to percentages.

In PE, we have continued our dance lessons and will be creating our own group dances next week.

In topic, we have started to learn about propaganda in WW2 and how this was used by governments to spread information, this was used for good and bad during the war.

In makerspace, we finished our radio broadcasts ready to make an online radio using coding next week.

Please can all children bring their laptops fully charged every day next week.

We have noticed a lot of children coming to school with incorrect school uniform, letters from Mr Cooper have started to go out. Please check the school website for guidance on our school uniform <https://www.dauvergne.sch.je/parents-area/school-uniform/>.

Thank you for your support.

Year 5

Year 6

This week has been a hugely important week for all of those in Year 6. Whilst there have been some worries about the KS2 assessments, we have worked hard to instil a positive growth mindset with the children: that we don't need to worry when we are trying our best. We could not be prouder of the year 6 children this year. Their efforts throughout the year have been phenomenal and we have no doubt that they have done themselves – and us – proud during these tests. We hope that the children have had a memorable week with a lot of enjoyment, too. They certainly seemed pleased that they had a small continental breakfast at school on Tuesday! In between tests, we have enjoyed some artwork about identity where children have been exploring the art and uniqueness of the *fingerprint*.

School walk:

On Monday 19th June we will be doing our School Walk to St Aubin's and back. Any parents or carers supporting with this would be greatly appreciated.

Home Learning WB Monday 22nd May.

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

Maths: Maths Tutor and TT Rockstars.

Spelling: See Google Classroom.

Achievers

Please join us in celebrating the achievements of all year 6's this week. We have had an incredibly busy term filled with fun and a lot of effort. They should feel a great sense of accomplishment to complete their KS2 assessments and they should be very proud of themselves. Well done, **everyone!**
