

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

We had a fabulous night last night at our **celebration of Africa**. Thank you so much to all attendees and for the PTA (particularly Charlie and the Mberi family) for your organisation – great fun, tasty and very informative.

It's HOT HOT HOT! Please make sure your child has a hat and suncream applied before school, with plenty of water too (suggest popping some ice cubes in the bottle).

Parents / carers will be informed of their child's new class teacher and classmates ahead of transition day in 2 weeks' time.

d'Auvergne is on show next week – good luck / break a leg those performing in Jersey Sings on Thursday and Hamlet on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Summer Fair Donations

Our huge PTA event of the year is next Sunday 29th, from 11.00am – 3.00pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Next week, we need many **donations of cakes / quality bric-a-brac / bottles**. Please bring all donations to the school office next week, fresh cakes may be brought to the fair on Sunday. Any bottles of alcohol must be brought to school by an adult, please.

It would be great to have a couple of donations from each family. Thank you in advance.

Information evening for parents on 'How to help your child with ADHD'

Wednesday 25th June, 3.15pm – 4.30pm

We would like to invite you join us for an information evening with guest speaker Anthea Carroll (Children's ADHD Champion) on how to help your child with ADHD at d'Auvergne School.

Teas and coffees will be available.

Please RSVP to: inclusion@dauvergne.sch.je

SEND Coffee Morning

Friday 27th June, 8.30am – 9.15am

We would like to invite you to a SEND coffee morning, to meet other parents at d'Auvergne School and have an opportunity to chat.

Kate Wyatt from the Jersey Parent Carer Forum, who supports families of children with SEND across the Island, and Katie Hargreaves (School SEND Advisor) will also be available to chat.

Teas, Coffees and Pastries will be available.

Please RSVP to: inclusion@dauvergne.sch.je

Enjoy the weekend everyone. Don't forget the sunscreen!

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures 1

We continue our summer theme this week, ensuring the children are staying safe in the sun. We have been working on successfully applying sunscreen as well as helping the children to wear their hats when outside.

We had another great week at cycling with some of the children trying out some different bikes from last week. At the end of the session the children also get a chance to explore the playground area. It isn't always easy saying goodbye to the playground, but this week all the children were absolutely amazing when leaving and walking back to the bus. Well done to all of them!

Have a great weekend

Mrs Mason & the Futures 1 team

Futures 2

In Futures 2 this week we have continued our exploration of time by making personal choices that also identify times of the day e.g. 'Would you rather eat ice cream at 6.00 am or 6.00 pm?' As I've said before, time can be a hard concept but it seems we are making steady progress. Just like when we were learning the days of the week, to overcome the slightly abstract nature, it helps if time is anchored in real-world events.

On Wednesdays, Sports Bug continues to be one of the highlights of the timetable. Progression in these sessions is really evident as this year the children have moved on from intermittent engagement to building to sustained focused activities – we are now even able to play competitive games with set rules! It's to the credit of the children, Coach Joshua and the futures staff that this hour is such a fun and dynamic time.

We have also welcomed some visitors this week to aid in the transition of some pupils that are moving on. The children were in good form and the visitors impressed by their engagement and sense of fun! Although we will naturally (and selfishly) miss them very

much, it is good to recognise and have confirmation that the learning and experiences we provide will help the children on the next stage of their journey. As we constantly say to the children, "Change is a natural part of life. Change is good. Everything is fine".

Finally, as I'm sure you're aware, the weather is taking an up-swing. Thank you to the parents that have provided the 'sun essentials' - including a change of clothes. Even I may bring in a change of clothes in preparation for those inevitable water fights!

Kind regards
The Futures 2 Team

Nursery

What a beautiful week! This week the children have enjoyed lots of outdoor activities in the sunshine with our **water play day** on Friday being a highlight I'm sure! The children had lots of fun splashing in the water to keep cool, before drying off and enjoying an ice lolly in the shade. Hopefully the warmer weather is set to continue so please remember it is compulsory that the children must have **suncream** applied before coming into school each day, and they need to be wearing a named **sunhat**. We also encourage that the children still have something warm to wear with them in school, as the Jersey weather is unpredictable!

This week, the children have shown an interest in **weddings** after two of our friends decided to get married at lunchtime! We re-read a familiar story 'The Scarecrow's Wedding' and thought about how we needed to prepare for the celebrations. We wrote a list of everybody we would like to come and began writing invitations, making decorations and getting excited for the big day. Mrs P acted as registrar down at the meadow - congratulations to the happy couple 😊

As we continue our preparations to become '**Reception-ready**' the children have learnt 2 sounds this week! We will continue this for the next few weeks to ensure that by the time the children finish Nursery with us, they are confident in all set 1 sounds. Some of the children are beginning to blend sounds together to make words such as c-a-t, m-a-d which is a fantastic achievement and paves the way for a brilliant reading journey.

Please make a note of the **dates** sent via parent mail earlier in the week, these are also on the noticeboard outside Nursery.

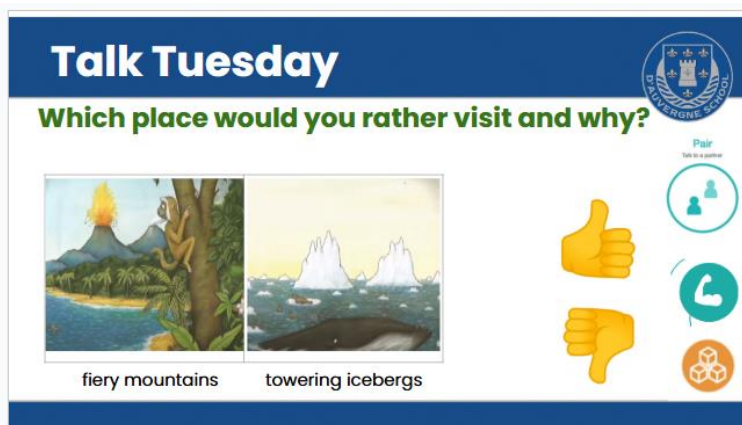
Miss Fage and the Nursery Team

Reception

A fabulous week filled with forest school, den building, climbing trees and really enjoying learning outdoors. It's hot, hot, hot and we do have some shaded areas in our garden but please remember to send your child in with **hats, suncream and water bottles!**

This week, the children have enhanced their story maps with vocabulary, writing descriptive phrases about the journey the snail and the whale took around the world.

This was one of our Oracy tasks this week:



Perhaps ask your child where they would like to go and ask them to say why.

Model the full sentence – *I would like to visit the _____because_____.*

Can they **build on** or **respectfully challenge** other family/friend's ideas too? Or **instigate** a new idea? The children love using the talk tactics!

Next week, we will be reading *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* by Ronda and David Armitage. We will use the story to further practice the days of the week, make lighthouses using repeating patterns and design and make pulley systems.

As we prepare to find out teachers for next year and prepare our transition into Year 1, we are encouraging the children to think critically with their learning and challenge themselves within their learning tasks and the provision. This will help prepare your child for Year 1. Have a chat at home about what Year 1 might look like for them.

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

P.S. – Hats, suncream and water bottles!

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

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Year 1

This week, as an introduction to our new text, Supertato, we had a visit from the dastardly Evil Pea. She is Mrs AB's favourite villain!

We have started making predictions about what we think will happen in the story.

We are beginning to look at number patterns in maths, and in particular, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

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In RE we revisited the Christian Creation story, and we considered what questions we would ask God, about Creation, if we got the chance.

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We also understand that, through our rights, we have the right to choose what we believe or otherwise.

In a few weeks, we will be performing a poem for the rest of the school. We would appreciate any practise that can happen at home, please find attached.

On Monday 23rd, we are visiting Woodlands Farm. Please provide your child with wellington boots as we will be accessing a working farm, and ensure your child has suncream on as we will be outside for the morning. Please ensure snack rubbish is disposable.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs AB and Miss Lee.

Year 2

Another busy week in Year 2!

This week in Literacy, the children have been diving into the new text-driver for the half term "Seymour's Seaside Picnic." They have made predictions about the text, looked at some new vocabulary, thought about questions that they would ask the author of the book if they could and then got to meet the author Penny Byrne and ask her their questions!

In Maths, we have continued our learning on time. The children have been looking at clocks and using their 5 times table knowledge to help them work out the time. They have been using their language minutes past and minutes to the hour. Children would benefit from consolidation with this at home.

In DT this week the children have finished creating their islands and landmarks on the coding programme "Scratch!" They have made their characters and started to programme their characters to move.

In Geography, we have been looking at compasses. The children have learnt how to read a compass and how to give clear directions using north, south, east and west. They have practiced this using a map of Jersey and giving directions from and to different Jersey landmarks.

In PSHE we have been discussing how we change as we grow. The children have thought about what they could do as a baby, what they can do now as 6 and 7 year olds, what they think they would like to do as a teenager and as an adult. They have displayed great Oracy skills in these discussions!

Reminders:

- With the warmer weather, please ensure that your child comes to school everyday with a water bottle.
- Please continue to encourage children to read at home every day and practice spellings. This should be recorded in their homework diaries.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Aubert and Mrs Harris.

Year 3

This week has been about a visitor and a trip!

On Tuesday we welcomed Martha Bernstein to talk to us about Judaism and what being Jewish means to her. She told us all about the festivals they celebrate, and we are sure we all have one that we would like to find out more about. The children also demonstrated their learning to Marth by asking her thoughtful questions about her faith. The children would enjoy a visit to the synagogue when they next learn about Judaism in RE.

On Wednesday, we spent the morning at La Hougue Bie. The children worked with Tahnee and Alice from Jersey Heritage to learn more about the Stone Age. They did some handling activities and went to explore some different artefacts in the museum section. As well as this, the children went into the dolmen to see what clues they could find about why it was there, we look forward to hearing these in our lesson next week! We also visited the long house, where we looked at what it was made from and to see if we could identify the different parts of the house. We saw how people would have slept, and we were treated to

a fire demonstration by one of the volunteers who gave us a lesson in how to use flint, fool's gold and a fungus called horse's hoofprint to create a spark and ember. We learnt so much from the Jersey Heritage Education Team and we are sure that the children would love to revisit at some point soon.

In maths we have been working on time and statistics and continue to work on developing our fluency and arithmetic in our weekly tests.

We continue to read our adventure story The Stolen Spear and we are using it to develop our expression and fluency as well as our prediction and inference skills.

In writing, we are almost ready to write our own instructions for how care for a prehistoric animal. Our teachers are excited to see them!!

Keep practising the times tables and reading at home and we thank you for your ongoing support!

Mrs Davies and Miss Bolton

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Year 4

This week in Maker Space, we continued our focus on electricity. The children explored different materials to investigate whether they are conductors, allowing electricity to flow or insulators, which block the flow. We then created our own switches to control the flow of electricity through a circuit.

In PSHE, we began our "Changing Me" topic. We learned about genetics and how children inherit features from their parents. The class looked at pictures of kittens and used their observational skills to determine which adult cat was the mother based on physical characteristics.

In PE, we played cricket, focusing on throwing and catching to improve our fielding skills. The children worked together as a team to return the ball to the bowler as quickly as possible.

In writing, we continued our work on The Bear and the Piano. We sequenced the story and created a mood chart for the bear, describing how his feelings changed throughout the book.

Next week, we are looking forward to our final Farming for the Future session at Le Tacheron Farm. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit and brings spare trainers or wellies for the visit.

4F -Tuesday 24th June

4B - Wednesday 25th June - we still need a parent volunteer to make this trip possible for 4B!

4D - Thursday 26th June

Additionally, 4D will begin their Forest School sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Children are welcome to bring spare clothes if they would like to change for these sessions.

Have a lovely sunny weekend.

Year 5

It has been another great week in Year 5 as we build up to a very busy final few weeks of term!

The children completed their fantastic Victorian Maker Space projects on Monday, which incorporated painting, DT skills and drawing - well done everyone! We have now also finished our Geometry work in Maths and are moving onto measurements. It might be useful to ask the children as we progress through this unit about different lengths or volumes in everyday life, such as how far away an item might be or how much volume they think is in a container.

In reading, we are continuing with our Street Child book, which the children are thoroughly enjoying and learning about what it was like to be a Victorian child and work in the workhouses then! They have been discovering different terminology and we have been incorporating reading at the end of the day as well so they can continue the adventure. In writing we have now written our explanation write and are moving onto our limerick work.

Over this week, the children have also very much enjoyed their time on the level 2 bikeability course which ran from Monday-Thursday. Well done to all those children who completed this and for being offered the opportunity to take part.

On Wednesday, we also had a fantastic cricket session with Jersey sport where the children practised their throwing skills at different angles and aiming skills with a ball.

Next week, we have our CATs week. Please can we remind all children to bring a charged laptop into school on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday ready for these. We also have our swim safety trip to Harve des Pas on Wednesday. We will be leaving school straight after the register at 8.30am so the children must be in the classrooms for the start of the day.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Miss Condlyffe and Mr Worthington

Year 6

This week in Year 6, we started it off with a visit from 'YouMatter', who delivered a workshop on Pregnancy and Birth. This was a lead on from our Reproduction session last week. During our writing sessions, we have finalised our independent poems and decorated them. The children have worked super hard on these, and they are sounding / looking beautiful. The wonderful Mrs Keogh has aided the children in our most recent art project, involving sewing. The children have learnt multiple different types of stitch, whilst also working on their embroidery skills.

Next week

As per our Parentmail earlier this week, next week we have multiple different and exciting opportunities going on for the children in Year 6.

- Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th June – 6H art workshop (please ensure your child is in their PE kit for both days and your child has a packed lunch).
- Wednesday 25th and Friday 27th June – 6G art workshop (please ensure your child is in their PE kit for both days and your child has a packed lunch).
- Thursday 26th June – Jersey Sings.

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 David. This young man has shown a fantastic commitment and level of skill to his writing learning this week. We have been writing emotions poetry and David has shown not only a brilliant understanding of a range of emotions, but he has also shown a fantastic understanding of a range of writing techniques to support his poems. He has followed the success criteria brilliantly and has presented his poem to the class using

lovely intonation and tone. I really hope that David keeps developing his poetry as he has got a brilliant eye for it. Well done, David!

The achiever in 6H this week is Charlie Birch! This young man is an absolute delight and has been commended by several members of staff this week! Rachel has been so impressed with Charlie and his commitment to Hamlet. The organisation and willingness to help others has been wonderful. Rachel and I both hope that Charlie keeps this passion for drama and performance, and that one day we get to watch him on Broadway or The West End. Keep it up Charlie.
