

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Head Teacher's Comments**

Very many congratulations to our two Badminton Teams, who came **1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** out of 19 Primary teams last week in the Schools' Competition. Fine ambassadors for our school! Thank you to Coaches Rob and Irene for your commitment to our sporting agenda.

It was a pleasure to welcome Year 2 and Year 4 parents to school this week, to witness the developing musical talents of their children. I thought the children were amazing! Thank you to Mrs Crespel and JMS for their dedication (and patience!) in supporting our musicians.

Whilst Year 2 were performing with a range of instruments on Tuesday, the rest of the school were participating in our termly 'Performance Poetry' event. The standard of the poems presented by each year group was the best it has ever been and shows a marked improvement since we engaged on our oracy agenda. Well done to all involved, particularly Year 5 and Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Wheaton for leading on our oracy – it is a golden thread through our school.

We have been informed that our 33 Shoe Box Appeal donations have arrived safely in Romania and are being distributed to children and families in desperate need. Thank you for your generosity.

Have lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards,  
Mr Cooper

## **Year Group Updates**

### **Futures**

Following our swimming adventure this week, please may I remind you that if your child is a Tuesday swimmer they will need to bring in shorts and t-shirt or pyjamas that they can wear in the water for our session on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. They will also have a replacement 'normal' swim session on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>. For our Friday swimmers, today is their last session, so no kit is needed until we start again on 9<sup>th</sup> January.

We've had a fantastic week of learning! Our Sound of the Week was "m", and the children enjoyed spotting it around the room and practicing its formation. In maths, we focused on

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identifying and writing the number 1, using hands-on activities to help the children understand its value and shape. Our topic work took us on an exciting journey exploring shadows and light, where the children continued to experiment with torches, and sunlight to discover how shadows are made and had lots of fun matching animals to their shadows. Next week we begin the Christmas countdown!

Have a great weekend  
The Futures Team

### **Nursery**

A huge chunk of oracy skills this week for your young learners. They absolutely smashed their first public performance as a team by singing Incy Wincy Spider in front of the entire school and staff. Simply gorgeous! Mr Cooper was pumped with their first ever efforts!

In addition to this they are starting to practise their Christmas songs so if you are looking for inspiration and something to sing with your child ... here are the hits to practise:

- Rudolf The Red Nosed Reindeer
- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
- Jingle Bells
- Away In A Manger
- We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Winter wear! The whole crew can now put on their coats independently using their own techniques or the taught "Flip Trick". The next Everest for them is the **zips**. Please be diligent and give your children the time and guidance to achieve this – or to watch yourselves perform this mega life skill. The difference it makes at d'Auvergne is astronomical and the pride on the faces of the children who succeed is worth its weight in gold.

Well done children – have a lovely weekend!  
Mr du Feu & Team

### **Reception**

We've had a magical and very busy week in Reception! Our story focus has been **Jack and the Beanstalk**, and the excitement began straight away when a giant beanstalk appeared in our shared area after the children planted their magic beans over the weekend. Throughout the week, the children have been receiving letters from the Giant asking for their help. They've been so enthusiastic each morning, eager to find out whether a new letter has arrived and what special task they need to complete. The children have been busy writing

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their own letters and creating story maps. This has supported their sequencing skills and helped them use full sentences to confidently retell the tale.

In Maths, we focused on the number **8**. We explored:

- Different ways to make 8 (5 + 3, 4 + 4, etc.)
- What 8 looks like on a ten frame
- Finding groups of 8 around the classroom
- Using cubes, counters and natural objects to build sets of 8

We were delighted to welcome **Flair Entertainment** into school for a magical performance of *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. The children were transfixed! There was singing, dancing, and lots of laughter as the elves helped the shoemaker create shoes in the night. The performance really helped bring traditional tales to life and gave the children great inspiration for their own storytelling.

Next week the children will be carrying out a science experiment in school. Please could you provide your child with a small glass jar like the picture here (lid not needed).



### Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, 4th December – Deco Day**
- **Friday, 5th December at 2:45pm – Christmas Fayre**
- **Wednesday, 10th December at 2:00pm – Christmas Singing:**

Please could you also provide your child with a tinsel headband like the picture here. It can be any colour! Please name it so we know who they belong to. These need to be brought into school by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.



Thank you for your continued support. 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 wonderful week in Year 1, filled with exciting learning and fantastic performances!

In English, we started reading 'The Grinch Who Stole Christmas'. The children have really enjoyed getting to know the story, and we have been working on story mapping and exploring new vocabulary linked to the text.

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In Maths, we focused on positional language. The children practised using the words *first*, *second*, *third*, *fourth* and *fifth*, and they impressed us with how confidently they could use these terms in different activities.

We were also treated to a brilliant performance of '*The Elves and The Shoemaker*' by Flair Entertainment. The children really enjoyed the show and talked about it enthusiastically afterwards.

A huge highlight of the week was our 'Performance Poetry'. Year 1 did an amazing job performing 'The Witches' Spell' from 'Macbeth' to the whole school. Their confidence, clear voices and expressive actions made us all very proud!

The KS1 Christmas Party is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December please can 1W bring soft drinks but no fizzy drinks. 1MC please can you bring fruit or vegetables for the children to share.

The KS1 Nativity is Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm or 5.30pm and it is expected that children attend both performances. Year 1 are going to be sheep so need a plain white top and black bottoms with no logos or stripes. In previous years people have asked about buying their own sheep costume, you are welcome to do so if you wish but this is not an obligation, a white top and black bottoms is sufficient.

Well done, Year 1, for another fantastic week of learning!

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## Year 2

What a wonderfully busy and festive week it has been! It was fantastic to see so many of you at the music performance, thank you for coming along. The children were absolutely thrilled to share what they've been learning with Miss King from the JMS, and your support made the experience even more special for them.

Alongside all our brilliant learning, the children have been working hard on their nativity. They are doing a fantastic job remembering their lines, cues, and where they need to be on stage. Please continue to support them at home by practising their lines, it truly makes a big difference.

On Friday, we enjoyed a full day dedicated to Christmas! The children made crafts for the Christmas Fair which is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. We worked on nativity costumes, began creating decorations for Deco Day, and even made our classrooms look a bit more festive. It was a joyful, creative day, and the children loved every moment.

Despite all the excitement, the children have continued to engage brilliantly in their learning:

- **Literacy:** We explored past and present verbs, sorting them into the correct groups.
  - **DT:** Class 2A created templates for their Tudor houses, and 2C will begin theirs next week.
  - **Topic:** We compared London before and after the Great Fire. Some children sorted images, others designed their own cathedrals or created drawings of London, and a
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few even used Lego to bring their ideas to life. Their enthusiasm and imagination were wonderful to see.

- **Maths:** The children have been working hard on their daily arithmetic, and we're beginning to see their fluency really develop.

#### **Reminders–**

- Our Nativity performance is on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm and 5:30pm**. The children are looking forward to showing you what we have been practising.
- Please bring in your child's clothes for our nativity by **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**.
- We are having a KS1 Christmas party on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** to celebrate all of their hard work in the nativity. Could children in 2A bring in some savoury foods such as crisps, sandwiches, crackers etc. 2C could children please bring in some sweet treats such as popcorn, biscuits, cakes etc. Thank you in advance.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to more festive fun and fantastic learning in the weeks ahead!

Miss Aubert and Miss Crocker.

#### **Year 3**

It has been a busy week in Year 3 not only with learning but also with practice for our performances and preparation for the Christmas Fair next Friday!

We have enjoyed our time working with Charles on Jerriais over the last couple of weeks we have learnt numbers to 12 and some of the colours, explored the relationship between Jersey and Normandy and have started to learn Jingle Bells in Jerriais. It's catchy!

In writing we have started looking at myths with a warning with a particular focus on Icarus, the boy who flew too high! We will be learning the story and then working on a similar version of our own with a changed setting...

In maths, we have started multiplication and division. While we will be looking at 3,4 and 8 times tables in class, we ask you to focus on the division facts for the 3 times tables up until Christmas.

On Tuesday, children performed Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer with added sign language to the rest of the school on Tuesday. They were brilliant and the rest of the school were very entertained! It was great preparation for our showcase and we look forward to welcoming you on the 11<sup>th</sup> December at either 1.30pm (out final dress rehearsal) or 5.30pm for our evening performance.

Notices from us:

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- **For children in 3B:** We are on the hunt for Christmas themed headbands/headwear (think reindeer ears, little Santa hats etc) if you have anything that matches this please can we borrow them for our Christmas showcase. Please could you send these items into school ASAP so that we can organise ordering spare options. We will get them back to you after the performance. A big thank you to those who have already sent items in – it's so appreciated.
  - **For children in 3D:** For the Christmas showcase, please could any characters in the nativity (shepherds, kings, star, angels, Mary and Joseph) wear black, the innkeeper will be in their pyjamas, and narrators are to look smart in their school uniforms. Any problems please let us know! **Please can black or dark clothing be brought in before the 5<sup>th</sup> December in a named bag so that we have it ready for dress rehearsals.**

**For both classes,** we look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair next Friday! It is always a lovely, festive event for our school community.

And finally, we have already seen some excellent examples of the pick and mix homework. It is completely optional but if you do have something to share, please can we remind you that the deadline is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

As always, thank you for your support, we really do appreciate it!

Mrs Davies and Miss Bolton

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#### **Year 4**

We have had another busy week of learning!

We have been practising in earnest for our Performance Poetry event that took place on Tuesday of this week. The children did a fantastic job, performing with clarity and unison. We will also be performing this poem at our Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert in a few weeks' time. Well done Year 4!

In Maths, we continue to focus on multiplication. Please see attached this week's practise sheet.

In Music, Year 4H enjoyed a cello performance by 4AB, with parents also having the opportunity to attend. This was a great success, well done 4AB.

The mantle now passes to 4H, who will be bringing home their cellos shortly. Good Luck 4H!

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In RE, we are focusing on Hinduism, and what Hindu's believe about God.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmppp92p>

In Science, we have finished Teeth and Digestion, and we are moving onto Living Things and their Habitats.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6wwxnb>

#### 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.

-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

It's finally here! Victorian Week is upon us! Next week, the children will be going to the Jersey museum, town market, singing carols, making (and sending) Christmas cards, making Christmas cake, and gaining a true-to-life experience of a day in a Victorian school. The children are really excited, as we are! Please do ensure the children are dressed as their Victorian selves each day. If this means they were the same outfit on multiple days, this is fine (likely will be the same for us teachers!)

Next week, there will be no swimming due to Victorian Week. We hope the children enjoyed swimming in their pyjamas this week - truly valuable (and fun) experience for them.

Next Friday, please come along to the Christmas Fayre to see what crafts the children have been creating to sell for a profit (if we win, year 5 will get a prize!)

We're sure your children came home on Tuesday *bursting* with pride! Mr Cooper **LOVED** our *Victorian Christmas* poem which was performed in front of the whole school. The children

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seriously did themselves – and us – very proud. You can see them perform this beautiful poem at St Mark's Church during the carol service in December.

We think we gave this reminder already, but please note that the current arithmetic tests have **increased in difficulty**. The questions are longer, more complex, and will take longer to complete. This, in turn, means that the children's scores should naturally look like they are lower than some previous scores. This is not a concern. As long as they are making overall progress throughout the terms/year, they are well on track.

Have a lovely weekend.

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## **Year 6**

We have had a great time in Year 6 this week. We had another Maker Space session at the start of the week. The children used their coding skills to begin designing and creating their own 'toy', using the MicroBit. On Tuesday, we took part in the first 'Poetry Performance' of the year, giving a lovely rendition of our Christmas poem, Little Tree, which we will share with you at the Christmas Service. On Thursday afternoon, the classes swapped over and 6H spent the afternoon with Mr George in the forest school, beginning to design their own stick figures. 6G stayed inside with Mr Henderson and had a computing session on using search technologies effectively and also, using a variety of software to design and create an effective way of presenting information.

### 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 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:

- 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

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6G: The achiever in 6G this week is Noah. This young man has showed a fantastic level of enthusiasm to his learning. He is taking time to process his ideas and share them with others more often now, which is so great to see. He has shown a great commitment to his role as house captain this week, spending his break and lunchtimes organising multiple school events and supporting the running of them. Well done Noah!

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Byron. This week, he has shown a creative, practical and hands on approach to learning in both the Maker Space and the forest school. As well as myself, Mr George, Mr Livesey and PJ, have all given Byron their plaudits for his commitment and efforts in his learning. What an excellent week it has been Byron, keep up this enthusiasm throughout the rest of your time in Year 6.

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