

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

At the end of a long half-term, the children are needing a rest. I hope they relax and re-charge, ready for the long run-up to Christmas. I was saying to the team last night that there is no better place to work than in a primary school in the weeks before Christmas – it's a joy!

You will have seen the SEND review headlines in the press. Nonetheless, I am very proud of the inclusive practice that our school is committed to and demonstrates every day; we are recognised for such, and this was articulated in our School Review in the summer of 2024. However, if you have any questions or concerns about our SEND provision please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Sally Lacy-Kerr (SENDCO).

On the subject of SEND, I am delighted that Ms Lauren England, currently working at The Avenue Special School in Reading, will be joining us as a teacher in our Futures ARP in January.

SAVE THE DATE!

The **Cosy Clothes Giveaway** will be held on Monday 24th November 2:30–3:30 in the Quiet Playground!

Eco Committee children are busy preparing posters for the event but while we wait, please may you sift through your children's outgrown clothes and donate high quality:

- t-shirts
- coats
- jumpers
- trousers
- dresses
- shoes/boots
- hats
- scarves
- gloves
- **CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!!!**

Please put any donations in a bag (washed and clean), labelled for Mr Blake, and we will ensure these are given away **FOR FREE** on Monday 24th November.

Thank you.

Mr Blake

Year Group Updates

Futures

We have been so fortunate with dry weather so far this term but now it seems wetter days are definitely with us. We plan to take the children out to enjoy our new outside area and forest school whatever the weather, but this does mean clothes get wet! Please, if you haven't already could you provide us with the following when you return after half term:

Named wellies

Named waterproofs.

Plenty of spare clothing including pants and socks.

We do have a shoe dryer in Futures so will endeavour to dry soggy shoes throughout the day!

We are already thinking ahead to our new topic for next half term. We have been inspired by the lovely picture book, 'Flashlight' by Lizi Boyd. Through this story we will be exploring many themes including light and dark, shadows, nocturnal animals and day and night. We are looking forward to using torches and different toys that light up or glow in the dark, as well as finding out more about the sun and the moon.

This topic is perfectly timed as Bonfire Night falls on our first week back after half term, ready to start us off with a bang!

Wishing you all a lovely week's break

The Futures Team

Nursery

They did it!

I will struggle to put into words how **proud** me and my team are of your wonderful littler learners. Wherever they were last year, whatever their transition plan ... they have all made it through to half term with smiles on their faces and oodles of progress under their belts. It is the toughest half term for all year groups (in my opinion); but especially for children moving into Nursery. New setting, new friends, new adults and new routines all whilst learning in Jersey's climate! Great job them - and **thank you** adults. You guys have been super supportive of our ideas and strategies, and we are genuinely feeling supported. Many thanks.

Homework Time!

Please have the most fun with your children over the next 9 days. Whilst doing this please make sure they are dressing themselves, putting on their own (Velcro) trainers and wellie

boots, getting their coats, jackets or puddle suits on and off with the zips pulled up and down **independently**.

Snack

Has been going well this half term and we be changing up our offering for Autumn 2. Please could you all ensure that you are paying your instalments through ParentMail or in one £150 payment. If you cannot pay through ParentMail for any reason then the office have other options prepared: cash or bank transfer being the next easiest. There will be periodic reminders but if you have paid then just ignore them.

Have a fabulous break – see you in November!

Mr du Feu and Team

Reception

As we reach the end of what has been a busy and productive half term, we want to take a moment to thank all of you for your support in helping the children settle into Reception. It's been truly wonderful to watch the children grow more confident with routines and expectations, and, of course, have fun each day. We hope you're looking forward to a well-deserved rest over the break!

Super Smiles Initiative – This week, we launched our **Super Smiles** program, and we were excited to have Bernadette visit each class to show the children the proper technique for brushing their teeth. Thank you to everyone who returned the permission slips. After snack each day, the children will be brushing their teeth for 2 minutes, focusing on the correct brushing motion. Feel free to watch this short video we use in class to help reinforce the technique: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAODutglIVQ&t=1s>

Read Write Inc. – Sounds Assessment – We've also been busy assessing the children's phonics progress this week. After half term, we'll be starting our **Read Write Inc.** sessions. To help support this, we encourage you to keep practicing sounds with your child over the break. Try breaking down words into sounds while you're out and about—something like “time for b-e-d” or “look, a fluffy c-a-t”—it really helps reinforce their learning!

The children also had a go at their first independent write – writing their name and drawing a self portrait. Well done to all children for giving it a go and trying to form each letter correctly.

Just a quick reminder that **Library Day** is every Wednesday. Please remember to send your child's book bag so they can exchange their books and bring home a new one to enjoy together.

Thank you again for all your support, and we wish you a relaxing half term break!

Have a lovely half term and thank you for your continued support 😊

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Year 1

This week in writing, the children have been busy recounting our trip to the Zoo. Before they started writing, the children had to edit Miss McEnery's 'writing' and they were not impressed! They had to add full stops, capital letters and finger spaces using their special purple pens. All of the children tried very hard with their writing, and it has been lovely to see their writing progress over this half term.

In Maths, we have been consolidating all of our prior learning in maths including number bonds, addition and part-part whole models. We started our first lesson of subtraction and spent some time going over anything that we were unsure of.

We spent some time painting this week making both 'Diwali' firework pictures, Mendhi patterns and painting some animals in topic. The children had to use different resources to make the animals skin. Some of them chose to use sequins for scales and feathers. They then had to describe their animal and group them into mammals, reptiles, fish, birds or amphibians.

We hope you have a lovely and restful half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 3rd November.

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Year 2

We have had a great week of learning in Year 2.

The children have finished writing their independent diary entries about The Great Fire of London. There has been some fantastic work produced with great use of adjectives, capital letters, full stops and exclamation marks. The children have also been working on re-reading their work to check for any mistakes or missed punctuation and to correct this with a purple pen. We have also been looking at different types of word this week including

adjectives (describing words), nouns (naming words), verbs (doing words) and conjunctions (words that join sentences together or add more information to a sentence like 'and' 'because').

In maths we have been consolidating our learning of column addition. The children are becoming very familiar with this method of addition now and are becoming confident in using it to add 2-digit numbers together. We have also begun to look at subtraction using the column subtraction method. We have been working on subtracting a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number without crossing over the 10s. After half term we will be using column subtraction to subtract a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number where the answer will cross into the previous 10 and then move on to subtracting 2-digit numbers from 2-digit numbers. Children would benefit from consolidation of this at home.

Children have been enjoying their music lessons on Tuesday's and Thursdays. They have been learning different songs and musical instruments. The children would love to share their learning with you! We would like to invite Year 2 parents to come in and watch their children's musical performance on the afternoon of Tuesday 25th November. More information regarding specific times for each class will be sent out soon.

The children have been enjoying their computing lessons this week. They have been learning to code using the program 'Scratch'. The children were all able to create a program where they made their 'sprite' (little character) move around the screen, say something and then change to a new background.

PE days will be changing next half term. We have the fantastic opportunity to be taught some football skills by the Jersey Bulls. We will now be having PE on **Thursdays** with coach Rob and **Fridays** with Jersey Bulls.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break. Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Aubert and Miss Crocker.

Year 3

What a wonderful first half term we have had with trips to the Opera House, our Jerriais experience and working with Mr Liveseybjn the Makerspace being particular highlights.

Firstly, we would like to thank all the families who came in for our arithmetic drop in on Wednesday and the ballet on Friday. We had wonderful feedback from Miss Helen and the dancers about how wonderful the children were to work with each week and how they conducted themselves whilst at the Opera House. We couldn't be prouder!

We have been blown away by how engaged the children have been with our Ancient Greeks topic, so we thought it would be nice for the children to provide children with Pick and Mix home learning. This is completely optional, but we always welcome projects that have been done at home to be shared with us in school. More news on this will follow in your children's book bags.

After half term we will be working with Sarah Watson from Jersey Sport. She will be coming in every Wednesday to work with the children on their netball skills. We are hoping that the children get as much out of these sessions as they did with our dance.

And finally... Greek Day 2025!

Just a reminder that our Ancient Greek Day is on Wednesday 5th November. We hope that you have had some inspiration for costumes and can't wait to see them. We have been busily planning the events, one of which will be a Greek feast, we will be sharing honey rice cakes, pitta bread, tzatziki, olives and some 'wine' aka blackcurrent squash. If your child has any allergies please let us know ahead of the day.

Thank you for all your support over this half term, we wish you a very restful break. Keep reading and practising those timestables!

Mrs Davies and Miss Bolton

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Year 4

As we approach half term, we would like to say a big thank you for your support in helping get the children settled into Year 4. It has been a busy, but productive half term, as we look forward to Christmas!

This week in RE, we considered what the Trinity means to Christians, and why it is a cornerstone to the faith.

We explored what faith means, and how tolerant and understanding of different faiths can lead to tolerance, and how it branches out into other aspects of our lives.

In Science, we continue with our Teeth and Digestion project, by looking at teeth, and the role they play in digestion.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z8784xs>

As you are aware, by the end of Year 4, children are expected to be proficient in all x12 tables, to include multiplication and division facts. Please find attached a timed test for this week.

After half term, PE days will be TUESDAY and FRIDAY.

1. Please ensure laptops come into school each day and are fully charged at home.
2. Your child will need to be signed up to Year 4 Google Classroom, as we be using this platform to support learning. Logins are in planners.
3. Please ensure your child reads as often as possible, and planners are signed. As mentioned in our Meet the Teacher, Bug Club, TTRockstars and Spelling Shed are also available as additional extras.

Happy Half Term!

Mrs AB and Mrs Hyde

Year 5

A long, learning-packed term has come to an end! It's been a great start to the year in Year 5. Possibly the busiest entry into a new year, with Crabbe being our obvious highlight! We hope your children have enjoyed their first term of Year 5 - they have earned their rest over the half-term.

In Writing, we finished our persuasive letter to free The Artful Dodger (Oliver's friend) from prison. Reading finds us with the Jarvis family, overcoming squalor and trying to survive a neglectful Victorian London. Maths continues our multiplication and division, specifically looking at *factors and multiples*. Ask your children about these as they are extremely important for many other maths topics, such as fractions.

A couple of reminders:

- Please do make an effort for the children to bring their laptops in to school fully charged and ready to go
 - Diaries should be brought to school daily
 - There are many children who need support with tying their shoelaces. While we will support them with this at school, please do dedicate some time to this over half-term. Double-knots!
 - Victorian Week is fast approaching, where the week beginning Monday 1st December we shall be dressed in suits, overalls, pinafores, broken shoes, top hats, laced dresses, etc. Very importantly, the children will be cooking up part of their own
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Victorian Christmas. For this to work, we need one **half-tin** for each child. We do not want the 400g tins, just the 200g ones.



Have a lovely half-term!

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Year 6

Despite it being the final week of a very long first half term of Year 6, we were still incredibly busy finishing things off and getting ready to start out new topic, ID, after half term. In Maths, we have continued looking at the four operations, focussing closely on multiplication and division. In Writing, we have continued our emotions poetry learning journey and the children have analysed some good emotions poems focussing on a range of different features. We have continued reading our book, The Secret of Platform 13, and the children have been answering a range of questions on what they have read. We will continue reading this for the rest of the Autumn term. In Science, the children have been busy creating fact files for both Marine Iguanas and their creatures they have created, which have adapted to live in a desert or arctic environment. We had our first YouMatter session this week on the topic of 'Body Image'. The children showed great maturity and engagement throughout this session.

Whatever you are up to this half term, we hope that you and your family have a great week and we are looking forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 3rd November.

A few gentle reminders:

- Our PE days are **Monday and Wednesday** next term. The children will have a PE session on Monday with their class teacher 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.
 - Arithmetic Practice daily for 10 minutes (Google Classroom for supportive videos).
 - Daily Spelling practice
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Achievers

6G: The achiever in 6G this week is Marli. This young lady has shown a quiet confidence this week and has got on with everything sent her way without a complaint. Her focus has been brilliant and she is always reaching out to her learning partner to share ideas and thoughts. She is always kind and polite to everyone in the school and never fails to put a smile on my face. Keep this confidence Marli, you are smashing it in Year 6 and I can't wait to see where this takes you.

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Leighton. When thinking of the traits of a learner, resilience in problem solving, constantly pushing yourself to achieve your best and consistently engaging in challenge (even when it is uncomfortable) are incredibly important. Throughout her time so far in Year 6, this describes Leighton to a tee. These attributes will provide her an incredibly bright future but more importantly will ensure she is successful in life. Well done, Leighton!
