

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

It was a pleasure to join **Year 2** on their trip to Sark on Wednesday – the children were a credit and had a wonderful time spotting the differences and similarities between Sark and Jersey. Thanks to all, particularly Miss Aubert, for their support of the children – some of whom found the boat trip a little bumpy on the way over!

On the subject of boats, I have received the following email from Chris Parker, CEO of DFDS Ferries, which concerns the **Year 6** pupils returning from England. I was very proud to receive it:

Good morning,

I am travelling on Stena Vinga today and the crew mentioned your group to me – they said that they really enjoyed having you onboard and that they had never seen a school group so well behaved and well organised, your students are a credit to your school.

Thank you for travelling with us, I hope this is the first of many such crossings with us in future.

Have a great weekend,

Chris

Primary School Athletics Championships

This week, many of our children participated in the annual Primary School Athletics Championships, supported by Mrs Tostevin and Coach Rob.

Amazing results from Leighton, Morgane, our Year 5 relay team, and Kaya W., helped propel us to the **top of the girls' competition** – including all the fee-paying schools. Very well done to all involved.

School Day

A reminder that, from September, our school day will revert to finishing at 2.45pm (2.30pm for Nursery). After School Clubs will still finish at either 4.00pm or 5.00pm, with updated prices being published by Mrs Rodrigues separately.

PTA Events

Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped make last night's discos such a success. I think the KS2 evening was the busiest yet!

We are excited to welcome all our community to our celebration of Africa on **Thursday 19th June**, from 6pm – 8pm. Tickets for the event will be £5 per person, or £20 for a family of five. This will include dinner and entertainment.

Our big event of the year is the PTA Summer Fair on **Sunday 29th June, 11.00am – 3.00pm**. This is always a huge event, and this year promises to be the BEST YET!

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr Cooper

Message from the Eco Committee

Please join the **Eco Committee** on **Monday 23rd June** in the Quiet Playground from **2:30–3:30pm** for our 2025 **Cool Clothes Giveaway!** This event is always a huge success with high quality clothing given away for free. In order to make this a success, we need as many clothes donations as possible. Instead of throwing out old children's clothes, please consider bringing them to d'Auvergne labelled and addressed for Mr Blake. The Eco Committee will get busy sorting the clothes so they can be presented and donated on the 23rd. See our attached poster, designed by our talented and eco-conscious Isla! We look forward to receiving your donations. Please ensure they are clean and re-usable without rips, tears or stains.

Kind regards,

Eco Committee

Year Group Updates

Futures 1

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year. It's going to be a busy one!

We continue with our visits to Soft Play each Monday morning, horse riding (for some) on a Tuesday and swimming on a Friday morning. Starting next week we will also be attending Cycle without Limits sessions on a Wednesday morning up at Les Quennevais cycle track. With all these great enrichment activities going on it is vital that you let the school office know as early as possible if you are running late or if your child is unwell and cannot make it into school. It has a huge impact on staffing.

Thank you for refreshing and naming your child's spare clothing stock, please try to keep this maintained as we are still loving the water play!

Have a great weekend

Mrs Mason & the Futures 1 Team

Futures 2

Happy June!

This week we have once again been exploring time! Encouragingly, some children were able to retain previous knowledge and apply 'o'clock' when mapping our school day, and some children were ready to move on to reading and recording 'half past' values.

Let's be honest, reading clock faces may soon be a thing of the past, but they offer a good, practical way to show the transition of time, the relationship of minutes to hours, and how hours build into a day. Next week we hope to look at digital representations of time. Within the classroom we will now be referring to digital representations and clock faces throughout our day.

This week two of our children joined their Year 2 classmates on a trip to Sark. Apparently, it was a huge success full of riding rocky boats, bravely exploring with friends and speaking whatever language they speak over that way. A big thank you to Miss Phillips for accompanying!

I other news, cooking this week was a healthy concoction designed and created by the children of Futures 2. After extensive taste testing it was decided that we would combine bacon, chicken, mozzarella, toast, apples and peas. It still doesn't have a name but they all ate every bite.

Next week, on Thursday we will begin Cycling Without Limits; as the *Parentmail* mentioned, please ensure that children have appropriate footwear, a coat / sun hat if necessary and their water bottle - children can bring along their own helmet if they prefer.

Have a great week.

The Futures 2 Team

Nursery

It has been wonderful to see so many of the children returning to their final half term of Nursery looking, and behaving Reception-ready! Please remember it is an expectation that the children should be wearing their **blue d'Auvergne polo tops**. As the weather remains unpredictable, please ensure your child has a **warm jumper and raincoat** with them in school.

This week, the children have skipped happily into nursery, well rested and ready to learn! It has been no surprise that our **interests** have mainly surrounded bumps and babies, with many of the children using balls up their tops and their imaginations to answer questions about their growing 'babies'! On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to have a visit from a real-life baby Renouf - the children were very happy to see Mrs Renouf and her new arrival. Mrs Crespel kindly donated lots of **musical instruments** to Nursery this week after a clear out of the music cupboard, the children enjoyed exploring the different sounds that the instruments made, working in groups to listen carefully.

During RWInc. we have introduced our first 'special friend' (two letters, one sound). Our sound this week was **sh, shoe, shout, sheep**. Please keep practising all of the sounds at home using the flashcards provided, this will help your child on their early reading and writing journey, essential preparation as they transition into Reception.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Hannah Fage

Reception

What a start to our last half term together in Reception!

We have been learning about different climates and the variety of animals that live in the Arctic, Antarctic, desert, rainforest and ocean. We have had some interesting discussions about why these animals live in these climates

e.g. "The penguins live in the cold climate because they like to eat fish and huddle together on the ice."



"The lizard lives in the desert because it has scales instead of fur to keep it cool in the heat." Continue to have these discussions at home with your child; they know quite a lot about it!

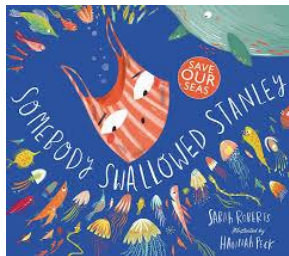


In maths, we have been looking at different coins and how we can use these coins to make 10p.

Keep practising identifying different coins at home and talk about their value e.g. 1p + 2p + 2p + 5p = 10p

Although many of us don't use 'cash' at home anymore, practising with money will support your child with their composition of number up to 10 and be able to verbally count to 20 using concrete objects like coins. Perhaps, you could ask your child how many ways they can make 10 or challenge them with bigger values up to 20p using coins.

This week we have enjoyed two stories:



These stories had an important message. Please have a chat with your children about this and ask them to explain how this will help they sea creatures too. The children drew some wonderful, detailed drawings and wrote a sentence explaining the importance of keeping our oceans and beaches clean from rubbish.

Polite reminders:

Library books and all other books belonging to school must be kept in bookbags. Children can only change their books if they have returned the one, they have borrowed. Any lost books will need to be paid for. Library day is Wednesday.

Hats, suncream, water bottles and waterproof coats!!

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

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

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Year 1

We hope you all had a good half term break, it was great to see the children back in school and ready to learn.

In writing, we have been finishing off our work on Handa's Surprise, by focusing on our use of adjectives to enhance our writing. We know that good writers and authors try to create a picture in the mind of the reader, and use of adjectives is a good way in which to do this.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zy2r6yc>

In maths, we continue to compare numbers by looking at 'more than' and 'less than'. We know that we will need to look at the value of each digit in the number to do this, and can use resources such as number lines to help. Place value is a key concept in maths.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zw4g2nb>

We currently working on Months of the Year for Spelling and Handwriting. Some months are tricky! Please use Ed Shed games to help consolidate this learning.

We continue to discuss the UN Rights of the Child with the children. Each week, we focus on a different right. Please discuss this with your children and ask them to let you know what their rights are.

On Monday 23rd June, we are heading up to Woodlands Farm, as part of our topic, Food and Farming. We will be at the farm for most of the morning. If you help with this trip, please let your child's class teacher know.

Reminders:

- As the weather (should be) warmer, please ensure your child has a sun hat and a water bottle that can be refilled. Sun cream should be applied at home.
- Please keep reading with your child, and practise spellings.
- Please leave back packs at home.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs AB & Miss Lee

Year 2

What a fantastic first week of the last half term for Year 2!

The highlight of the week was definitely our trip to Sark! The children had so much fun visiting the island (even if the boat was a little rocky). The experience was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children explored the island, made great comparisons between Sark and Jersey and were also commended for their excellent behaviour by members of the public. The children had fun on the tractor and horse and carriage rides and enjoyed an ice cream. There are plenty of photos of the day on the d'Auvergne Facebook page.

This week the children have also been busy creating a mihrab, prayer mats and the 5 pillars of Islam for the RE festival next week. We have recapped what these are, what they look like and what they are for/mean to the Islamic faith. The children have been creating mosaics, painting, drawing and colouring and their creations look great.

This week the children completed their reading assessments. All worked very hard.

We started DT learning this week with Mr. Livesey. The children will be using a coding program to create their own islands with landmarks. They will create a character to travel around their island.

PE days are now on a Tuesday (Netball) and Thursday (Athletics). Could children please come into school in PE kits on those days.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Aubert and Mrs Harris

Year 3

We have had a super week in Year 3!

In maths we have continued our work on fractions and time. Knowing the 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables really helps with our fractions learning, especially division facts, so keep working on TTRS!

We continue to work on reading the Stolen Spear. Using it to help us further develop our retrieval, inference and vocabulary skills as well as our fluency and expression. It's also a great book for helping us to understand our Stone Age topic.

We have started our Apprentice Writes this week. This is where we work together to write a text that the children will then use to help them when writing independently. This time round we are going to be writing a set of instructions for how to brush a sabre-toothed cat's teeth (risky business!).

In History we are still exploring the Stone Age using Book Creator, this week we have explored timelines and been detectives by looking at the remains for Skara Brae and what tells us about what life all that time ago. Hopefully this will help the children to answer some of the questions that they came up with at the start of the topic.

Our art work also links to our Stone Age topic. This week we have started learning about how to print and creating designs that reflect aspects of Stone Age life.

This week we will be finishing tennis. If your child has been selected for the tennis tournament, they will be coming home with a letter which needs to be signed and returned to school. The tournament will be next Friday 13th June at the Cesarean Tennis club.

And a couple of things to make you aware of; on Tuesday 17th June we have Martha Bernstein coming in to talk to the children about Judaism and on Wednesday the 18th June we will be spending the morning at La Hougue Bie.

If you have any questions about this, please contact either of us.

Warmest regards,

Miss Bolton and Mrs Davies

Year 4

We've had another busy and productive week in Year 4! The children have made a fantastic start to the final half term with their assessments. It's a great opportunity for them to show how much they've learned this year, and they've all done brilliantly, well done to them!

This half term, we are making use of the Maker Space with a focus on electricity, a hands on and exciting area of science.

In Maths, we are wrapping up our work on money and moving on to measuring, including converting units such as centimetres to metres.

PE will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays this half term.

4F have enjoyed their first two Forest School sessions, which will continue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the next two weeks.

With the unpredictable weather, please ensure your child comes to school prepared, this might mean a coat, sun cream, and a hat, depending on the forecast.

4D: there will now be an extra viola session on Thursday afternoons. Please make sure instruments are brought to school on both Thursdays and Fridays as we work on catching up.

Thank you for your continued support!

Year 5

It has been a brilliant first week back of Summer Term Two!

We have been continuing our Victorian work in Maker Space—creating our own Tunnel Books. We have also progressed with our Street Child book in our reading lessons. Could you ask your child what retrieval/inference and summarise means? What is the difference between these skills? Can your child retrieve key information from their current reading book?

In our Writing lessons we have been starting to work on Limericks, which we are looking forward to performing this term!

We had an informative session on Tuesday morning with our YouMatter lesson, together with a fantastic cricket session on Wednesday afternoon. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different throwing techniques in this sport and are looking forward to working towards playing in a match against one another.

We have been practising our Oracy Poetry performance poem every other morning, so we are ready as a year group for our July performance. Please continue to remind the children to practise their lines and projection. We have also been working hard at preparing for our RE Festival next Thursday.

Finally, well done to all who took part in our House Sporting Event on Friday morning—they did a super job at both performing and supporting!

Next week, we have our last Maker Space session of Year 5 and our RE Festival on Thursday. Cricket will continue on a Wednesday afternoon.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Miss Condlyffe and Mr Worthington

Year 6

It has been a lovely first week back after half term and the children have settled back in well and are preparing for their final half term at d'Auvergne. We have settled back into our routines after a busy end to last half term, continuing on with Secrets of Platform 13 in Reading, Emotions Poetry in Writing and Percentages in Maths. On Monday we had our first session with Jersey Cricket. It was lovely to see the children so engaged in a different sport. At the time of writing this, we are looking forward to Friday afternoon when we will be heading down the hill to Janvrin to practice our 'Jersey Sings Across the

Bay' songs. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

A few gentle reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.
- **Our new PE days are Monday and Wednesday this half term.** The children will have a Cricket session with a Jersey Cricket coach on Monday 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: Maths Tutor on a topic of their choice for 20 minutes a day. Arithmetic papers are on hold at the moment.

Achievers

The achiever in 6G this week is Riley. This young man has shown his fantastic art skills when creating a poster for the upcoming 'd'Auvergne Family Fun Day'. His attention to detail is fantastic and the time and effort that he spent on it was amazing. I really hope that Riley continues with his art/drawing in the future as he always continues to impress me with what he can create. Well done Riley.

The achiever in 6H this week is Matilde. Throughout many subjects this week, but especially in Maths, she has shown a supportive and helpful nature towards her peers. She has used her wonderful oracy skills to listen and communicate with her learning partners but also explain her understanding to them. This is a wonderful quality to have. Great job Matilde!
