

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Head Teacher's Comments

We are fully gearing up to our production of Oliver! The sound system and lights have been delivered, the stage and backdrop are going up on Monday, costumes are being finalised. It is really going to be a highlight of our calendar and my thanks to all involved – young and old(er).

Yesterday d'Auvergne children were recorded reciting poems in home languages, Jerriais and French by BBC Radio Jersey:

As d'Auvergne is leading on the development of languages in Jersey schools, our children were invited to recite poems in home languages, Jerriais and French by BBC Radio Jersey to celebrate World Poetry Day taking place next Tuesday. **The children's recording will be broadcast on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> March between 7am and 9am.**

Well done to the following children:

- Maya Fenlon (Lithuanian poem)
- Lena Gujska (Polish poem)
- Kelly Mendonca (Portuguese poem)
- David Epure Popescu (Romanian poem)
- Alexandra Marie (Romanian poem)
- Ada Papworth (Jerriais poem)
- Anaiya Carter (Jerriais poem)
- Tristan Curtiss (Jerriais poem)
- Tadhg Fletcher (Jerriais poem)
- Bonnie Toner (French poem)
- Bonnie Boylan (French poem)
- Gurmaham Kaur (Punjabi poem)
- Paloma Spinola (French poem)

## Red Nose Day School Council Cake Sale

School Council raised the fabulous amount of £367.40 today. Well done to all involved and thank you to Mrs Huelin for your efforts!

## Parent Consultations

It is very important that you meet your child's teacher to discuss their progress. If you haven't made an appointment for next week, please do make contact. **At the moment, 97% of parents have done so.**

Have a great weekend everyone – particularly the mums!

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

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## Year Group Updates

### Futures

We have had such a wonderful week. Our bean seeds have begun to sprout roots, our sunflower seeds are beginning to shoot and our potatoes are growing tall and strong!

We had a great time at Durrell zoo visiting the polytunnels, Nick showed us all the different plants that he needs to grow for all the animals and we even got to have a go at planting our own pak choi! We hope to return again in the summer term so we can see how our seedlings have grown.

The weather stayed dry, so we were able to have a walk around the rest of the zoo and spot some of the animals. We saw the orangutans being fed and the lemurs sunbathing in the window!



Have a great weekend,  
Mrs Mason & The Futures Team

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## Nursery

It has been lovely to welcome some families in this week to discuss the progress your children have made. With coughs and sneezes, wind and rain - it has added to the beautiful madness that we all love in Nursery!

Our **Key Group** learning has been a mixed bag of Jenga team work skills, woodwork flowers, hand printed cards and coloured patterns in maths ... wow! These sessions are short and sharp but really allow us to understand how each of the children process information and ultimately learn new skills.

With such changeable weather it is really noticeable the **independent** pupils who can pop on boots, puddle suits, coats as well as change soggy items of clothing fuss free. We thank you for the tough love and support this must have taken!

For children still working on these skills - please persist; they will get there (I know they love this phrase) and be **"Reception Ready"** 😊

Have an awesome weekend,  
Mr du Feu & Team

## Reception

What another super week!

On Monday we took our magnifying glasses, bug catchers, binoculars and checklists and all went off on a minibeast hunt to see what we could find living in our school grounds. We were delighted to find such a variety - woodlice, spiders, ants, worms, beetles...the list goes on.



We then thought of sentences we could write about our adventure and even used adjectives to describe the different minibeasts. For example: I saw a big, fat, slimy slug. I found a long, wiggly worm. Once we'd had a practise, we then wrote our sentences independently without any help from the grown ups. We remembered to use our 'fred fingers' to sound out the words and thought carefully about our letter formation.

Thank you for all your support with learning at home, it really does make a difference when the children are sharing reading with you, practising their sounds, letter formation and spellings. We are lucky to have just received some brand new books for Reception so you should see these coming home soon. Even if your child is not at the stage of reading independently yet, then please continue to read to them. It's vital that our children are exposed to the wonderful world of story telling and a

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chance to hear new and interesting vocabulary. Reception will continue to change their library books on Thursdays so please ensure **all** d'Auvergne school books along with homework diaries, are kept in your child's book bag. The diary needs to be signed every day so they get into the habit of doing this in preparation for Year 1.

The photographer came in this week to take a **class photo**. Have a rummage in your child's book bag for the QR code and access code so you can order your photo. Their first school class photos are lovely to look back on in years to come.

Reminders: Please send in a **water bottle** with your child every day. They get thirsty!

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

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### **Year 1**

In Literacy this week we have been writing about how to be a good pirate. We have been focusing in using capital letters, full stops and adjectives in our writing. We have also been developing our stamina for writing.

In maths we been focusing on subtracting numbers between 20. Children would benefit from consolidation at home.

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March we will be going on a trip to St. Mark's Church. We will be leaving school at approximately 12:30pm and should be returning by 2:30pm. If you are able to support us with this trip please let your child's class teacher know.

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March Year 1 will be having a Pirate Day! Children can come in dressed as pirates. If you have any junk modelling materials, please bring these in as the children will have the opportunity to build pirate ships in groups along with other fun pirate themed activities!

Could we please remind parents to try and read with their children as often as possible, ideally for 10 minutes every day, and record this in your child's homework diary.

Parent evening consultation slots are now available. You can book these through parent mail.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert.

### **Year 2**

This week has been all about assessment in Year 2! We have been really pleased with the children's attitude to the assessment process with the children giving their best efforts. As part of the learning process, we have been through the answers with the children so that they can see how well they have

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done and also have an awareness of the areas they need to work on We will share the outcome of these with you during Parent's Consultations next week.

As part of our Design Technology project this term, we are looking at making a contraption to keep an egg safe when dropped from a height. It would be much appreciated if you could save some yogurt pots and egg boxes which the children can use for this project. These can be given to your child's class teacher.

We have also been working on our understanding of the Easter Story and exploring the different symbols and their meanings. This work will lead a beautiful collaborative piece of artwork which will be on display in the Big Hall soon!

The children continue to develop their computing skills and have been digital artists for the last few weeks. If you log in to their Purple Mash accounts they will be able to show you the skills they have been using.

Next week, we are back to writing our chick booklets, which we hope to have on display before the end of term. We are so pleased with the stamina that the children are developing for writing.

Please continue to read with your children at home for 10 minutes or more and practise their times tables, we will be moving on to fractions soon and they will certainly help the children with their understanding for this.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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### **Year 3**

What a busy week!

This week we have had the chance to speak to two different visitors about their religion. On Tuesday we were lucky to have Easter in a Box, where the children learnt about the Easter story in a movie style. We have also had a visit from a member of the Hindu community today, where she introduced the children to the Hindu festival of Holi. We asked her questions about Hinduism and other festivals that Hindus celebrate.

As the children have been watering and taking care of our different plants, the tomatoes, spinach and sunflowers have started to germinate. Our courgettes need some more time but we can't wait to see them sprouting soon.

For our final week of Hive Hackers, the children brought together all of the coding skills they have learnt to create their own game based on flappy birds.

Next week, our spelling pattern will be words ending with the suffix '**suffix -ian**' for example **electrician, mathematician, musician**. During the spelling checks each Monday, the

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children have to write the red words into a sentence to show their understanding. Please continue to make sure that the children are also learning the red words and their meaning.

Just a reminder that our zoo trip will be next term on Wednesday, 26th April. We are still looking for volunteers to support us for the day. Please email us if you are able to help.

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

Best wishes,

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#### **Year 4**

A successful week for year 4. They've completed all their PIRA, PUMA and GAPS tests this week as well as completed their independent writes. It has been brilliant to see their progress since last term – well done 4T and 4P.

Although we have been busy with tests, we have also had a lot of fun along the way. We had a brilliant Engineer in on Monday to talk to the children about life as an Engineer and we have started a wonderful book called 'The Last Viking'. Lastly, in PE this week, the children organised small cricket games, using everything they've learned so far.

Next Wednesday, we have our Viking Day. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed up for this day. We've got some exciting things planned and can't wait!

Well done all! Happy St Patrick's day to all our Irish friends and Happy Mummy's Day to all the mothers of 4T and 4P.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind Regards,

Miss Trigg and Mrs Prothero

#### **Year 5**

On Tuesday this week in Year 5, we went on our activity morning to Haute Vallee. The children had the opportunity to participate in an English lesson, Chemistry lesson and a DT lesson. The children had a great time and came home with a key chain, that they made, which we're sure they have shared with you. We look forward to working more closely with Haute Vallee in the future.

We have started to look at a new short text, Jimmy and the Pharaoh, from this we will learn how to convert a narrative into a playscript. Ask your child what the key features of a playscript are.

In science, we have been finishing our science experiment, 'Which substance will preserve the tomato the best?' We have revealed the condition of the tomatoes, as we are sure your child has explained, some of them were particularly disgusting. We put the results into the bar chart using our computing skills, wrote up our results and reflected back on our original predictions.

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Please remember next Friday we are going to FB Fields for an athletics morning, please ensure your child is wearing full PE kit and a warm coat.

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## **Year 6**

What a busy week! Children have been 'grilling' Christian's, courtesy of Jersey Baptist Church. We are so impressed with the depth of questioning from children who are asking deep, philosophical questions. Not only this but d'Auvergne has been pitted against other primary schools to be the biggest quiz-brain at the De Putron Challenge! Unfortunately, d'Auvergne did not make it to the final, however our huge achievement is this: Out of 24 schools competing across the island, *all* were challenged with building a car powered by an inflated balloon. 23 schools' cars did not leave the finish line but d'Auvergne's car was 0-60 and this task was won with no doubt! A huge well done to our team: Billy, Evie, Harry and Lennon.

In Writing, children have been writing a biography about Usain Bolt in preparation for our independent writes on Muhammad Ali. Children are writing exceptionally and naturally are extending their writing beyond what is being asked. Keep using conjunctions and parenthesis!

In Maths, we are still moving through fractions and are ready for decimals. We are reminding ourselves of the crucial skills of multiples and factors, and how these are related to each other. Please ensure that children are practising their times tables and are using their knowledge of this to make connections between numbers (and denominators of fractions).

In Reading, children are thoroughly enjoying Pig Heart Boy. This week we have learned that Dr Bryce seems to be enjoying Cam's breaking news more than we thought he would. Children are developing their speaking skills and are speedily finding definitions and synonyms of new words, then using them in their own writing.

For next week, please note the parent mail which explains about the Athletic event on Wednesday 22nd. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers through our doors once again for parent consultations. If you have not booked a meeting, then please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

## **Home Learning WB Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**Maths:** Maths Tutor and TT Rockstars.

**KS2 Assessment texts:** We will send more texts home in the next few weeks, along with an exercise book to complete questions.

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**Spelling:** This week's spellings are focused on **tricky words**:

- leisure
- language
- privilege
- restaurant
- achieve
- secretary
- yacht
- soldier
- physical
- stomach

**Achievers**

The achiever in 6H this week is Sophia. What a truly fantastic artist this young lady is! During our art sessions this week, Sophia has shown an incredible eye for detail and has shown that persistence pays off! She is a master of the arts, producing some inspirational work on Muhammad Ali, which any museum owner would be proud to display! Excellent job Sophia, keep it up!

The achiever in 6B this week is Lexy. Lexy has powered her creative side and has started an interesting mosaic of Muhammad Ali. Lexy it is wonderful to see your confidence shine through and we all look forward to seeing the finished piece on display! Fantastic work!

The achiever this week, in 6AW, is Adam! Well done Adam, I have really appreciated all of your contributions this week to our class discussions. You are applying yourself to your tasks much more consistently and your efforts are ever increasing. Keep pushing yourself, you're doing a great job.

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