

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

French Eisteddfod Success

Yesterday, 14 pupils from Year 5 won the overall trophy at the French Eisteddfod, competing against Y5 and Y6 classes from various primary schools.

The children performed 'La chasse à l'ours' - a French translation of the iconic story, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', by Michael Rosen.

We are incredibly proud of:

5B: James, Molly, Jarif, Klaudia, Isabelle

5F: Ned, Lena, Gaia, Ethan, Grace

5M: Caoilainn, Adam, Scarlett, Emily

Mrs Kruk and PJ



Whole School Photo

On Tuesday, we are taking our whole-school photo. It's a big deal as we only do these every 4 years. It is the expectation that all children from Reception to Year 6 will wear a clean school jumper / cardigan. Children in Year 6 must wear their white shirts and school ties. All other pupils are to wear their blue polo shirts. Nursery are to wear their blue polo shirts. Hair looking smart and shoes shined, d'Auvergne! And a big, cheesy grin.

Parent Consultations

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents / carers to our meetings this week. Keeping communications strong is very important to us and we do value sharing how well your children are doing.

For those who did not attend without letting the teacher know, I shall be emailing you directly offering you one further opportunity to meet to discuss your child's education. It is important that we meet. Thank you.

PTA Events

Bingo

The PTA hosted a well-supported Family Bingo Night last night, lots of fun and excitement. Thank you for joining us and to the PTA for their efforts – very slick!

Portuguese Cultural Evening – Thursday 19th March

A reminder that next week we are welcoming everyone to our Portuguese Cultural event, from 6pm – 8pm. Children have received a letter about this. We are very keen to confirm numbers asap, our Cultural Nights are always popular. Please let us know if you're coming asap.



After School Netball

Jersey Netball are excited to continue offering After School Netball sessions for children in Years 1–6. Summer Term classes will take place on the outdoor courts at Haute Vallée School, with sessions beginning on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th April.

Sessions will run on the following days:

Year 1 & 2 – Wednesdays, 4:00–5:00pm

Year 3 & 4 – Thursdays, 4:00–5:00pm

Year 5 & 6 – Wednesdays and Thursdays, 5:00–6:00pm

Registrations for the Summer Term will open on Monday 30th March at 9:00am.

You can register your child using the following link:

<https://race-nation.co.uk/register/jersey-netball-association/rathbones-after-school-netball-summer-term-2026>

Year Group Updates

Futures

This week we've continued enjoying learning all about animals - this time heading to the jungle to see what we can find! Listen out for our amazing animal noises - can you guess what we are?

We continued learning about shapes with a focus on triangles, counting the sides and looking for them around the classroom. Some pupils also hunted for shapes around the school, finding lots of examples of real-life shapes. Our favourite was a pizza slice triangle! In literacy we practiced our listening skills with animal i-spy... I spy something small and green that starts with f... it's a frog! Our sound this week is u for umbrella, which we definitely needed this week.

In PSHE, we are thinking about what babies need and have been looking after our dolls. If you have any old baby clothes, rattles, bibs or bottles, donations would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great weekend!

Lauren England

Nursery

Thank you adults for your commitment to our 3 Year Check **consolutions** over the past few weeks. We would be meeting to discuss your child's progress anyway but the longer meetings with the health professionals adds an extra opportunity to celebrating those developmental milestones. We have been party to some fabulous chats and feel privileged to be a part of their learning journey.

We will be setting up a **Lending Library** over the next couple of weeks so if you see a box of books at pick up or drop off then feel free to have a little look and borrow away! Once you have read the book at home then you can return it and select another.

We have begun a new number for this fortnight: **5**! This is a lovely one use for the children as they can hold up one hand. As always please can you support this at home by noticing 5s everywhere!

Sound wise we have made a nursery favourite I feel this week:

o-o-o

o-o-orange

Wow, the children have LOVED this one for some reason and have been bouncing away all week.

Well done families - another cracker of a week. Have a super weekend,
Mr du Feu & Team

Reception

Thank you to all those who attended our parent consultations. It was lovely to meet with you and share how well the children are progressing in Reception. We really appreciate you taking the time to come and talk with us and for all your support at home. It is definitely a team effort!

In maths, the children have been working hard on subtraction within 10. We have been learning how to find the difference between two numbers using practical resources, such as multi-link, bean bags and lots of hands-on activities.

Next week we will be completing our independent write, so please have a chat with your child about what they might like to be when they grow up. Perhaps they could also do a few jobs around the house e.g. making their bed, helping with the washing up, counting out plates for dinner. We would love to see some photographs of the children being real life superheroes at home. Please send any photographs via email to your class teacher!

We were very lucky to have another visitor in this week – another parent sharing their job as a real life superhero – a fire fighter! The children loved to see and hear about the different vehicles they use and the different jobs they get asked to help with.

Please have a look inside your child's book bag this week. The children have been working very hard on something special and are very excited to share it with 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 another busy and exciting few days in all areas of our learning! In writing, we have been working on building sentences, spotting mistakes, and inventing our own stories. The children have enjoyed experimenting with sentence structure and using their imagination to create engaging stories.

In maths, we have started our new topic: multiplication. This week, we focused on making and understanding *equal groups*. The children have been practising this through practical activities and group discussions.

On Monday, we had a visit from Martha Bernstein from the Jewish Synagogue. She spoke with us about our previous learning on Shabbat and the special Jewish traditions connected to it. The children also had the opportunity to ask her questions and deepen their understanding.

On Tuesday, we took part in a *national live lesson* for British Science Week, where we enjoyed an interactive experience all about Neil Armstrong. The children were fascinated and loved taking part in the activities.

Thank you to the parents who attended Parents' Evening, it was lovely to be able to discuss your children's progress in Year 1 so far.

On Friday, we celebrated International Mother Languages Day, with a focus on African languages. We read stories and completed whole class activities that supported our discussions around the importance of linguistic diversity.

A reminder that next **Wednesday 18th** is our trip to the Maritime Museum. Children are welcome to dress up as pirates if they would like to. Please remember **not** to bring accessories or swords, as these can easily get lost.

On **Tuesday**, we will have our whole school photo. Please ensure the children come to school in their full, correct uniform.

If you have any questions, or concerns, then please message:

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Year 2

We have had a wonderful week of learning in Year 2!

Literacy:

We began the week exploring present tense, and the children did a brilliant job changing past tense sentences into the present tense. We then focused on using commas correctly, rewriting sentences and having a go at creating our own. To finish off literacy, we learned about expanded noun phrases and wrote descriptive sentences about chicks – our classrooms were full of creative ideas!

Maths:

In maths, we continued our money topic, concentrating on exchanging coins and calculating total amounts. The children are becoming very confident with handling money and solving practical problems. Going over this concept at home would also be very beneficial.

Topic:

This week in topic, we explored ways to attack and defend castles. The children discussed different strategies and recorded their ideas in our floor books – there were some very imaginative plans!

Design & Technology:

In DT, we prepared materials for our Easter pouches. The children gathered everything they needed and even practiced the blanket stitch. We are so excited to see their finished creations soon!

Reminders:

- On **Thursday 26th March**, we will be holding a Medieval Day! Children are welcome to come to school dressed as a knight, lord, lady, archer, servant or even a gong farmer. As part of the day, we will be visiting Mont Orgueil Castle to create our “attacking and defending a castle” film. If you are able to support us on this trip, please email your child’s class teacher. We are looking for two additional adults from each class.
- Our Sark trip will be going ahead this year on **24th June**. Children have been sent home with a permission letter. Please complete and return this by 30th March so that we can finalise the booking with Manche Iles Express.

Reminders

- Please ensure your child brings their homework diary to school every day.
- Spelling practice and reading should be completed daily and recorded in homework diaries.
- Children should bring a water bottle and a healthy snack to school each day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Aubert and Miss Crocker.

Year 3

Another busy week in Year 3!

Highlights this week have included: our fantastic golf lessons with visiting coach Wayne, sharing the children's progress in parent consultation meetings and celebrating 'International Mother Languages Day' on Friday (with a particular focus on African languages)! In addition, we were treated to a fantastic show and tell from our very own Rachel Maguire all about sewing. Rachel showcased many of her fantastic clothes that she has made and explained her inspiration and process.

In Maths this week, we have been deepening our understanding of mass with some tricky problem solving. In writing lessons, we have been developing our understanding of portal poetry with a focus on the structure and language features used. In reading, we have been continuing to focus on non-fiction texts learning about active volcanoes around the world!

A few notices:

-We have sent home to words to our very own 'We're going on a Volcano Hunt' poem/story. This was written by the children and will be performed for the school in a few weeks. If possible, we ask that you support your child to become familiar with the words.

-Next week, on Tuesday 17th March we have our whole school photograph. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school looking super smart in their full school uniform (including jumpers and cardigans).

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Miss Bolton and Mrs Davies

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Year 4

In Writing lessons, we have finished writing our own 'overcoming the monster' stories and next we will be moving onto learning about poetry. As an introduction to poetry, on Monday we took part in a fun and engaging poetry workshop where we learnt about haiku, kenning and bio poems. We had a great time creating a class bio poem. Next, we are going to apply these skills into creating our own poems.

We continue to enjoy our dance lessons where we are putting together a routine.

In Makerspace we have started to design and build Viking longships.

In Reading lessons, we are still very much enjoying Viking Boy and discovering more about the Vikings way of life.

In Maths, we are moving onto a new topic of learning how to use and read graphs. Please see the attached practice sheet for this week.

Dates for the diary

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.

Unfortunately, we have had to re-arrange some of the dates that we had planned to visit Hamptonne Farm, but we will update you once the new dates have been confirmed.

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. Cellos need to be returned to school for the final time on Monday, 23rd March.
- 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 busy and exciting week in Year 5! This week, the children have been writing their own independent poems. We looked at images of space and imagined different planets to inspire our ideas. We used Kit Wright's poem "*The Magic Box*" to help structure our writing, and the children produced some wonderfully creative pieces.

Our focus in maths has been fractions. We have been adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators, which means finding equivalent fractions so the denominators match before completing the calculation. The children are becoming more confident with identifying these steps. A reminder that all Year 5 children should know their times tables up to 12 × 12, as this really supports their fraction work.

As part of Science Week, we took part in an online lesson all about light, which linked brilliantly with our Space topic. We learnt about different light sources and objects that reflect light – such as the moon. The children enjoyed discovering how sunlight reflects off the moon and how mirrors can change the direction of a light beam.

We have also been practising our class poem. Please make sure your child continues learning their lines at home and knows when it is their turn to speak. It is already looking and sounding wonderful, and we are excited for the final performance.

On Friday, we celebrated International Mother Language Day. We explored Kenya and read *Mama Panya's Pancakes – A Village Tale from Kenya* by Mary and Rich Chamberlin, illustrated by Julia

Cairns. The children will be bringing home the pancake recipe – if anyone tries it, we would love to hear how it turned out!

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening. It was lovely to talk about the children's progress and achievements. As always, please continue supporting your child by reading daily and practising maths at home.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Year 6

We have had a very 'hard working' week in Year 6. The children have really nailed down and begun their 'SATS' preparations. They will have come home this week with two revision books, one for Maths and one for SPAG. Please encourage them to use these when completing their home learning.

The children have continued to work on their Hindu Mandirs, using Minecraft education to show off the different features and explain the meanings of them. We celebrated International Mother Languages Day, by looking at Nelson Mandela and creating a fact file on him, focussing on the key features of his life. The children will then use these to create a fact file on their most inspirational person of the 21st century later this term. In Science, the children have begun their heartrate investigation, looking at how different activities can affect your heartrate. We will continue this investigation throughout the remainder of the term.

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.

Home Learning:

- Reading: Daily for 20 minutes.
- Arithmetic Practice daily for 10 minutes (Google Classroom for supportive videos).
- Daily Spelling practice
- 'SATS' SPAG and Maths homework has been sent home this week. It will be sent home on a Wednesday and is asked to be brought back in the following Wednesday. Please feel free to support your children with this should they have any questions, we will be going through it with them should there be any questions they are really unsure of. Thank you in advance for your commitment with this.

Achievers

The achiever in 6G this week is Finley! This young man has had a great week and has put some fantastic effort into our 'SATS' revision which we have begun this week. He has shown a real commitment and understanding of the topics covered and I am really looking forward to seeing where this enthusiasm and engagement takes him. He has also shown a brilliant attitude to members of staff this week, being kind, respectful and helpful. Keep up this great attitude Finley, well done!

The achiever in 6H this week is Michael-Leo! During our RE sessions this week, he had been a tech wizard! He has used his skills in computing and ICT to produce a fantastic Hindu Mandir (temple) on Minecraft Education. Michael has definitely taught me a thing or two this week, and his commitment to this project over the last few lessons has been outstanding! Great job Michael, keep up the hard work!
