

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

The year is coming to a close for the children, but it is still full steam ahead!

You will get a sense from the updates below of how productive we continue to be.

In respect to 'productivity', many thanks to those families who are going to help with the polytunnel / veg gardens this summer. There promises to be a bumper crop of salads for these families to enjoy...hope they like tomatoes!!

Our recent Transition Day went very well. It was fabulous to welcome the 'newbie' staff to d'Auvergne from around Europe, giving your children an opportunity to meet their new teacher. We are good to go!

French Festival

The French Festival takes place in St Helier between 12th and 16th July.

Please have a look at the attached leaflet with the Festival's programme. There are many activities and opportunities to immerse every participant in French culture.

Summer Building Works

A reminder that d'Auvergne will be busy during the holidays. The Pirate Ship is being replaced and the new fencing is being erected. If your child usually plays on our grounds unaccompanied, I would strongly recommend you join them as there will be much heavy machinery around.

Tamariki Holiday Club and our Summer School are aware, and we shall work around the contractors. What we can't manage is other children on-site, unaccompanied.

Thanks for helping us keep everyone safe.

Special Mention

A shout out from me to Mr Coyne, who has been 'flying solo' as Caretaker over the last few weeks. A building of this size, with associated grounds, requires a lot of maintenance. Mr Coyne has been working his socks off! Thank you, Mr Coyne. Give him a wave / toot of appreciation!

Have a great weekend everyone.

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures

Thank you so much for your time last week when you came to meet Matt Williams, our Futures 2 teacher, and Sally Lacy-Kerr our new SENDCO. I hope you found your child's report interesting and informative and, as discussed, we hope to be able to open parental access to Earwig in the near future.

This week has been busy as always, with a visit from Mrs Bailey's dog Shadow and her two guinea pigs, King Bob and Dottie. The children enjoyed meeting them and took part in an activity where they had to sort out the different items needed to care for each animal.

Our three KS2 children took part in a 'Fun Festival' held at Les Quennevais Sports Centre, where they experienced archery, boules and cycling. Our d'Auvergne team came second overall! Well done boys.

Next week we all have another cycling session on Wednesday and our final Healing Waves session of the season on Friday. Weather permitting, we would like to picnic on the beach after our session so please pack an appropriate lunch on that day.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Mason & the Futures team

Nursery

Well, we really have been suffering in Nursery! **Illness**, coughs, tummies and everything in-between. The staff and children have attempted to smile through this summer spate of poorly humans - and have (hopefully) come out the other side.

I believe Water Play was a huge hit so thank you to everyone who embraced this summer fun. In addition to this we have been finishing off our Quirk **learning** by designing and making rockets for them to fly back to their planet in. They have LOVED this element of play and imagination.

Next Wednesday we are heading out west and are still welcoming volunteer parents who may wish to venture to the **Sand Dunes** with us. Please let any of our Team know, if you wish to join us.

I cannot believe the year is nearly done ... your wonderful children make us proud EVERY single day.

Thank you for all your support,

Mr du Feu & Team

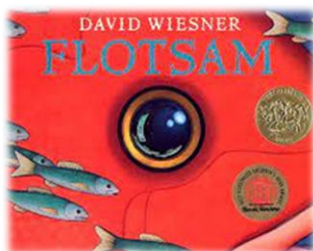
Reception

This week Reception have been busy looking at money! We have looked at what coins we have, their colour, shape and value. We looked at which coins have more value than others, how we could make an amount less than 10 pence and how this could be done by using different coins (5p + 5p or 2p + 2p + 2p + 2p).

At home and if you *miraculously* have coins to play with, please can you encourage your child to pay with coins for something whether in a shop or pretend at home. This not only introduces them to money, the recognition of coins and their value but also reinforces their number knowledge for example 5 + 5 makes 10 so I know that 5p + 5p makes 10p. Remind the children we can only make an amount using the coins we have as we do not have 7p coins! Happy shopping.

We have continued to look closely at the detail in the picture book Flotsam and have created our very own detailed drawings, recognising the concentration and patience it takes to go that extra mile when

drawing. To do this, the children looked closely at their own eyes with a mirror, spotting that they are not just blue, green or brown but how they have a range of colours, lines and spots.



Finally, can we just take this opportunity to say a BIG thank you to you all for your continued support throughout the year, it has been a whirlwind adventure and one that we hope your child has thoroughly enjoyed just as much as us! Have an amazing summer and we can't wait to see you shine in Year one.

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Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy week! In Literacy the children have been independently writing their own stories inspired by the story 'Supertato!' This is something the children have really enjoyed. They have thought of their own characters and used some fantastic adjectives to describe them. The children then thought of their own problem to add into their story. Evil Pea has been up to mischief! Finally, the children have come up with some creative endings about how Supertato saved the day!

In Maths we have been looking at money. The children have been recognising both British coins and notes. We have been looking at the value of the coins and notes and working out which note, and coin is the most or least amount of money.

We have been listening to and familiarising ourselves with the story of Jesus and Feeding the Five Thousand this week. The children have discussed the story, the message that the story gives and what a miracle is. The children then drew a scene from the story and described what was happening.

Reminders:

- Please continue to read with your child every night.
- There are no spellings for the last week of term however, if you wish you can practice some previous spellings.
- If you have any Read Write Inc or class reading books at home, please can they be returned.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert.

Year 2

This week, Year 2 have continued to learn to tell the time in our maths lessons. As you can imagine, this is a challenge with a class of 26 children! We would therefore ask if you could support your child grasp this life skill with regular practise over the summer holidays. It is important that they learn to tell the time on an analogue clock (one with a minute and hour hand) as well as on a digital clock.

As we near the end of the academic year, we have been reviewing the spellings that the children have been bringing home each week to ensure that they have retained them. We will continue with this review until the bitter end!

We would ask for you to send in a carrier bag on Monday so that we can begin to collate and pack away books and belongings for your child to bring home. At d'Auvergne, we recognise that learning is a continuous journey, so we will be sending Year 2 curriculum books to the next teacher in Year3. In September on their return to school, the children will simply turn the next page to continue their learning journey. These books, when complete, will make their way home too.

Throughout this last term, we have seen the children blossom and grow in confidence. We rightly expect so much of them. When we say goodbye to them at the end of the day and hand them over to you, we are able to see that they are still so young! It is amazing the skills and knowledge that 6- and 7-year-olds are able to master.

They are certainly ready for Year 3 but are ours for one more week to enjoy!

Year 3

What an amazing start to the week in the Maker Space, continuing our science learning about light. The children started to design and make their puppets. Next week, we will finish the puppets and get performing. We are so looking forward to the shows!

At La Hougue Bie, we were so proud of the children for listening well to Charlie, who told us the tale of how La Hougue Bie was made – in Jerriais and again in English. We hope the children have shared this tale with you? It involved a fire breathing dragon, an evil slave and the fabulous Lord Hanby! We were able to chat with Helen the historian, who taught us that it took about fifty hours to smooth and polish a flint stone! Finally, we all had to bend down and clamber along the passage under the mound. It was cold, dark and wet inside so we had to go in small groups. The cap stones were ENORMOUS!

It really was a fabulous way to end our topic and Year 3.



A huge thank you to all the parents and adults that were able to join us for the day to make it so special. It is very much appreciated that time is taken out of your normal day to help make these days possible.

The children have one week left in Year 3 and we are busy chatting with their next teachers to make sure the transition is as smooth as possible. If you have any worries or questions about Year 4, please do pop us an email to let us know if we can help,

Best wishes,

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Year 4

This week we have had a super week in Year Four!

We have been finishing our work on Poetry, specifically looking at Personification! We have been thinking of human features and how we can tie this in with our rhyming poems about city environments.

Secondly, we have been looking at money and decimals in 4C and 4T and continuing to re-enforce our work on time. Please can we remind parents and children that they could be using Mathletics and Maths Tutor to consolidate their learning.

In Science this week, we have finished our work on electricity, looking at electrical appliances, simple circuits and conductors/insulators. This will really help the children as they progress with their Science work next year.

We also had a super visit from an author, on Tuesday afternoon, reading us her new book about the water cycle around Jersey which linked brilliantly with our Blue Abyss Topic. We are very excited to be able to have a copy of this book in our classrooms next year!

Next week, is our last week of School before the Summer holidays. It is normal lessons for all the children, so PE kit is still to be worn on Monday and Friday for cricket and PE. Thank you.

We wish you all a very happy weekend and thank for your continued support,

Miss Trigg and Miss Condlyffe

Year 5

This week has been a busy one in Year 5.

On Monday, we attended 'Speak Up, Speak Out' hosted at the Radisson Hotel. We watched some fantastic speeches delivered by Year 6 children from across the island on a range of important topics. This linked in well with our oracy agenda and what we have been practising in our learning. We are looking forward to having the opportunity to work towards this next year.

On Tuesday afternoon, we visited Highlands College for 'Safety In Action'. The children went round in groups to learn more about road, kitchen, beach, play and water safety, as well as First Aid. This was an incredibly valuable afternoon which was enjoyed by all!

In Writing, we have written our class persuasive text and planned and written our independent persuasive texts. The children worked hard to incorporate all of the features of a persuasive text and exciting sentence types. See if your child can tell you the features of a persuasive text that they included.

In Maths, we have started on Area and Perimeter. The children can apply their knowledge of addition and multiplication within this chapter.

For next week:

- Please can your child bring in 1 or 2 large plastic bags or 'bags for life' to empty their trays into and bring home their books in. **These will need to be brought in no later than THURSDAY 20TH.**
- Your child will be invited to bring in a toy of their choice on the last day of school (Friday 21st) to play with their friends, e.g. a board game. No electronics allowed! If your child brings in a toy, please understand that it will be your child's responsibility to ensure it is taken home in its original condition at the end of the day.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

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Year 6

We are increasingly busy in class, practising our leaver's assembly speeches and performances. Children are so excited for the assembly, and we are looking forward to seeing you all there!

The assembly is from 9:30-10:30 but we must be strict with time, so please feel free to arrive slightly earlier in preparation.

In Writing, we are writing our diary about the England trip. Children are putting together all the facts they can remember, and they are writing with natural flow. It has been fantastic to see how the children easily use a variety of punctuation and grammatical features in their writing, after working on these skills for almost a year.

In Maths, children have been plotting coordinates, expressing coordinates, and translating shapes across a four-quadrant grid. Some of this is tricky work – especially showing our grids with accuracy!

Next week:

- Please send us photos of your child in their early school years or as a baby if you haven't already. This is for the leaver's assembly slideshow.
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- Children should be practising their leaver's assembly speech, songs, and/or performances at home off-by-heart. Please support them with this. The songs are:
 - Hall of Fame – The Script
 - Bruno Mars – Count on Me
 - Miley Cyrus – Wherever I go
 - **Wednesday 19th:** Leaver's BBQ at 17:00. Please speak to your class teacher if your child has any dietary requirements such as gluten-free or vegan.
 - **Friday 21st:**
 - Please supply your child with a strong bag to take their workbooks home. It would be very helpful for parents and carers to take these bags at the end of the day – the books are very heavy with knowledge!
 - **9:15** – early arrival for leaver's assembly
 - **9:30** – assembly start
 - **10:30** – assembly finish
 - **14:45** – there will be a big clap for the children at the end of the day so it would be lovely to have a huge crowd of parents and carers for this!

Special mentions to Salma, Summer and Riley for their outstanding work at the *Speak Up, Speak Out* event at the Radisson hotel. Year 6 children across 12 schools performed their speeches to a very full audience of hundreds of Year 5 pupils. The competition was tough, and we are immensely proud of the year 6's speaking achievements this year. They have set a fierce example to the rest of the school in developing our skills in oracy. Thank you to everyone who took part and specifically Salma, Summer and Riley!
