

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Head Teacher's Comments**

A MASSIVE well done to all the children, staff and carers who did so well on today's school walk. It was quite an event and went extremely smoothly due to Miss Shurey's exemplary planning. Thank you all!

Last week, Year 6 had the BEST TIME EVER in Dorset. I have to say, I also thoroughly enjoyed their company and I congratulate them on all their achievements over the week. For many, these were numerous. Even getting on the ferry, for some, was a major accomplishment. My thanks to the wonderful team for their 'above and beyond' duties – it is very much appreciated by myself and carers (and we thank them for their kind words and gifts). The longer weekend was certainly needed by all.

## **Gates**

The school gates are now in working order. These are in place for the safety of our children during the school day.

They open at 06:45, close at 08:45, and re-open at 14:15 (ready for Nursery collection at 14:30).

Due to the outdoor activities that we have during school hours, we kindly request that you abide by these opening hours for collection of your child to reduce the amount the gates are open. The gates are open throughout the weekend (08:00 – 22:00) for community use.

Many thanks.

Have a lovely sunny weekend!

Mr Cooper

## **Year Group Updates**

### **Futures 1**

I hope you have all enjoyed the bank holidays we have been lucky to have this week. It has made for quite an unusual week for us, but we have still managed to cram loads in. Firstly, congratulations to all the children (and staff) who completed our walk today. It was extremely enjoyable and quite an accomplishment. The children loved walking through the woods, noticing the different plants and insets, and they particularly enjoyed the treat at the end!

We made the most of the pleasant weather on Tuesday and Wednesday and headed outside with our magnifying glasses and bug collecting jars. We learned where different minibeast can be found – underground, in the air, on trees etc. and tried looking closely at them to see if they had wings or to count how many legs they had. We used our picture cards to match and label them and then find them in our story book.

We have also been having some art sessions with Ms Keogh, who helped us make butterfly paintings, with beautiful, coloured wings.

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Wishing you a lovely weekend,  
Esther Mason

## **Futures 2**

Futures 2 have finished their work experience this week and we are all suitably exhausted. After the successful burger delivery service (in which Mr Williams managed to set off the whole school fire alarm) we safely made our very own BBQ flavoured pizza.

This week we also used the magic of green screen to film our very own 'robot' music video - it will hopefully be premiered in the first week of the new term. A different kind of magic was provided by our resident storyteller PJ! Next term we are lucky enough to now have an interactive storytelling session every Thursday! This week we went on a Bear Hunt!

Finally, we welcome Ms Phillips to the Futures team!  
Happy half term and we can't wait to see you all in a week for our new topic - SPACE & EXPLORATION!  
Best wishes  
The Futures 2 Team

## **Nursery**

Despite being a short week, we've been very busy down in Nursery!

We're very glad to see the sunshine and the children have enjoyed taking their play outside this week, even enjoying an alfresco lunch!

Please remember that your child should have suncream applied before school in the morning and a named suncream that remains at school. We will be encouraging the children to apply this independently so please help them with this at home too. Each child should also have a named sunhat brought into school each day - sometimes the sunshine breaks through and surprises us later on in the day.

Thank you to those parents who supported us on our school walk this week, the children were amazing and a credit to us all.

Miss Fage and the nursery team 😊

## **Reception**

It's been a lovely hot and sunny week albeit short with only three days at school. This week the children have been showing off their writing skills by writing their own independent piece. They thought about who they think is a real-life superhero and explained why using the words 'and' and 'because'. These independent pieces will be displayed in their special writing folders as a keepsake during their time here at d'Auvergne. The children can already see for themselves the progress they have made during their time in Reception.

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We have done lots of learning outside this week and we have really enjoyed our new garden area. The old wooden decking has been replaced with new artificial grass and a smart new fence has been put up to keep everyone safe. We have been performing on the 'showtime' stage, building structures with the bricks, blocks and crates, digging for treasure in the sandpit, creating water parks in the water trays using the gutters, funnels and cylinders, mixing potions in the science lab and building mud pies and stick stews in the mud kitchen. We love learning outside!

The highlight of the week was a visit from our real-life superheroes, Police Officers Ben and Paul. We asked lots of questions about what it is like to be a Police Officer. We tried on handcuffs, climbed inside the police van and even listened to the sirens.

What a treat for the children!



Now that the weather is warming up, please remember to send your child into school with a hat, suncream applied and a water bottle. We drink plenty of water during the day, and regularly refill our water bottles so they must bring one in.

Thank you to all the parent helpers who joined us on our school walk, we all had a lovely time; the steps at the end were steep but we did it and it was great to share our walk with the Futures and Nursery team.

Next week we will be learning about Florence Nightingale and in maths, we will be learning to halve and share amounts.

Have a lovely weekend 😊

Mrs Rachel Lutkin-Clarke and Miss Jodi Shurey (The Reception Dream Team)

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## **Year 1**

What a busy short week we have had in Year 1!

Firstly, thank you to all parent helpers for your support during our school walk. The walk was enjoyed by all and the children did so well to walk all the way to Bel Royal and back up to school.

In Maths this week we have finished our chapter on numbers to 40, focusing on number patterns and counting forwards and backwards in 2's and 10's. Children would benefit from consolidation with this at home.

We have had a bit of a computing focus this week and children have been learning how to create digital art. We looked at a paint app, discussed all the different tools that can be used and how to use them effectively. The children then had a go at recreating some abstract art pieces from Piet Mondrian and Kandinsky. The children created some great pieces of digital art!

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We have also been looking at plants in our science lessons this week. The children have discussed how a plant grows and what a plant needs in order to grow. They then individually planted their own seeds that they will take care of over the next couple of weeks and watch their seeds grow into chives.

We will be going on a visit to Woodlands Farm on 22<sup>nd</sup> (1KA) and 23<sup>rd</sup> (1AB) of May. If you are available to support us with this trip, please let your child's class teacher know. We would also advise that children bring in wellies for this trip as we will be walking around the farm.

Reminders:

- Please continue to encourage your child to read every day and record this in their homework diaries.
- Please encourage your child to practice their spellings every day.
- Please ensure all belongings that come into school are named.
- As the weather starts to get warmer it would be advised to bring in a hat and suncream.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Andre-Brown and Miss Aubert.

## **Year 2**

Firstly, a huge thank you to all our parent helpers who gave up their time to support us on our Battle of Jersey trip. The children loved seeing the location where the battle took place and exploring the square for clues such as the musket ball holes in the wall.

We have been taking advantage of the sunshine to begin our art topic on local artist Ian Rolls, and trying our hand at sketching with our non-dominant hand to replicate his style.

Finally, we were so impressed with the children's efforts on our school walk – it was a long way and they were so positive and keen to motivate each other!

We are looking forward to another busy week next week, but first we hope you all enjoy a sunny weekend.

All our thanks,

The Year 2 Team

## **Year 3**

What a short week we have had in year 3!

We have been focusing our English time on using adverbs, fronted adverbials, and humour as part of our instruction writing. We have continued to use the skills learnt in previous lessons making sure that the children can apply them to different writing outcomes.

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Spelling for next week will be the same as they children have only had 2 days to look over them with the spelling rule being -ous and -ion. These can be practiced on spelling shed.

In Maths, we continued our fractions unit, where we looked at subtracting fractions from 1. We will be moving onto our next statistics unit on the last week of term. A great example of this is looking at the football Premier League table and comparing the different teams.

This week we have focused our Science time on recapping fossils from our rocks and soils topic. The children learnt about how fossils are formed and what different types of fossils look like.

The children will be able to give the new stone age/ iron age pick and mix homework a go over half term. It will be a time for the children to delve deep into what they have learnt so far. They will be able to make their own stone age jewellery, a fact file on a weapon used during the stone age or iron age and more. Watch this space!

The children are progressing with their tennis skills, this is where the tennis coach will be looking to select children from each class that show good sportsmanship and tennis skills to take part in the primary school tennis tournament in June.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 3 team,

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#### **Year 4**

Another busy week in Year 4!

The children have been making rapid progress in their swimming lessons – both in their confidence and technique. Well done team year 4!

We have moved onto our fractions unit in Maths and the children seem to have retained a good level of knowledge from their year 3 learning. If you'd like to support your child further with this topic, Maths Tutor and Mathletics both include units covering different aspects of fractions.

In English, we have been working hard on our newspaper articles and are even publishing these on our laptops. We've seen good progress in the children's use of higher level vocabulary, use of the present perfect tense and punctuation.

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A huge congratulations to all the children on successful completing the school walk! A massive thank you to all of the fantastic parents who supported us on the day – we couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you as always for your ongoing support,

Miss Bolton and Mr Worthington

## Year 5

It has been a brilliant week in Year 5!

In our English lessons we have continued our class book 'My Story Blitz' by Vince Cross learning about the life of an evacuee. We have been starting to write diary entries from the Blitz time using relative clauses and our 3 bad-(dash) questions.

In Maths, we have continued our work on decimals. We have nearly finished this now and will focus on rounding decimals next week to complete the topic.

We have also completed our video production work in Computing this week and the children had a super time creating their own scripts and videos on the iPads!

We had a really interesting trip on Wednesday to the Jersey Archives to see real World War Two and Occupation artefacts. We even had the opportunity to go behind the scenes during this visit which was brilliant! Thank you to our parent helpers for supporting with this. Below are a few pictures of some of the artefacts we were able to have a look at, I'm sure your child would enjoy sharing with you what we learned about these artefacts.



We are really looking forward to our trip to the Jersey Art Centre next Thursday to learn about the World War two in Jersey.

Well done to everyone for completing our School Walk this Friday as well! It was a great success!

We hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunny weather!

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## Year 6

We hope that your children are well rested after a fantastic week away in England. They represented themselves and the school brilliantly with multiple positive comments from members of the public commending them. This week, we haven't come back to a 'normal' first week back but we have still been busy. Children in 6G have had a great Decider Skills Workshop on Wednesday morning, 6B and 6H have this to look forward too later in the term. In Science, they have begun focussing on inheritance by looking at the 'Mr men and Little Miss' characters and thinking about their common characteristics and how these would be inherited to an offspring. They have also done very well on the school walk, with great stamina they walked the furthest in the school (especially after the tiring week they just had).

From today, the children will be taking home their revision books from school. Next week, there will be a heavy focus on practicing for the KS2 Assessments. This will mean their home learning will be to look through and revise their revision books.

We will also be having a You Matter session on reproduction. This is potentially a sensitive topic for the children. If you would like to have a discussion with them about this before the session on Monday, please feel free to.

### A few gentle reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.
- **Our PE days are Monday (with class teacher) and Wednesday (with Coach Rob).**
- Laptops need to be brought in to school every day fully charged.
- Key Stage 2 Assessments or 'SATS' will take place on the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May.
- For our DT project the children will need an old t shirt, long sleeve t shirt or jumper which we will be cutting up and turning into a bag. If you or your family have any spare that you don't mind us using please ask your child to bring them in.

### Achievers:

6B: 6B achiever this week is Bonnie B. She has been working really hard across all lessons and letting her creative side come out. She has represented the school very well on our trips this week too. Keep it up Bonnie!

6G: The 6G achiever this week is Tadhg. He is not only a fantastic asset to our class, always trying his best with a brilliant attitude, but he represented himself and the school perfectly last week when we were away at PGL. He not only gave everything a go himself but encouraged and supported others who might have been struggling with their confidence to give it a go. Tadhg is a perfect example of the d'Auvergne Standard, well done!

6H: The 6H achiever of the week is Bella. What a superstar this young lady was on the England trip. She was not only smiling every time I seen her, but she gave absolutely everything a go – even if she was out of her comfort zone. She showed great resilience and encouraged every member of her group to do the best they can in each activity. Keep it up, Bella!

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