

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 27.2.26



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Our Real-Life Superheroes

This week, Reception have been starting to learn about real-life superheroes.

We have a number of pupils and staff who are, or have been, receiving support in the UK over recent months. They are certainly real-life superheroes, and we wish them all the very best.

Change of Addresses / Phone Number

Please remember to update us if you move house or change your email / telephone number.

You may collect a form from the office or send an email to admin@dauvergne.sch.je

Thank you.

Competition Successes



Well done to Arabelle and Emily, who were amongst the winners of the recent JEC colouring competition. Well done girls!

Use of School Pitch

Half the pitch will be used by our friends from Health & Community Services on a Friday from 5pm – 6pm.

From September, the pitch will be used by the Junior FA on a Sunday. I am sure many of our pupils will be playing matches for their club teams here.

PTA

As usual, we have our PTA meeting on Tuesday evening at 6pm. All parents / carers are welcome.

For your information, I shall be out of school next on Wednesday and Thursday as I am undertaking a review of another school. As always, I shall be available to Mrs Wheaton who will be leading the school seamlessly in my absence.

Kind regards,
Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures

Welcome back to a sunny start to this half term! It's so lovely to see the sunshine after all that rain and the children are definitely keener to get outside now it's a little warmer and drier! We have some lovely plans afoot for our outdoor area. We have ordered two mud kitchens which should be with us very soon so if you have any old pots, pans, or utensils we could use, they would be gratefully received. We have also commissioned our wonderful site staff to build a large sand pit for lots of digging and burying.

We have just taken delivery of two new balance bikes and are awaiting the arrival of two larger pedal bikes. Again, we would happily accept any donations of bicycle helmets that your child has grown out of that are still in good condition.

This half term our Topic is Animals. For the first two weeks we are focussing on domestic animals such as pets and farm animals. This week our focus texts have been 'All kinds of Dogs' and 'Let's get a pup'. We have looking at what pets need to be happy and healthy as well as making some collage animals.

Next week, to tie in with world book day on Thursday 5th March, we have chosen Julia Donaldson's 'A squash and a squeeze'. Don't forget, your child can come dressed as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book to share with their friends on this day. There is of course no pressure if your child would prefer not to.

Have a great weekend,
The Futures Team

Nursery

We are back! What a **wonderful** week to welcome back your fabulous little learners and they have certainly hit the ground running.

There has been massive excitement in the camp because our **number of the fortnight is 4** and of course we have a lot of 4 year olds and nearly 4 year olds. As always over the next couple of weeks please be noticing 4s in your busy lives: animal legs or snacks on the table or tidying toys - it is 4's time to shine!

Mr du Feu got a little excited and introduced **p-p-p as the sound of the week** with a p-p-pirate as the picture to support us. The sharper eyed of you will notice we skipped nnnn and nnn-net but fear not we will return to this notoriously tricky sound layer in the term.

With glorious **sunshine** blessing our outdoor area this week it has been awesome to see the children playing furiously in this huge learning space. Resultingly Mr d did have to put suncream on ... in case your children have come home demanding their own this is the procedure we follow (when the real Spring / Summer kicks in!):

- Please pre apply your child at home before school
- Should they require a top up then please provide a small labelled factor 50
- Please teach them how to apply this to themselves
- We will support your children but not directly apply

Any questions – please ask!

Have wonderful weekend,
Mr du Feu

Reception

This week we were very excited to begin our brand-new topic all about **Superheroes!**

We started by thinking about **real-life heroes** and discovered that superheroes aren't just in books and films – they are all around us every day! We talked about the special people who help and care for us: our families, teachers, friends and even ourselves! We even had a special visit from Mr Coyne, our caretaker. He told us about his important job in keeping our school safe, tidy and ready for learning. The children loved asking questions and learning how he helps us every day. We decided he is definitely a real-life superhero!

In our writing, we thought about what kind of superhero we would like to be when we grow up. We wrote a sentence using the starter: "I want to be a..." The children used sound mats to find the correct sounds, spelling words to help with tricky words and their fantastic segmenting and blending skills. We are so proud of how independently they are beginning to write!

In Maths, we have been learning about **subtraction within 5**, using concrete resources such as cubes, taking objects away to see how many are left and drawing pictures to represent our number sentences.

The children are becoming more confident in understanding that subtraction means *taking away*.

We are so excited to continue our superhero adventures next week with even more visitors!

Reminder: Thursday 5th March is World Book Day – we are looking forward to seeing the children dressed as a character from a book. Please see the email sent out with more information.

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've had a fantastic first week back in Year 1, and it has been wonderful to see the children continuing to show enthusiasm and growing independence in their learning.

This week, we have begun our exciting new story of 'Pirate Tom'. The children have loved acting out the story and have started story mapping it to help develop their understanding. Alongside this, we have been exploring new vocabulary such as 'gleaming', 'jolly', and 'glum', adding actions to bring these words to life. The children have been very creative in using these words to describe characters and events in the story.

In Maths, the children have continued learning about place value to 40. They've been using concrete resources like dienes, ten frames, and counters to make the numbers and deepen their understanding.

In our 'Pirate' topic, we've begun designing our own pirate flags. We discussed the iconic 'Jolly Roger' flag and talked about how their flags should be scary enough to intimidate other pirates. The children have really enjoyed getting creative with their designs!

PE days are still Thursday and Friday, so please ensure your child comes to school in the correct PE kit on those days.

Please ensure you are reading with your children every night and writing this in their planners. The children should be bringing their planners and bookbags to school every day.

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch via email:

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Year 2

It has been another fantastic week of learning in Year 2! Here is a look at what we have been doing this week:

Literacy

This week we began our exciting new text driver, *Ergo*. We started by carefully studying the front cover and making predictions about who Ergo might be, where they might live, and what might happen in the story. The children came up with some brilliant ideas!

After reading part of the story, we took part in a hot-seating activity where the children asked "Ergo" questions. We explored the five senses and thought carefully about what Ergo might see, hear, feel, smell and taste while living inside the egg. The children then wrote their own descriptive sentences, such as: "*Ergo felt the soft, round shell of the egg.*"

To develop our vocabulary, we created vocabulary maps for new and unfamiliar words with our partners using the iPads. The children worked wonderfully together to explore and understand new language.

Maths

We have started a new unit on *money*. The children have been learning to recognise different coins and notes (pence and pounds) and have been practising counting money in different combinations. Please feel free to support this learning at home by encouraging your child to recognise and count coins/notes.

Science

In Science, we have moved on to learning about life cycles, focusing on chicks. The children learnt about the different stages of development before a chick hatches. They then drew and labelled their

own chick life cycle diagrams in their books. We are looking forward to continuing this fascinating topic!

RE

This half term we are learning about the Easter story. In our lesson this week, we discussed why Easter is important to Christians. The children stuck an Easter egg into their books and wrote reasons why Easter is a significant celebration. For example, they discussed how Jesus taught Christians about forgiveness and kindness.

DT

In DT this half term, we are learning how to sew and will be creating our own Easter pouches. This week, the children designed their pouches, carefully labelling the materials they will need and choosing their colours. They thoroughly enjoyed being creative and planning their designs.

Thank you for your continued support and we are looking forward to another brilliant half-term!
Miss Aubert and Miss Crocker.

Year 3

choose. All costumes are welcomed. If you have any concerns about the day please do The sun has come out!

Highlights this week have included: learning about the work of Vivienne Westwood in our Art/DT lessons and being treated to an immersive Chinese New Year assembly from Mrs Willis!

In Maths this week, we have continued to deepen our learning about measurement, calculating conversions between mm and cm, cm and m. It has been great to get practical with measuring items using our centimetre rulers! In English lessons, we have been completing various assessments including a reading assessment and SPAG test. We will share the results with you at parent consultation meetings later this term.

A few notices:

-World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. Our school theme is Julia Donaldson, however, the children are invited to share their love of books in whichever way they get in touch.

-The school office will be in touch regarding parent consultation meetings. Please keep a look out for information which should be coming out soon.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Miss Bolton and Mrs Davies

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Year 4

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term.

On Monday, we had our first dance lesson in PE with a specialist dance teacher. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning how to move to a beat and learn chorography.

Our topic for the term continues with the Vikings, and this week we have discussed why the Vikings had such a bad reputation through history. We are still reading Viking Boy in our Reading lessons which is very much helping the children to understand how the Vikings lived and their way of life.

This term we will be having weekly DT lessons in our Makerspace unit which will also link to our topic work of the Vikings. This week, in Makerspace we learnt about Viking art and jewellery, and the children started to make a mould from a cuttle fish that will be used to create a pendant out of pewter.

In Writing lessons, we are starting to write our independent stories based on the theme of overcoming a monster. The children have some wonderful ideas around this, and we can't wait to see the end result.

In Maths, we are continuing to further our skills around division and multiplication. Please see attached this week's practise sheet.

Dates for the diary

World Book Day is 5th March.

4H parents will be invited into school on Thursday, 26th March at 1.30pm for a cello concert. More details to follow.

The next parent drop-in session is planned for 26th March, more details to follow.

Reminders

- PE is on a Monday and Wednesday for 4AB, and a Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 4H.
- Please can children in 4H remember to bring in their cellos to school every Thursday.
- 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

We've had a great first week back in Year 5. The children have settled in brilliantly and shown lots of focus and enthusiasm.

This week, we have been completing our reading and writing assessments. These will be shared with you during the upcoming parent consultations. When reading at home, please continue to encourage your child to explain what is happening in the text and to use their inference skills to work out information that isn't explicitly stated.

In writing, we have continued our poetry work from before half term, focusing on Kit Wright's The Magic Box. We are using this poem as a model to help structure our own poems, which will later support the children in writing their independent pieces.

In class reading, we are continuing our book Cosmic. The children are absolutely loving it and are very eager to find out how Liam has ended up in space. There are lots of predictions being made about whether the children will vote him on and what might happen next.

In maths, we have been learning about fractions. The children have practised representing fractions visually and placing them on number lines. We have also explored mixed numbers and improper fractions and how these can be equivalent.

5F took part in their Bikeability session on Friday. The children were fantastic, learning how to cycle safely, make controlled turns and understand key safety skills when riding their bikes.

We also welcomed Sarah from You Matter, who delivered a session on feelings and emotional awareness. The children discussed different scenarios and explored which emotions might be linked to them. We discovered that people can experience different feelings about the same situation and sometimes even more than one feeling at once. This helped us think about empathy and understanding others' perspectives.

Snorkelling consent forms for June have now been sent home. Please return these as soon as possible so that your child is able to take part in the sessions.

Year 6

It has been lovely to have the children back in this week, we hope you and your families had a lovely half term break. The children have come back in ready to learn and kicked the week off with some MakerSpace sessions where we will be using stop motion animations to create and share a range of different stories. In Writing, the children have begun their narrative writing topic and we have looked at and analysed a lovely narrative continuing on from the ending of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. In Maths, we have continued our topic of decimals, looking deeper into multiplying and dividing decimal numbers. We have carried on reading 'Pig Heart Boy' in our reading lessons and the children have been using their understanding of the book so far to have some wonderful discussions and answer some very tricky questions.

In RE, the children have looked at what a Hindu 'Mandir' is and some of the features which would be inside one. In Art, we have been looking at using skills such as tinting, toning and mixing to begin creating another anatomical heart painting, this time using acrylic paint. We were very lucky with the weather this week and were able to go on a lovely walk with Reception on Thursday afternoon after they were so wonderful walking with them during the 'Bear Hunt' last half term. Both classes have had a TAP (Therapeutic Art Practice) session with Becca this week. This will hopefully provide children with the skills and ideas to work through any worries or anxieties they may have over the coming months. If you have any questions about these sessions, please contact your child's class teacher.

A few gentle reminders:

- Our PE days are **Monday and Wednesday** this half term. The children will have a Dance session on Monday with Dragos from Jersey Sport and their regular PE slot with Rob on Wednesday.
 - Laptops need to be brought in to school every day fully charged.
 - We have Sarah from YouMatter in on Thursday next week (5th) and she will be delivering a session on Mental Health. If you have any questions about this session, please contact your child's class teacher.
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Home Learning:

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

Achievers

The achiever in 6G this week is Arya. It has been so lovely to see Arya's attitude to her learning develop so much throughout this year. Her confidence has grown greatly which has allowed her to develop her learning so much more. She has been showing off some fantastic oracy skills this week and will regularly engage in whole class discussions. Keep up this great attitude to your learning Arya, well done!

The achiever in 6H this week is Kailen. I am so proud of this young man, and the growth in confidence I have seen over the year so far is wonderful! The ideas Kailen puts across in class are fantastic and delivered with great assurance. This skill is something I can't wait to see develop more in Kailen between now and July. Keep it up Kailen - great job!
