

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

RE Festival

This week, we celebrated our learning of Religious Education in a wonderful RE Festival, organised by Mrs French.

I strongly encourage you to take a look at Facebook to see what the children presented.
<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1Ft7n4gfsk/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

The event showcased a range of skills beyond the RE curriculum, with much technology at the heart of the learning, including QR codes, Stop/Go Animation, and even Minecraft. Well done all!

Africa Celebration

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the community to our Africa night next Thursday from 6pm – 8pm. Food, Music, quiz, costumes are all planned!

May I suggest you get your tickets early, to avoid disappointment!

School Council

This week we participated in the School Council Networking meeting at Highlands College.

We were lucky enough to see the new plans for the Fort Regent development and also a new youth centre in town, these will include lots of activities for us to do and we all agreed they both look amazing, and we can't wait to be able to use them.

We then engaged in other activities including the Jersey consumer council and the impact of the housing problem in Jersey.

I would like to thank our fantastic School Council for all they have achieved this school year, they have participated in so many activities not just in our school but in the wider community,

Each and every one of their voices have been heard.

Well done to all of you!

Mrs Huelin

Writing and MLL

This half term we are excited to launch a writing competition for ALL KS2 pupils, entering participants into the Stephen Spender Prize! This is an annual poetry translation competition for children in the UK, celebrating creativity in young people.

The task is to translate a Portuguese poem into English. This can be completed in pairs, groups or individually. Children could also work with adults or use Google Translate. To support the children new to Portuguese, Mrs Kruk started last week the Portuguese club for beginners taking place each Friday this half term at 12.00pm in Languages Room when children can learn the foundations to translate more confidently.

Poems and resources can be collected from the Languages Room at school and Mrs Wilkinson will run a lunchtime club each Tuesday at 12.00pm to support children wanting to enter. The deadline is Monday 7th July.

We look forward to reading all entries. Get planning, get translating, get writing and have fun!

Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Kruk

Have a fabulous weekend everyone, particularly us dads!

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures 1

What an exciting week!

On Wednesday we began our Cycle Without Limits sessions in the glorious sunshine. The children were great and thoroughly wore themselves (and us) out on a variety of different bikes.

On Thursday we had a visit from PJ our resident storyteller. PJ was dressed as an Axolotl and shared the story 'Axolotl finds a Bottle' by Lesley Sims. The children then looked at some facts using a 'Young Zoologist', non-fiction book, followed by an axolotl dance. Finally, the children coloured in pictures to create some new friends for the character in the story.

A great time was had by all!

Have a great weekend

Mrs Mason and the FI team

Futures 2

Cycling Without Limits is up and running! Well... riding.

In the year since we last cycled, all children have definitely grown in confidence: Some were able to ride several times around the track on a bicycle, some experimented with tricycles and pedalling with their arms, whilst others were confident enough to take ownership of the handlebars on a dual bike. We look forward to five more great (and exhausting) sessions!

Continuing the outdoorsy theme, five children attended Healing Waves on Friday. For once the conditions were ideal; we look forward to another fun time this Monday.

On Thursday afternoon we had a special visitor: our storyteller in residence, PJ!

Dressed as an Axolotl (which I promise makes sense in context) he guided us through the fantastical underwater world of Mexico City's canals and waterways, before stopping off at our classroom. A big thank you again to PJ. Also, special thanks to Axl 'the actual' Axolotl, for his continuous support and inspiration.

Finally, thank you to parents for providing sun cream, hats, water bottles and a change of clothing.

Now that the sun is here, we are hoping to spend more time outside and naturally this involved water play. It's always handy to have a change of clothes, should one unfortunately be the victim of a errant water balloon.

Best wishes

The Futures 2 Team

Nursery

We have been so glad to see the slow return of the sunshine this week! A huge thank you for remembering to apply **suncream** to your child before they come into nursery each morning, this allows the children to get straight into their outdoor play. Sadly, not all children have a **sunhat** in nursery and we do not have enough **spares** for everyone. Please ensure your child has a named sunhat in nursery and if you have any spares at home you're willing to donate - we would be very appreciative!

This week the children have been amazing during our Key Group sessions. They have been consolidating all the **sounds** we've learnt so far this year with Miss Fage, as well as learning not one but two new sounds this week (rrrrrrr and j-j-j). With Miss Emblem, the children have shown a great understanding of the mathematical concepts, **one more and one less**. Continuing with the maths theme, Miss Abreu has been recapping **3D shapes**, starting with a sphere, talking about the number of sides and edges to begin comparing shapes. Miss Robinson has taken over the WELLCOMM activities and has been supporting the children with their understanding and use of the **negative no**, we have found this a little tricky so please support with this at home for example which boy has no ball, we have no apples only oranges etc. Finally, Mrs Pemberton has been helping the children find their calm with teaching **relaxation techniques** linked to the 5 senses, can your child remember any of these? This will be something we continue to develop over the coming weeks until we say a very sad **bye-bye to Mrs P** at the end of the month!

Last of all, this week the children's behaviour has begun to bubble as we slowly near the end of the term and they become increasingly excited for their transition into Reception, we've had lots of **broken toys** and bumps with our friends. Please remember to remind your children of the **boundaries** and **expectations** as we prepare them to be Reception-ready. They've had such a wonderful year so far, let's keep it up!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Fage and the Nursery Team :)

Reception

Another superb week with your wonderful children!

We began with a visit to our forest school with PJ who showed us how to be safe in the forest school area. We learnt to whittle, climb trees, create clay faces for the trees, mix and stir in the mud kitchen and build dens, working as a team.



Our story focus is *The Snail and The Whale* by Julia Donaldson. This familiar book has inspired the children to think about what it would be like to travel around the world maybe even as a snail on the tail of a whale, visiting fiery mountains and towering icebergs. We wrote descriptive sentences using the conjunction 'because', to describe where we would like to visit. We also created some story maps of the snail's journey...I wonder where we will end up?

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

This week we have been completing our end of year assessments. The children have all tried incredibly hard - well done!

In Maths, we continued to look at numbers to 40. We have made connections between 2 numbers like last week - 'how many more is 36 than 32?' 'Which number is greater, 26 or 39? How can you prove it?'

In Topic, we looked at the different continents and where they are in the world. We labelled the continents and put together a jigsaw as a class to make a picture of the continents. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6DSMZ8b3LE>)

We had the opportunity to show off what we had created to retell the story of David and Goliath at the RE Festival on Thursday. IAB created a movie telling the story and IL created a cartoon strip of the children acting it out and retelling the story by voice. Both were superb!

Reminders –

Please make sure your child comes to school with a balanced lunch, with some form of healthy sandwich or main part, as well as snacks.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle for school that can be filled up throughout the day when needed.

Please continue to read with your child every evening and write this into their homework planner.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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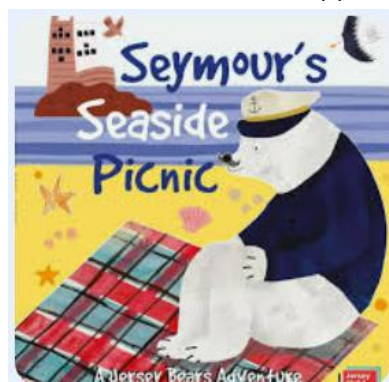
This week in Year 2 has been very productive.

We have now completed our Maths and spelling assessments.

In Maths we have started our new unit 'Time', we have been reminding ourselves about what role the hour and minute hand plays when telling the time. Please support your child with practising their 5 times tables at home, TTRS is a good resource to use that all the children have access too. A useful link:

[Time – Year 2 Maths – BBC Bitesize](#)

In Literacy the children have been introduced to their new text driver book this half term, we will be reading Seymour's Seaside Picnic. In our hook lesson we used our Oracy skills whilst enjoying a class picnic with our teddies to help us talk about what 5 senses (see, hear, touch, taste and smell) we use when we go the beach. Then we looked at the front cover and predicted what we think the book will be about and what will happen when Seymour has a picnic at the seaside!



We enjoyed taking part in the schools RE festival and were very proud to share what we had learnt about the Islamic religion with our school community.



This week in topic we compared similarities and differences between Sark and Jersey. We used our map skills looking in Atlases and using the globes to locate Sark and the other Channel Islands. We then labelled them on a map. Afterwards, we wrote about which island we would prefer to live on and why.

In DT we have been very excited to work with our partners to create our own islands and then bring our characters to life using a Coding programme. The next step will be adding the landmarks and getting our characters to explore their Island!

LIBRARY BOOKS: Please check at home and in book bags, if you have a book this must be returned to school by next Thursday (19th June).

PE days: Tuesday (Netball) and Thursday (Athletics).

Homework planners, water bottles, sun cream applied and a sun hat in school every day.

Weather is a little unpredictable at the moment, so please send your child into school with a waterproof coat.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Aubert and Mrs Harris

Year 3

We have had an extremely busy week!

Selected children have attended a wide variety of trips including: the Primary Engineers Competition, the Tennis Championships, the School Council trip to Highlands College and even a trip to watch Ballet D'Jerri! We all enjoyed the fantastic RE fair held at school which celebrated major world religions and the children's learning. Thank you to Mrs French for organising this.

We have been completing our final assessments this week, the results of which will be shared with you in the children's final reports of the year. We have started cricket lessons, have been learning about Rosh Hashanah in RE and have been making thoughtful observations about the Stone Age period in History lessons.

A few notices:

-Y3 are going on a trip to La Hougue Bie on Wednesday 18th May. Normal pick up and drop off arrangements as this trip takes place during the school day. Normal school lunch arrangements also. The trip will allow the children to explore Jersey's link with the Stone Age period.

-We look forward to welcoming Martha Bernstein next week from the Jewish Education Network. Martha will be speaking to the children about Jewish festivals.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Miss Bolton and Mrs Davies

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Year 4

We've had a busy and exciting week in Year 4!

On Thursday, we had the opportunity to showcase our RE learning. The children enjoyed sharing their understanding of Hinduism by exploring different deities and imagining what they would be like as a God. We also looked at Christianity, creating Lego models to represent Christian stories, including The Pentecost.

In Makerspace, we continued exploring electricity and deepened our understanding through hands-on activities.

In writing, we've started a new book: The Bear and the Piano. The children have made predictions about the story and are beginning to explore the vocabulary to help inspire their own writing.

In maths, our focus has been on measurement. We're learning to use different units to measure length, mass, and volume.

4F continued their Forest School sessions this week and created beautiful nature boards using materials they found outdoors.

Looking ahead, we'll soon be finishing our Farming for the Future sessions at Le Tacheron Farm. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit and brings spare trainers or wellies for the farm visit.

Farm visit dates are as follows:

4F - Tuesday 24th June

4B - Wednesday 25th June

4D - Thursday 26th June

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

The Year 4 Team

Year 5

It has been a super and very busy week in Year 5!

We are now over halfway through our Street Child reading book and are confident with the skills we are using. We have incorporated reasoning for each answer and making sure we support our answers with evidence from the text. In Writing, we have focussed on our explanation writing and analysing features from a text.

Naming and plotting points has been the focus in our Year 5 Maths lessons. The children have enjoyed looking at co-ordinates and moving objects and this will continue next week.

On Wednesday, we made our very own samosas in line with our RE Festival on Thursday. Year 5 have been focussing on Eid Al-Adha and made fantastic posters, cards, re-telling of the story and baked goods which were showcased on Thursday. Well done Year 5- these were super to see!

On Wednesday afternoon we continued with our cricket sessions and on Thursday afternoon, we also looked at Victorian Jersey and what this was like before.

Next week, we have our group 2 bikeability sessions (for those children who were emailed directly about this). These will take place across Monday to Thursday.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Miss Condlyffe and Mr Worthington

Year 6

Another busy week in Year 6! We started it off with a visit from 'YouMatter', who delivered a workshop on reproduction. As per our parentmail earlier this week, if you have any questions or queries, please let us know. We have also prepared hard for the RE festival this week, by using Minecraft Education to design Hindu temples with all of the features we have learned about this term. During PE this week we have continued with Cricket, learning some new and exciting games, whilst in Maths we have been outside engaging in practical 'real-life' problems.

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.
- Next Monday (16th June), we have our 'YouMatter' session on pregnancy and birth. If you have any questions on this, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please be reassured that all of the content covered in these sessions are age-appropriate.
- **Please keep your eyes peeled for an upcoming parentmail, which will highlight all of the important upcoming Year 6 dates with timings.**

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.
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Achievers

The achiever in 6G this week is Amber. She has shown great commitment and enthusiasm to her learning when creating a Hindu temple (Mandir) on Minecraft Education. She continued her learning at home and has demonstrated a fantastic understanding of the different features of a Mandir. It is so lovely to see somebody take such a passion in their learning. Well done, Amber.

The achiever in 6H this week is Sophie. This young lady has been a role model for d'Auvergne ever since she set foot in the door in September this year. Sophie has displayed fantastic oracy skills this week, not only in class but at the Primary Engineers competition in front of an esteemed panel of judges. Sophie, you continue to show the most amazing qualities, and we will be sad to see you leave in July. Your secondary school will be incredibly lucky to be admitting such a well-spoken and articulate student.
