

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update 17.5.24

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Head Teacher's Comments

### Parent Drop-Ins

Very many parents / carers have joined us in school this week for our 'Parent Drop-Ins'. Bridging the gap between home and school is important, as it allows everyone to better understand how children learn.

Obviously, some parents / carers are unable to attend some of these sessions – we totally understand this, and we reassure the children. For your information, we shall be offering our next sessions during the week of 1<sup>st</sup> July. Specific days / times will be published in the next couple of days.

### Musical Instruments

We are delighted that over 100 children are now learning a musical instrument in school – this is our highest number ever. Thanks so much to Mrs Crespel (in particular) and Jersey Music Service, Music in Action and JAM for their significant support. Keep practising children!

### Summer School

We have offered initial places to pupils from Years 1 – 3 for our Summer School. If you have received an invitation, please return this asap so we can determine levels of uptake. At the moment, places are filling up very quickly!

### Triple P

Next Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm and 3pm, Mrs Le Miere will be offering a 'Power of Positive Parenting' session, focusing on **'Bedtime Routines'**. Please let us know if you want to attend ([g.lemiere@dauvergne.sch.je](mailto:g.lemiere@dauvergne.sch.je)).

### PTA Bingo Night

Next Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> is another PTA event – it's a **BINGO NIGHT!** Children should have received a letter – please return slips / monies asap. Thank you!

### School Walk

What a fabulous day we had last Friday. Thank you so much if you were able to support – particularly those parents with me right at the back (you know who you are!)

Thanks to the efforts of the children, we have **raised £4000** for the PTA. That's a tremendous boost to their funds, which will be used to support every child. **Thank you so much!**

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr Cooper

### Eco Committee

This week the Eco Committee reps have been particularly busy whilst gathering the potatoes for the *Genuine Jersey Potato Growing Competition*, counting them, weighing them, and recording the data. Unfortunately, we did not win the competition, but we are pleased to announce that our top classes are:

5L – 11 potatoes; 245g

Rec S – 14 potatoes; 80g

4B – 10 potatoes; 140g

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6H – 13 potatoes; 125g



Y6 pupils have also impressively created a slideshow presentation for assembly, explaining our recycling efforts and new projects at d'Auvergne!

If you have the chance, please see our refreshed Eco Display board outlining some of our many achievements so far and things we aim to achieve soon!

Eco Committee

## **Year Group Updates**

### **Futures 1**

We've had a lovely week back after all of the bank holidays. The children have been investigating ways to free our toy insects from balls of ice! We've squirted with syringes, rolled them in our hands as well as chipped away at them with a hammer. This is a great activity to combine sensory and fine motor activities as well as developing our problem-solving skills.

We have also enjoyed the (mostly) dry weather outside and the children have had a great time building with our brand-new giant building blocks. Now that we finally have a bit of sunshine, please could you ensure you have applied sun cream to your child before they come to school. If you wish for us to top up throughout the day, please provide a named bottle of suncream that we can use. A sunhat is also an essential accessory please!

Have a great weekend.

Esther Mason

Futures ARC Teacher

### **Futures 2**

I am pleased to announce that we have now proudly accomplished two BIG walks! All of the Futures 2 children showed good road safety, excellent awareness to potential dangers and ultimately had a great time getting fit! Looking to the future, we're keen for us to make this a regular feature. In the new term, each week Futures 2 will be going on tiny walking adventures in the local community. As next terms' theme involves money and saving, a weekly trip to the shop will be very useful!

This week we have been subtracting / taking away – firstly with objects and then with crossing out pictures. If you were keen to rehearse this at home, I suggest that an adult models recording the number sentence whilst the learner enacts the literal process. This will be a great skill when we begin

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to spend money next term. We are hoping that as we become more secure with the concept of subtraction, we will then transition to using number lines.

Finally, next term the 'Cycle Without Limits' team will again be offering us the chance to ride bikes and this year they are welcoming us for six consecutive sessions – one per week! I'm sure we'll see lots of progress. We will communicate the chosen day once it has been finalised.

Growing update: Our strawberries may not have survived an overly enthusiastic Futures 2 child but the pumpkins and sunflowers continue to thrive.

Best wishes

The Futures 2 Team

### **Nursery**

Nursery have been busy learning and enjoying all things composting this week! We've been collecting banana peel, orange skins, apple cores and left over fruit / veg waste from our snack and lunch before taking it in turns to empty the caddy and scoop the wood chip into the large composter in the nursery garden. This has tied in beautifully with our main topic of changes this term, thinking about how our green waste changes and watching this happen!

In drawing club, we've been reading "Guess What I Will Be" and having a think about what we might like to be when we're older, it is lovely to hear those early aspirations from our budding pilots, princesses, police officers, fire fighters and most heartwarmingly, mummies and daddies!

Our sound of the week was e-e-e. Can you find anything starting with this sound at home?

Finally, it was amazing to see so many of you join us on Tuesday morning to have a look at examples of our maths provision. We hope you enjoy coming in as much as we enjoy having you!

Please remember hats and suncream each day.

Have a brilliant weekend,

Miss Fage and the nursery team.

### **Reception**

This week in Reception we had a teddy bear's picnic to learn how to halve amounts. Some of the children could identify that this linked to finding doubles. We shared the picnic food between two characters and noticed that the amounts need to be equal and fair to be a half. We then explored what halves and sharing equally between two looked like within our provision. See if your child can share objects between two at home and can then identify this as half of the amount.

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We also learnt about another real-life superhero from the past, Florence Nightingale, and what made her such a special woman. The children enjoyed comparing hospitals and nurses from the past to now. We sorted photographs into a table and discussed the differences between the two groups. Once again, this fantastic learning was reinforced by a very special visit from Nurse Gillian and Nurse Abbie, who came in to talk to the children about their job. They showed them some first aid equipment, answered some inquisitive questions and taught them how to wrap bandages. Another wonderful treat for the reception children.



Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our parent drop in this morning. We loved showing you the way we explore concrete, pictorial and abstract approaches in maths, as well as how well we are progressing with our oracy journey. It is hugely important for the children to understand their voice is heard and their opinions are valid. We take great pride in standing up to share our thinking, talking in full sentences, and using key vocabulary such as agree, disagree, build on and challenge. As we creep towards the next half term holiday and the final half term of Reception, please continue to support your children with their daily reading and spelling practise. We enjoy reading your comments in the home learning diaries each week and this will also prepare them for Year 1 with consistent expectations and routines.

We hope you have a lovely weekend 😊

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

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## **Year 1**

It was lovely to welcome so many of you into Year 1 this week to join us for a maths lesson. The children really enjoyed having you there and we hope this gave you an insight into our maths learning in Year 1.

In Maths this week we have been focusing on multiplication. We have been focusing on making equal groups and adding equal groups together. We have also been looking at counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. Children would benefit from consolidation with this at home.

In Literacy this week we have been making plans for our independent writing task next week. Our focus book this half term is Handa's surprise. The children will be writing questions in the style of Handa's surprise using different animals and fruits. For their plans, the children have thought of 7 different fruits and 7 different animals that do not feature in Handa's surprise. For each fruit and animal the children

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then thought of 2 adjectives. They then practiced using their plans to write some sentences in their writing books.

In Science we have been looking at plants. We have discussed the different parts of the plants and what they are for. The children then labelled a diagram of a plant, identifying the roots, stem, leaves and flower.

We had a visit from Dementia Jersey this week. Dan spoke to the children about what dementia is, how it can affect older people and discussed ways in which we can all support people with dementia. The children thought of some great questions to ask.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> (1KA) and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> (1AB) we are hoping to visit Woodland Farm. If your child has wellies, we advise that they bring them in for this trip. A raincoat may also be advisable in case of rain. If you are able to support us on this trip, please let your child's class teacher know.

Reminders:

- Please continue to encourage your child to read everyday and record this in their homework diary.
- Please encourage your child to practice their spellings daily.
- Please ensure all belongings that come into school are named.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert.

## **Year 2**

It was lovely to see so many parents in school this week to observe our maths learning. The children were so excited to show their fraction skills and I'm sure you agree we have a budding group of mathematicians!

We have also been focussing on geography this week and learning the 12 parishes of Jersey. If you are ever out and about, ask your child if they know what parish they are in and what local landmarks are found in each parish. We also looked at the different parish crests. We will give prizes out to the children who manage to take photos of as many as possible!

In writing we have been sequencing the events of Seymour's Seaside Picnic and recounting the story in our own words. We are very excited to visit the site in person on Tuesday, and you will have received a letter asking for parent helpers and for your child to bring a packed lunch.

Finally, your child will have come home with a letter regarding our day trip to Sark on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Please can this slip be returned by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May as this enables us to fill out the relevant documents required.

Thank you,

The Year 2 Team

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### **Year 3**

What a busy week in Year 3!

It was lovely welcoming the parents into our classes this week to share what we do in our Maths lessons, hoping you get to play Timetables Bingo and Round the World at home, now you know the rules!

This week we have come to the end of our Fractions unit, where we have been putting our learnt skills to the test by completing the last few journaling word problems. Please keep practising times tables and division facts at home with your children as this is really important for the children to learn them off by heart.

In writing, we have been focusing on our Apprentice Write, where we have been creating instructions on How to wash a Sabre Tooth Tigers teeth, focusing on our targets using fronted adverbials, adverbs, conjunctions, and lots of humour!! The children have thought hard about what they might need and how they are going to be successful in getting the Sabre tooth Tigers teeth clean without getting hurt!

In Reading, we have now reached the end of our book The Stolen Spear and have predicted what might happen in the next book, if there was one! But great news we are going to be reading the second book of the tribology 'The Whispering Stone' at the start of next week.

In science we have been identifying what a healthy meal looks like, thinking about the different types of foods that give us the right nutrients that our bodies need in our daily diet. We then created our own healthy meal and identify if they were carbohydrates, protein, dairy, sugars and fats and fruit and vegetables.

We had a great discussion in History, about how, where when and why Stonehenge was built? We talked about different theories on why the stones are really there, how did they get the stones from Wales to Stonehenge? and what is the purpose of visiting Stonehenge.

Next Tuesday we will be taking part in the whole school Performance poetry afternoon. Please can we ask that all children practice their poem with you at home.

#### **On the grassy hill-By Year 3**

On the grassy hill  
Where the Mammoths stand still  
And the big fish all go SPLASH!  
There's a cave in a rock  
Where the cavemen flock  
To build warm fires that FLASH!

On the muddy forest floor  
Where the fierce cats ROAR!  
And you just can't catch them when they do!

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So, it's on a grassy hill,  
Mammoths stand still  
Cave in a rock  
Cavemen flock  
Muddy forest floor  
Fierce cats ROAR!

What a magical place to enjoy,  
It's a perfect, perfect, perfect place  
For a growing Stone Age Boy!

Reminder: PE days are Monday and Friday.

Thank you for all your support.

Year 3 team

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#### **Year 4**

Another great week of learning in Year 4!

Children really enjoyed the swimming with pyjamas and learning about what happens if you fall into water when wearing clothes. The children have made so much progress their swimming, and it has been a real pleasure to see the growth from the start of the term until now.

In Maths, we have been learning about fractions – learning about mixed number fractions, improper fractions, equivalent fractions and how to add them too. In our writing lessons, we have been writing up our newspaper articles on our laptops and have spent some time editing and revising them.

On Friday afternoon, some of our children were treated to a musical performance in the hall and it was fantastic! We are really enjoying our music this term.

Please continue to support your children's learning with Bug Club, TT Rockstars, Mathletics and Spelling Shed. The hard work you do at home is having a real positive effect as was discussed in parents' evenings.

Please can you also remind your children to bring their laptops in for their learning as some are forgetting to bring it in.

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Thank you to parents for your ongoing support.

Best regards,

Miss Bolton and Mr Worthington

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## **Year 5**

It has been a very productive week in Year 5.

In our English lessons we have written our Independent Write pieces 'My Blitz Diary'. The children worked hard on these and incorporated many features we have focussed on upon our Year 5 journey. We will purple pen these next week for our folders.

We have also been continuing with our class book and had a super lesson, inferring feelings from the characters in our book and writing an 'agony aunt' letter as if we were a character.

We thoroughly enjoyed seeing so many visitors in our Maths lesson this week, thank you all for attending. We will be sending out our new topic vocabulary sheet soon, ready for our next topic on percentages.

On Wednesday we enjoyed a super Science morning with visitors from Exeter University where the children looked at forces and made their own rockets—well done everyone! Please see a photo below of the rockets from the year group and photos of the experiment in action coming to our social media page soon!

We also enjoyed a super trip on Thursday to the Jersey Arts Centre focussing upon World War Two and the Occupation in Jersey, bringing our topic work to life!

Finally, we have enjoyed a well-being session with Nicola, talking to both classes about coping mechanisms and what to do when they feel stressed. We had a super discussion in both classes which will really help the children going forward.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Miss Lee and Miss Condlyffe

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## Year 6

This has been a very busy week in Year 6 with a lot of our time spent preparing for the 'End of KS2 Assessments' next week. The children have focused really well and put a lot of effort into their revision notes. We hope that you have enjoyed seeing/hearing some of the great work they have been producing. We have also been incredibly lucky to have welcomed in a number of students from the University of Exeter to provide the children with a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) workshop where the children planned, designed and created their own bottle rockets.

This weekend the children will be bringing their revision books home to look through and practice with prior to SATS next week. This time can be quite worrying for them, so talking to them about any worries or stresses they may have will be a priority for us at school.

### 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 20th May (**Next week**).
- 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 Grace. Grace has been working really hard with her SATs revision and keeping a positive attitude throughout. She has also been excelling in teamwork in PE and applied herself fully to our STEM workshop. Her confidence this week has shone through, and she is definitely focusing on being Fit for the Future. Well done Grace!

6G: The 6G achiever this week is Denis. He continues to come in every day with a smile on his face and has had a brilliant attitude to his revision this week. During the STEM workshop, he helped his team massively to creating a wonderful looking rocket. Keep up this great attitude Denis and you will do brilliantly in life.

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Eden! What an absolutely fantastic week this young lady has had! She has shown perseverance and maturity during our SATS revision sessions this week. Eden is preparing herself so well for Secondary School and is a role model student to all of her peers. Fantastic job, Eden!

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