

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

I am delighted to inform you that I have appointed Mrs Alex Wheaton as my Deputy Head, a promotion from her current role of Assistant Head Teacher. Mrs Wheaton will not have a class responsibility from September, but shall work alongside me and other colleagues developing the strategic direction of the school. Our joint commitment is, as always, to provide the highest quality education and care that we are able to for your children.

This appointment is one of many that we have made over the last month or so. Interviews continue this morning (Saturday) and next Tuesday for our final teaching positions. Jersey is in an education recruitment crisis and I am doing everything possible to minimise the impact on our school. This morning I am interviewing a prospective colleague from Cairo, via Teams; we are having to cast the net very wide to respond to the extreme shortage of staff we are facing.

Early next half term, I shall be able to inform you of the placement of teaching staff for next September.

This week, we have many attachments to this newsletter – please do take a moment to look at them.

Finally, my apologies to those children who are having a birthday over this half-term. I have a pile of written birthday cards prepared for them from me, but did not get a chance to distribute them yesterday. So **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Elsie, Baylee, Anthony, Olivia, Bonnie B., Michael-Lea, Anakin, Ari and Francesca. I shall give you your cards after half-term.

Have a great break everyone.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures

This week has been the final week of our transport topic as we will be moving onto learning about animals and their habitats when we return after the break. To round the topic off, the children have had the opportunity to use some programmable cars, navigating them around the classroom, they have experimented making a range of different types of tyre tracks in the mud, as well as describing recreating a map of the things they see along our route to swimming!

As promised, please see below some photographs of our recent Wet Wheels trip. It was a fantastic experience for the children, and we will be looking at more dates to get out with them during the final half term.



Wishing you a very happy half term.
Mrs Mason & The Futures Team

Nursery

They did it! Your hardy little learners **marched** all the way from St Aubin's up to the Elephant Park. We discovered many a treat on the way including fairy gardens and diggers. They ate, played and smiled like troopers and a few even snoozed on the way home. Huge thanks to our adults that came along and helped – it was a cracking day.

We have also been squeezing in our Drawing Club during **Key Group** time, with 4 traditional tales read and 4 pictures drawn, discussed and questioned by their peers.

Our "vvv" **sound** is a stretchy one this week and we have been flapping like "vultures" to help the sound stick.

Thank you everyone for your suncream and hat diligence – it is much appreciated.

Have a lovely half term – just 7 more weeks in Nursery ... we don't want to pass your children up yet!

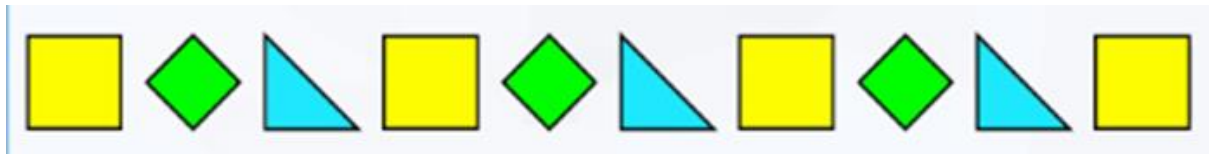
Enjoy,

Mr du Feu & Team

Reception

This week the children have been learning all about shape and spotting them in our everyday environment such as the signs around the school or outside, the windows, the books amongst many many more objects, why not have a look at the shapes you can see when out and about. We have introduced to lots of new vocabulary including sides, corners, the 2D and 3D names of the shapes as well as looking at the 2D shapes we can spot in the 3D shapes (I can see there are two circles in a cylinder).

We have not stopped there; the children have been using shapes to make their own repeating patterns and even spot mistakes in the pattern. Can you create any repeating patterns at home? You could use everyday objects that represent a shape, have a go and see, we would love to see your creations!



With the weather heating up, please can we ask that suncream is applied before the children arrive at school, they are equipped with their sun hats and plenty of water, learning is thirsty work!

Next half term our topic will be 'Beside the Sea' and we can not wait! The children will be listening to stories such as 'The snail and the whale' and 'The lighthouse keepers' lunch', I wonder what those pesky seagulls will be pinching from Mr Grinings picnic basket? Why not make the most of our beautiful beaches and head to the beach and see what you see, a little bit a rock pooling maybe or a picnic of your own- watch out for those seagulls!

Enjoy your half term and we look forward to seeing everyone very soon.
Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rachel Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Gina Hill

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Year 1

We have had a busy week in year 1!

In Literacy we have been marking our unaided writing from last week. Each child has gone through their writing 1:1 with their class teacher and discussed what they did brilliantly, and all children should now be aware of any targets they have for their writing going forward. The writing that the children have produced this half term is fantastic and a copy of their writing will be sent home with your child.

In Maths this week we have finished our learning on shapes. The children have been looking around the classroom, identifying and labelling a range of both 2D and 3D shapes. The shapes they have been focusing on are Squares, Circles, Triangles, Rectangles, Cubes, Cuboids, Pyramids and Spheres. Children would benefit from consolidation with this at home.

During our topic sessions this week we have been reading the book 'Handa's Surprise' and thinking about where all the different fruit in the book comes from. We have been looking at world maps and globes and have been discussing the 7 continents. We have then written about where in the world we would like to visit and why.

We have also been getting creative this week and have been drawing our own portraits in the style of Guiseppe Arcimboldo. Once the children had drawn their portraits using fruit, they then chose whether to either paint or use pastels to add colour to their portraits.

Reminders:

- Please continue to read with your child at home every day and record this in your child's homework diary.
- Please encourage your child to practice their spellings every day.
- With the warmer weather coming please send your child in with a named hat and suncream to top up with throughout the day.
- We have our Hamptonne trip coming up on Wednesday 14th June.
- We have our school walk on 19th June. Please send your child in with a hat that day.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert

Year 2

Year 2 have worked their socks off this term and are definitely ready for a holiday!

We have completed an assessment piece of writing- a recount of our visit to the Eric Young Orchid Foundation. Every child has shown progress from their last piece of assessed writing just before Easter. Of course, we still have 7 weeks to go after the break and we will be doing our upmost to ensure that your child meets their current writing targets and is 'writing ready' for Key Stage 2.

We have one more week on money after the break. Several children came home with a note in their planner asking for your help with coin recognition. If you can find any coins in the bottom of bags or down the sofa that your child could sort, say the value of, add together, find coins of the same value, that would be a great help.

The Year 2 team are delighted to welcome Miss Davies back after the holiday and would like to say a massive 'thank you' to Mrs. Wilkinson for teaching 2D in her absence.

Have a great week in the sunshine wherever you may be.

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

On Monday the children had their final Lego WeDo session with Mr. Livesey, using the ipads to follow building and programming moving creatures. After half term we shall be continuing with Maker Space Sessions each Monday as we explore our Science learning about LIGHT!

Our **PE days will remain the same after Half Term – Tuesdays and Thursdays.** In both sessions we will be focussing on Athletic skills such as throwing, running and jumping. Please continue to reinforce the throwing and batting or catching skills that the children have developed in Tennis over the last half term. We are very excited to be sending ten Year 3 children to a school tennis tournament in June.

Encourage telling the time at home, using an analogue clock, as well as solving problems involving how long something has taken to do. The children should also be able to tell you all about why February has an extra day every four years!

Our new topic will be 'Tribal Tales'. The children will all be coming home with useful words and phrases that we would like you to explore and discuss with them at home. To help, we taught them about the

discovery of the Cave Paintings in Lascaux, France. Please ask the children to recall the story of their discovery to you and explain how they have been cave painting themselves at school!

Please let us know if you can join us for a day at 'La Hougue Bie' on Wednesday, 12th July from 10am – 2.30pm for a day of historical discovery, art and exploration.

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

Best wishes,

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Year 4

This week we have been busy finishing off lots of work before the half term.

We have finished our persuasive letters to encourage people to protect our environment. We have written them in neat and they look wonderful in our independent write folders – well done year 4!

Secondly, we have finished our Maths subjects. For 4C, they have been looking at measurement and for 4T they have been looking at time. It has been great to see the children working on their times tables the last few weeks. Over the holidays, could we encourage the children to practise their 6, 7 and 8 times tables and be accessing Maths Tutor. It is a brilliant resource that the children really ought to be using when possible. After half term, 4C will be looking at time and a vocabulary sheet has been sent home today so please read over this during the break.

In Science this week we have looked at the water cycle. We have looked at the scientific words for a substance to change form from a solid, liquid to a gas and back again. The children have really enjoyed this subject and it has been wonderful to teach.

In Art this week, we have been looking at fish and using water colours. the children are very talented artists – well done everyone.

In Reading, we have also been using our geographical knowledge about where the Isles of Scilly are and using our laptops to help us explore this on Google Maps–well done Year 4!

Lastly, swimming was fantastic! The children finished their last session for this year on Wednesday and showed brilliant skills leading up to it. Well done year 4, you have progressed so much! Miss Condlyffe and Miss Trigg are very proud of all your effort this term. We would also like to extend a warm thank you to all the parent helpers that have made this possible. Thank you!

Next term, we have lots of exciting things happening. We have Mr Meloy from Jersey Cricket coming to join us to teach Cricket on Mondays and Rob continuing to teach PE on Fridays. Please could we ask the children to wear their PE kits on these days and remind them to pack their hats and suncream also.

Additionally, we have a trip on the 7th June with the Jersey Conservation Trust at St Clements Parish Hall and one following on the 22nd June to do a sightseeing tour around Jersey with 'Jersey Duchess'. We are super excited for the trips and would love any help that you could offer. Thank you.

We wish you a very rested half term and we look forward to seeing you next term.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Trigg and Miss Condlyffe

Year 5

This week in writing we have looked at what we have achieved in year 5 so far. We discussed what learning we have completed and the many trips and experiences we have had including The Scout Hut, our French lessons, topic days and much more! We all discussed our favourite parts and what we have improved on during our time in year 5 so far.

In maths, we started a new chapter Geometry. We have named and measured angles. We have learnt how to use a protractor, and this can be tricky but we have a few steps to follow to make sure we are correctly using the protractor. Ask your child if they can remember the steps.

In PE, we finished our dance sessions by putting all the steps we have learnt together. It looked great and all the children have made great progress in this.

In topic, we have made propaganda posters in the style of WW2. We then discussed how propaganda is still used today and created our own poster to persuade others on something important to us.

In Maker Space, we used coding to create a radio. This was a great end to our Maker Space this year. The children have learnt a lot during these sessions, and we send a massive thank you to Mr Livesey for all his hard work.

As the weather is getting warmer, please remember to make sure your child is bringing in a water bottle every day to school. You might want to send your child in with a hat and suncream. The children can apply their own suncream at school but should not be sharing it with others.

We hope you have a great half term.

Year 6

In Writing, we have been writing speeches for the *Speak Up, Speak Out* competition. Children are writing with passion about the following topics:

- What equality means to me
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- What makes me unique
 - The most inspirational person to me
 - My most significant experience

We have learned about rhetorical devices such as exaggeration, 'rule of three', and how metaphors can assist with performing impactful and inspiration speeches.

In Maths, we are continuing our work with decimals and percentages and the children have also been designing a poster about 3D shapes.

In Reading, we have resumed where we left off with the Secret of Platform 13. We have now met 'Prince Raymond' and the children suspect that he is not a very nice character at all!

Additionally, we have had a busy week with PWC Hive Hackers helping the children to learn how to code, and we had the last practise for the Gaelic Football tournament and are ready for the tournament on Friday 9th June! We will be sending a letter about this trip to arrange pickup and walking home arrangements/permissions from Springfield Stadium.

As the weather is getting warmer and sunnier, please apply suncream to children before school and give suncream to your child to bring to school to use for themselves (not to be shared with others). A reusable bottle of water is essential and you may want your child to bring a hat into school to wear when outside.

Important dates for next term:

- **From Monday 5th June** – *Speak Up, Speak Out* competition starts (children rehearsing their own speeches). 10th July will be the final performance at the Radisson hotel, against other primary schools
- **Friday 9th June** – 9:00–2:30 Gaelic football tournament at Springfield
- **Monday 19th June** – School walk
- **Sunday 25th June** – 11–4pm d'Auvergne Family Fun Day
- **Thursday 6th and Friday 7th July** – Secondary school transition
- **Thursday 13th July** – 6–8pm Leaver's disco
- **Wednesday 19th July** – 5–7pm Leaver's BBQ
- **Friday 21st July** – 9:30am Leaver's assembly

Home Learning WB Monday 5th June

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

Maths: Maths Tutor and TT Rockstars.

Spellings: See Google Classroom.

Speeches: Getting inspired about speeches, thinking about their passions and how to deliver a speech emotively. Please speak to your child about their speech. There is no actual work for this apart from their speech on their Google Drive.

Achievers

The achiever in 6B this week is someone who always puts in 100% with their learning, their extra curricular activities, and presents her work beautifully every time... Amelia has shown great progress over the year, but has been consistent with how beautiful her work is every time! Amelia, keep it up! Your help with the Eco Committee is also invaluable!

The achiever in 6H this week is Lucas P. He has really come out of his shell this year and his attitude in class has been spot on. Lucas has engaged in all lessons well and has shown his Computing ability in our session with Hive Hackers. Keep up the hard work Lucas!

Our achiever for 6AW is Yara. She has really excelled while making her paper mâché diary front cover. Yara LOVES art and really enjoys letting her creative flare out, however she has really out done herself and set the d'Auvergne standard with this project!
