

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 14.11.25



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

PTA Asian Night

Wow! What a wonderful community event we had last night. The company and food were fabulous – thank you so much to all who put in such an effort to making the event such a success in particular the parents of Peter, Grace H., Anveer, Rudra and Rishik, and of course, Charlie Walker.

It was a very special gathering, and I encourage you to attend our next cultural event in the New Year. We have over 20 languages spoken at home in our school, with 40% of our children being multilingual learners; we can learn so much from one another.

Parent Consultations

We have had a 98% take-up in Parent Consultations next week, with only about a dozen or so not signing up. I look forward to seeing you next week about ten minutes ahead of your appointment time, so your child's Data Sheets can be updated. Thank you.

Pedestrian (Zebra) Crossing

I have been made aware that some drivers are not stopping at the pedestrian crossing at the front of school, when children are waiting to cross. Anyone witnessing this should report to the Police – we have to keep our children and community safe.

In particular, this is happening when vehicles are leaving the school grounds and starting to head up La Pouquelaye, suggesting members of our school community are the culprits. Please, let's drive carefully.

Bike Bus Leader Training

Jersey Sport have launched their very first Bike Bus Leader Training. This course is designed for anyone to help their community start a brand-new bike bus, all free of charge!

A bike bus can help relieve traffic congestion, car parking issues around school, and transform the school run for adults and children alike.

What is a bike bus? – [Bike Bus](#)

A bike bus is a fun, safe and eco-friendly solution that brings children together to ride to school as a group, with the support and supervision of adults. It's a great way to promote cycling, build community and give children the skills and confidence to ride independently. This may be with the support of school or independently run by adults. The training will give attendees the ability, confidence, knowledge & premade templates on how to start, run,

promote & review their bike bus. A bike bus needs only 1 person to get started; it will only grow from there!

Sign up here - [Bike Bus Leadership Training - RaceNation](#)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact - cycleteam@jerseysport.je

Les Landes Head Teacher Mrs Charlesworth kindly told us how their 'Cycling Crocodile' has had a positive impact on the school - [Bike Bus Training Launches for Jersey • Jersey Sport](#)

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures

This week saw our annual visit from Bernadette who is part of the Super Smiles Team. Bernadette talks to the children about the importance of cleaning their teeth. She uses soft toys and oversized toothbrushes to show everyone how to brush correctly. The Super Smiles team also provide us with resources so we can clean the children's teeth in school. We are very aware that teeth cleaning is not always an easy task and Futures are keen to help in any way that we can. We use videos and social stories to support our teeth cleaning, so if you need any links or copies of stories, please do let us know.

Over the next few weeks, we will be meeting with parents to update them on their child's progress so far this term. These meetings are split between Mrs Mason & Mr Williams, please don't forget to check your inboxes for an email requesting a date to get together and get back to them to confirm as soon as you can.

We have put a pause on our Soft Play trips for the month of November, whilst the manager and his wife are away on holiday. These will continue in December and hopefully into the New Year. During these sessions we aim to promote core strength, improve balance and co-ordination as well as confidence to 'have a go' and try new things. In the meantime, we are making lots of good use of our outdoor climbing equipment, so please do remember those waterproofs and wellies. On that note, please do remember check your child's bag daily for any wet clothes!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Mason, Mr Williams and The Futures Team

Nursery

With it being National Nursery Rhyme Week we have been singing our little hearts out! All the classics are being practised and performed in Nursery including "Incy Wincy Spider" that we will be performing later on this term to the older children.

We went down for an extra woods session with our Oracy Champion (PJ) and made mud pies, clay creatures, dens and also hammered into cardboard. Super fun with singing either side of the activities.

Feel free to join in at home! Have a fabulous weekend, with lots of Nursery Rhymes!

Mr du Feu and Team

Reception

What a wonderful week we've had in Reception! The children have been busy learning, exploring, and showing fantastic teamwork and curiosity across all areas of their learning. Here's a little snapshot of what we've been up to:

This week, the children have been retelling and sequencing the story of *The Little Red Hen*. We used story cards to help us think carefully about what happened first, next, and last. The children enjoyed using actions and story language to bring the tale to life – "Who will help me?" "Not I!" have become familiar phrase in class! This activity has helped us develop our understanding of story structure and supported our speaking and listening skills.

To celebrate Nursery Rhyme Week, we took our learning outdoors! At Forest School, the children sang some of their favourite rhymes and explored nature through rhyme-themed activities. We made clay Incy Wincy spiders to 'climb up the waterspout', built dens, climbed trees and mixed mud pies. The children showed great teamwork and imagination! We hope to make this a regular visit so please ensure your child always has named wellies and waterproofs in school.

In maths, we've been developing our problem-solving skills using the CPA approach (Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract). The children began with hands-on activities using cubes and counters (Concrete), then moved on to drawing their ideas (Pictorial), before finally representing their thinking using numbers and symbols (Abstract). It's been fantastic to see their growing confidence in explaining how they reached their answers!

We're excited to share that the children have now been placed into our school Houses:

Corbière **La Rocque** **Grosnez** **Rozel**

Each child proudly belongs to one of these Houses and can now earn House Points for showing kindness, effort, and positive learning behaviours. It's been wonderful to see the children supporting one another and celebrating each other's successes!

On Tuesday, the children joined the whole school in observing a two-minute silence for Remembrance Day. We talked gently about how this is a special time to remember and thank people who have helped keep us safe. The children showed great respect and understanding during this moment of reflection.

We are so proud of how hard the children have been working and how confidently they are taking on new challenges each week. Thank you for your continued support – it really makes a difference.

Have a lovely weekend 😊

Mrs Rachel Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Susie Wilkinson (The Reception Dream Team)

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Year 1

We have had a great week in Year 1! The children have been very engaged in our learning about 'The Gunpowder Plot'. We have been busy recapping our 'Story Maps' and our 'Character Descriptions' from last week. The children have really enjoyed thinking of sentences making sure to use full stops, capital letter and finger spaces. We also had a go at acting out the story which the children loved!

In Maths we have been continuing to learn about Subtraction. A lot of us have found this quite challenging so we are continuing this topic in order to help improve understanding. We have been using concrete objects like counters, cubes and objects to help us to understand the concept of 'taking away'.

In PE the children have been amazing in kickboxing and have been showing their teacher how great they are at listening and standing in their 'kickboxing stance'.

Finally, the children did their first lesson of RE this week where we discussed 'Communities' and 'Belonging'. The children used their Oracy skills to talk about their own clubs, families and ways that they are part of a community.

If you have any questions, please get in contact with us.

With very best wishes,

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and

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Year 2

We've had another brilliant week of learning in Year 2, filled with exciting activities and hands-on experiences. Here's a look at what we've been up to:

Literacy

This week, we continued exploring our new text driver and were introduced to some exciting new vocabulary such as raging, vast, and dreadful. The children created their own vocabulary mats to help them understand and use these words confidently in their writing.

Maths

In Maths, we have been practising subtracting two-digit numbers. The children have shown great progress using both the part-part-whole model and the column method to solve problems accurately.

Topic

We were very lucky to have a special visit from the Jersey Fire Service! Linking to our topic on the Great Fire of London, the children learned about fire safety and even had the opportunity to use real equipment to "put out" a fire. The visit was a huge success, and the children absolutely loved this hands-on experience!

Design & Technology

Class 2A had their DT lesson this week, where they worked carefully to measure and cut pieces of wood for their Tudor house projects. 2C will be continuing with their DT work next week, we can't wait to see their creations!

Music

The children have been thoroughly enjoying their music sessions with Miss King from the Jersey Music Service. They've been working hard in preparation for their upcoming performance for parents.

Performance Reminder:

The children will be putting on a special performance for parents on **Monday 25th November**.

- **2A parents:** 1:20–1:50pm
- **2C parents:** 2:00–2:30pm

We're looking forward to seeing you there and celebrating the children's wonderful work! We also have our Key Stage Nativity on **Tuesday 16th December**. We have two performances at **1:30pm and 5:30pm**. More information will be given out shortly.

Reminders:

- Our PE days are now **Thursdays** and **Fridays**, so PE kit should be worn on these days please.
 - Please continue to provide a water bottle and healthy fruit or veg snack for your child daily. Snacks and water bottles should be bought up to class every morning. Only lunch foods should be left on the trolleys outside.
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- Please continue to encourage your child to read and practice spellings daily. This should be recorded in their homework diary.
 - Please ensure homework diaries are brought into school each day.
 - Please ensure your child is bringing in a coat each day as the weather is unpredictable during this time of year!

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Crocker and Miss Aubert.

Year 3

What a lovely week in Year 3!

The children have been busy preparing and rehearsing for their Christmas performance, which they are excited to share with you. We hope to see as many of you coming to watch the children's hard work. It will be well worth it! We have also been practising how to sign Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer using British Sign Language in preparation for our next oracy performance for the school. Here is the link should the children want to practise at home.- [Rudolph the red nose reindeer BSL / SSE - YouTube](#)

Our times tables focus for this half term is for the children to practice and become confident in applying the division facts for the 3 times tables within their class work and arithmetic. Your support in helping your children to learn these at home would be very much appreciated.

Additionally, to the times tables practice, it would be useful for the children to continuously read the common exception words for Year 3/4 as this will help them to spell them too. Here is a link to the list. [SpellingWordList_Y3-4.pdf](#)

In other news, we started our wellbeing lessons with Cat Sims, an expert wellbeing facilitator. Today the children explored acceptance and understanding. They watched a video about a sheep who was different from the others but was accepted for being who it was. [Lambs - YouTube](#) They then worked on creating a poster of their favourite things which they then shared with each other to see how they were similar and different from each other. They also did a guided meditation, which focused on choosing kindness towards each other, even when we find others frustrating. [GoNoodle Have Compassion](#)

We have also started our netball sessions with Sarah from Sport Jersey. This week we were working on chest passes and there was some fantastic improvement in technique within the lesson with some perseverance and practice through some exciting team games. We look forward to next week!

We welcomed some guests from Curacao this week. They visited 3D to watch a history lesson about the Battle of Marathon and we had some representatives that went to talk to them about Jerriais learning in Year 3. We are very proud at how our children represented Year 3 and the school. In Jerriais this week we learnt to count to 12 and played bingo to help to recognise what the numbers sounded like and how to spell them. We also began learning ask someone where they live and to respond with which parish we live in.

Just a little reminder that children need to have their coats in school daily as the weather is changeable and it is getting colder.

We are looking forward to meeting with you next week for Parent Consultations.
Until then, warmest regards,

Mrs Davies and Miss Bolton

Year 4

This week, we have enjoyed our hockey sessions with Adam, from Jersey Sport. We are learning how to hold a hockey stick, and working on our all control skills. It is a lot more tricky than it looks!

We are loving our sessions in the Makerspace with Mr Livesey. Our focus for this half term is 'Electricity.' This week, we looked different types of computers, and their components. We then had a go at making our own circuits.

This week is National Anti-bullying week. We have discussed what bullying is, and what we can do about it. We recognise that lots of bullying now takes place on online. Please chat with your child about this important issue.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/articles/zkv6khv>

By the end of Year 4, children are expected to be fluent in their multiplication tables and associated division facts, so please ensure your child is practising!

Reminders

- PE days are TUESDAY and FRIDAY.
 - Please ensure laptops come into school each day and are fully charged at home.
 - 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.
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-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.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs AB & Mrs Hyde

Year 5

Another great week in Year 5 with some fun science experiments to separate materials using various methods (sieving, filtering, evaporation). The children love science most when it's messy and, unfortunately for us, it was indeed!

Swimming continues with good progress. Please see the following email from Jersey Sport about the children's PJ swim:

On Thursday 27th November, they should bring:

- Long sleeve top and long legged bottoms made of cotton/t-shirt material.
- Girls can wear leggings and boys can wear football skins if they do not have any long PJs.
- Swimming costumes/swimming shorts **MUST** be worn underneath PJs.
- **NO ONESIES**
- **NO FLEECY PJS**
- **NO HEAVY FABRICS E.G. DEMIN, WOVEN**

IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT IT IS LONG SLEEVED AND LONG LEGGED IN ORDER TO GET THE MARKS FOR THE ASSESSMENT

Hats must still be worn, goggles are optional and children may be asked to have a go at performing some skills without them; however they will need them for the rest of the lesson as they will not be in PJs the whole time.

This activity is to assess the children's readiness to swim while wearing clothes. As you can imagine, although it is wearing PJs, it is a serious part of the swimming unit – ensuring that children may swim and float confidently should they ever be in the sea while dressed.

Maths has us deep into multiplication and division – two of the cornerstones of all mathematics skills. As previously mentioned, children should be able to recite their times tables fluently by this age. Arithmetic homework is an expectation, and should be evident in their Home Planners (diaries) on the notes page next to their reading log.

Ghost stories have been planned and they are looking F R I G H T E N I N G! We're so excited to see what they produce, having worked so hard on their writing this year already. Expect phenomenal vocabulary, ominous atmosphere, and a cohesive storyline with suspense threaded throughout.

We're still looking for egg boxes and empty half-tins. Please give, give and give!

Lastly, we're looking forward to welcoming you parent consultations next week. This is an opportunity for us to check in with you about your child and their learning characteristics. We'll see you then!

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Year 6

What a great week we have had in Year 6. On Monday, we were treated to a fantastic performance of 'Aladdin' at Haute Vallee, with lots of past pupils and friends of the children in the cast. If you had a chance to watch one of the evening performances this week, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. In Writing, the children wrote an independent piece of poetry on an emotion of their choice, which concludes our poetry learning journey. In Maths we have been finishing off division but also developing our Mathematical vocabulary. With this week being anti-bullying week, we watched a live lesson on this produced by the BBC.

A few gentle reminders:

- Our PE days are **Monday and Wednesday** this term. The children will have an Orienteering 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.
- We look forward to meeting with you all next week during parent consultations.
- We are now beginning to learn our Christmas performance poem and song. These are available on Google Classroom and physical copies will come out in due course. Please have a look at these with your child so that they become familiar with them.

Home Learning:

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- Reading: Daily for 20 minutes.
 - Arithmetic Practice daily for 10 minutes (Google Classroom for supportive videos).
 - Daily Spelling practice
 - Poem / song practice for Christmas performance.

Achievers

6G: The achiever in 6G this week is Corey. This young man has had a brilliant week, engaging fantastically in all of his learning and supporting others where he can. His enthusiasm for learning is something which he should be very proud of and I have really noticed him further developing his and others' oracy skills throughout this week. You are a delight to have in 6G Corey, well done!

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Felix. What a wonderful addition this young man has been to 6H. He has worked incredibly hard this week and shown how capable he is when he puts his mind to something. Felix is very helpful around the classroom and engages so well with the adults around the school, always giving a polite and respectful greeting. Great job Felix, we are incredibly proud to have you as a member of our school!
