

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 4.4.25



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

My congratulations to all the children who won one of our prestigious end of term awards today – reflecting their efforts in school over the last term.

Today, we say farewell to Valentin, Layla and Charlie – wishing you all the very best in your new schools.

Additionally, Mrs Pinto and Mrs Nelson move on from d'Auvergne. We have shared with them, directly, our appreciation of the absolutely magnificent job that they have both done supporting pupils and staff across our school. Thank you, both and good luck. You will be very much missed by us. x

Over the coming break, please make every effort to continue to support your children with **READING**. I cannot emphasise enough that this is the key to success – keep reading, every day.

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 23rd April. Summer dresses may be worn. Please remember, no 'holiday hair' when we come back. Thank you.

Wishing you and your families a relaxing and sunny Easter holiday.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Mrs Kruk's MLL Corner:

Philosophical question in your home language to remind our multilingual families about passing the home languages to the next generation. Speaking multiple languages should be nurtured to enable all children reach their full potential.

Why does a square have four sides?

Por que um quadrado tem quatro lados?

Dlaczego kwadrat ma cztery boki?

De ce are pătratul patru laturi?

The fourth part of the multilingual video released by CYPES about the use of home languages in Jersey schools can be watched here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqG03SobBGo>

In the video the teachers from various Jersey schools explain that using two languages for learning in school and when completing homework is beneficial for the learners.

Our biliteral readers from KS2 and Nursery are featured in the footage.

Year Group Updates

Futures 1

It's been a busy term with all children making amazing progress. It has been a pleasure to meet with you all throughout the term to review targets and recognise your child's progress. I look forward to continuing these meetings in the Summer Term.

As a small Easter gift, we are sending each child home with a copy of our focus text, 'There's a dinosaur in your book!' for you to enjoy with your child at home. We have decided to continue to use this as our focus text for the first half of next term as the children are enjoying it so much and there is still a great deal of linked learning experiences that we haven't yet covered.

We hope you have fun sharing the story at home and that the sun continues to shine throughout the holidays.

Wishing you a fabulous break,

Mrs Mason and the Futures 1 team

Futures 2

Hello! Shwmae! Suostei!

The week started with an Easter egg hunt in Forest School and ended with a fantastic meal in Cambodia! In Futures 2 we are proud of our diversity and seek out any and all opportunities to share and celebrate our neuro and cultural similarities and differences.

If in the future there is a cultural aspect you wish for us to explore, simply let us know! Throughout this week we travelled Cambodia via nursery rhymes, storytelling and decoration crafts! On behalf of the children (and the staff) a very special 'thank you' to Samuel Jones' parents for providing authentic Cambodian food for all to enjoy!

Another fantastic feature of the week was Noah Wiseman winning 'The Hind Award for Academic Effort in KS2'!

We try hard to build an inclusive space that is supportive, challenging and engaging for all learners, but this well-deserved recognition shows that at the heart of what we do is the effort shown by the child! Every day Noah is a triumph of perseverance, positivity and dedication; I hope he is as proud as we are!

On a personal note, I have been very grateful for the team for helping to accommodate my absence this week; the high level of care and kindness that we aim to provide is a consequence of a whole team effort, and I feel very proud to be a part of such a supportive team.

Next term our topic will be 'Growing Healthy Bodies and Minds'. We will be focusing on concepts of change and transition throughout all of the Summer term – especially relevant as children move year groups and to those soon graduating to secondary school.

But let's not get too ahead of ourselves. First let's focus on a relaxing school holiday and returning to a whole term of Summer fun.

From the whole Futures 2 team:
Happy Holidays! Happy Easter! Happy Khmer New Year!

Nursery

We are so incredibly proud of how amazing the children have been this term. This really is the term where we see what the children are truly capable of, and they are doing such imaginative, creative, thought-provoking things. We can't wait to see what the summer term has in store!

The children have been learning, playing and **enjoying all things easter** this week! We've made chocolate nest cakes, easter cards and even had a visit from the easter bunny who very generously left lots of eggs for us to find.

This week, we have been sending home information on the **Zones of Regulation** as well as a poster to support on this. This is a tool that is used across the school and is useful for the children to begin articulating their feelings - please support us with this by talking about the zone of regulation and emotions at home.

Our next **parent drop in will be held on Friday 2nd May**. The start of this session will look a little different to usual as Miss Fage will be presenting on the importance of RWInc in the Early Years and introducing parents to how this is taught. You will also be given a pack of flash cards to take home to support your child with their RWInc journey. You will then have the opportunity to engage with your child in the provision as normal, before Miss Fage will demonstrate a RWInc sound of the week session with the children. Tea, coffee and pastries with Mr Cooper in the staffroom to follow!

After Easter, please ensure your child comes to Nursery each day with a named **sunhat**, named **suncream** (to stay in nursery) and a coat as we never know how unpredictable the weather may be.

Have a lovely break - we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 23rd April**.

Miss Fage and the Nursery Team 😊

Reception

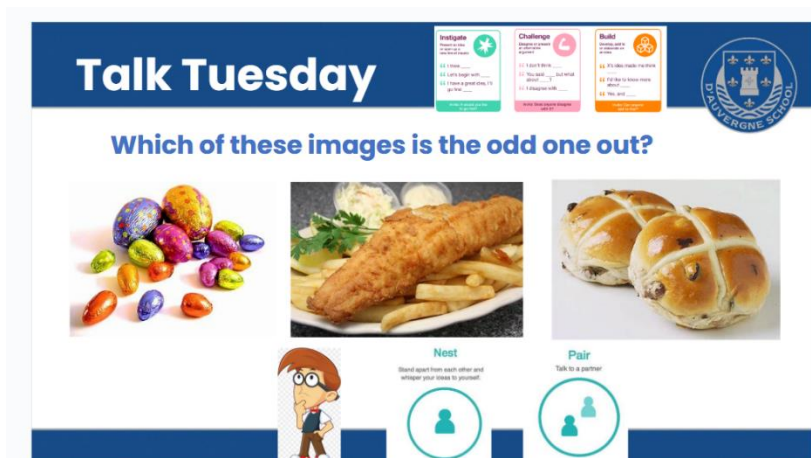
As we come to the end of the Spring Term, we can all look back with such pride; the children have worked so hard and thoroughly enjoyed learning about Superheroes. They continue to make progress with their writing, maths and reading skills. Their speech, language and communication have come on leaps and bounds and they are much more confident using the Oracy talk tactics to support their presentational speech and discussions with their peers. The children are becoming more independent every day and are now so familiar with Reception's expectations and the d'Auvergne standard.

This week, we won't be sending home new spellings. Instead, we'd like your child to practise all the words they have had this term so we can do a 'Big Spelling Quiz' on our return after the Easter holidays. To extend their learning and support with handwriting, please encourage your child to think of a sentence using one or more of the words. As we are becoming more familiar with what a sentence needs, remind your child to think of a sentence, verbally say the sentence and use Fred

fingers to sound out as they write it down. Please encourage correct letter formation, finger spaces and a full stop at the end.

We have also enjoyed lots of Easter crafts this week and have learnt about the Easter Story and the reason why Christians celebrate this special time. Ask your children if they can tell you anything about it.

Perhaps you could remind your children of this slide we shared this week and ask them to use their talk tactics to discuss which one is the odd one out and why. There is no wrong or right answer, but they instigated some interesting thoughts, building and challenging on each other's ideas.



During the Easter break, please enjoy some family time together, keep reading, keep talking, keep listening and keep practising the key skills your child needs to be 'Fit for The Future'. We know that your children wouldn't be where they are without your love and guidance and as their teachers, we really

appreciate your continued support too.

Hopefully as we return for the Summer Term, it'll be warm and sunny so please remember to apply **suncream** and send your child into school with a **named d'Auvergne hat**. Please also remember, **a water bottle, fresh fruit or vegetables for snack and a healthy lunchbox**. Save the treats for home please; they are not permitted in school.



We'd like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

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

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[and not forgetting the rest of the team - Mrs Rondel, Mrs Coelho, Mrs Vibert, Miss B and Miss G](#)

Year 1

We have had a very exciting week in Year 1!

We had a visit from Anne Bonney, the famous pirate. Anne, along with Mary Beard, are famous for sailing around the Caribbean with Calico Jack, on 'The William'. We compared Anne's adventures with that of Ellen MacArthur, and asked the question; 'are they both heroes?'

Please chat with your child about this.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anne_Bonny



[Anne Bonny – Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anne_Bonny)

Anne Bonny [a] (disappeared after 28 November 1720) [4] was a pirate who served under John "Calico Jack" Rackham. Amongst the few recorded female pirates in history, [5] she has become one of the most recognized pirates of the Golden Age of Piracy as well as in the history of piracy in general. Much of Bonny's background is unknown. The first biography of Bonny comes from Captain Charles ...

en.wikipedia.org

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellen_MacArthur

Anne then returned, later in the week, to conduct interviews, to join her crew! We had to prove to Anne that we had 'sea legs', and that we could handle a cutlass in battle!

In Science, we have been looking at materials. We understand that there is a difference between the object, and the materials it is made of. We also understand that some materials are more suitable for some objects, than others.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrsgk7>

Next half term, PE will go back to TUESDAYS and WEDNESDAYS. Many thanks for your support around this change, this half term. We are welcoming another PE specialist in run netball sessions.

We have increasing numbers of children coming to school without snack and we are unable to provide snack to children on a regular basis. Please ensure your child has fruit or veg for their snack.

Many thanks for your support this half term, Happy Easter, we hope you all get a good rest!

Year 1 Team

Year 2

We have had a very busy and fun filled week leading up to the Easter Holidays!

In Literacy, the children have been creating riddle, What am I? poems about chicks. They thought of some creative similes and used lots of expanded noun phrases in their poetry writing. The children then went on to create more What am I? poems about an animal of their choosing. They then read these poems to the class and the class had to guess the animal.

In Maths this week, we concluded our Money topic and looked at some more word problems. Children would benefit from consolidation with 2-step word problems at home, particularly in recognising what operation each step is asking the children to solve.

In Science, the children continued their learning about habitats. In pairs, they picked an animal and created the animal in their habitat inside of shoeboxes! The children really thought about what their animal needed to survive and what type of climate and environment their animal lives in.

We concluded our topic learning on castles this week in the most fun way! We went back to Mont Orgueil Castle and created a film on how to attack and defend a castle! The children really looked the part in their costumes and we have some fantastic actors in Year 2! A huge thank you to all parent helpers who accompanied us on this trip. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break.

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Aubert and Mrs Harris.

Year 3

Another term has come to an end!

A true highlight this week has been our Eid celebration party on Friday! The children created themed party decorations, heard stories about Eid, and enjoyed snacks and party games. A great time was had by all!

In Maths this week, we have begun our new topic – mass. The children have been learning to read off a scale to measure the weight of various objects. We will be working on converting mass into different metrics when we return from the holidays. In writing, we have completed our guided writes (fact files all about volcanoes) and have been immersing ourselves in non-fiction texts around the topic.

A PE notice:

–Our PE days next term will be Thursday and Friday (we will be starting tennis lessons on Friday's). Please can you ensure that your child is wearing the appropriate kit on these days.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Miss Bolton and Mrs Davies

Year 4

I tell you what parents and carers – you can certainly tell your wonderful youngsters have been working hard since the depths of winter because they are exhausted (teachers too!). They have certainly earned their break from school and we wish you all a sunny, healthy couple of weeks.

To complete the Spring Term we have been producing high quality journalistic writing on a range of topics including Native Americans, Hampton Farm and a host of more personal articles. The children have utilised their speech skills within this genre to back up their stories with sources. When

you are reading with your child please note or question written conversations in their reading books as the idea of *new line / new speaker* is one that needs to be embedded. Speaking of reading; all 3 classes have LOVED the book of *The Indian In The Cupboard* which we have all read with much pleasure.

Time has been our focus in maths all week with the differences between *12 and 24 hour* clocks being an ongoing target area. This is easy to practise with your children over the holidays as there are clocks everywhere and you will be spending that bit more time with them. Knowing how many seconds or minutes make up a period of time as well as how many hours or days or weeks are in larger chunks of time are also easy things to discuss whilst driving round our beautiful island, or changing your watches on holiday.

Well done to 4B for completing their swimming sessions. All 3 classes have now evidenced progress in the pool and are that little bit safer in the water; ready to hit the beach this summer!

Have a wonderful break – and we cannot wait to get learning in the Summer Term!

Year 4 Team

Year 5

It has been a brilliant last week of the Spring Term in Year 5!

In our Writing lessons, we have written our independent writing piece—a letter to Tim Peake—using the skills we have learnt this half term. We have also been looking at key grammar areas such as active and passive voice, determiners and modal verbs!

We have been looking at Songs in our reading lessons, focussing on the words used, how the text can convey emotions and make the listener feel. The children have enjoyed listening to these and critically thinking about the lyrics.

In Maths, we have started our percentages work, for example, looking at writing percentages and how we can relate this to our fraction and decimal work. As always, please could the children continue to re-visit areas of learning, such as long multiplication, for their homework using resources such as Maths Tutor and their Arithmetic Tests!

On Wednesday a local artist, Marc Medland, came to visit Year 5, to help us design our art work pieces for the school exhibition in May! The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and bringing their art work to life!

This week we finished our French Experience—thank you to Madame Surcouf for a super time. The children thoroughly enjoyed these lessons and have improved in both their written and spoken language skills greatly! Can you practise these conversations with your child at home? What can they tell you about their favourite lesson or favourite sport?

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break!

Mr Worthington and Miss Condlyffe

Year 6

It has been a very busy last week of term for us in Year 6. We began on Monday with YouMatter sessions on 'Boundaries'. The children had a fantastic attitude to the session and engaged with all the content brilliantly. In MakerSpace, we have been working on creating electrical circuits to bring the lighthouses to life. We will continue with these sessions after the Easter break so that the children can finish their designs. On Wednesday, a number of children took part in the Tag Rugby Tournament in St Peters. They came 3rd overall and put in a brilliant effort throughout the morning. Well done to those involved. The children have finished their 'Heart Rate Investigation' write-ups using their laptops this week as well. We also celebrated the school's fantastic variety of achievements and accomplishments in this terms Achievement assembly.

A few gentle reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.
- **Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday next half term.** The children will have a Gymnastics session with their class teacher on Tuesday and their regular PE slot with Rob on Wednesday
- Laptops need to be brought in to school every day fully charged.

Home Learning

- Reading: Daily for 20 minutes.
- Spellings: Practice daily. Spellings can be found on Google Classroom or on the physical handout.
- Maths: Arithmetic paper practice – refer to google classroom for support and videos.
- SATS: Revision books are now looking full. Please encourage the children to look over them.
- Easter Home Learning: The children will be coming home with a number of SATs SPAG, Reading and Maths worksheets. Please encourage them to complete as many of these as they can over the Easter break in preparation for the 'End of Key Stage 2 Assessments'.

Achievers

The achiever in Year 6 this week is everyone! We have been so proud of the maturity and independence the children have been showing this term. They are showing each and every day that they are ready to embark on their secondary school journey in September, which is wonderful to see. The dedication and commitment to learning has been top notch this term, and we thank the children incredibly for that! Well done to everyone in Year 6!
