

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

PTA Summer Fair – Sunday 28th June

We have received some bottles (thank you!) this week for our Bottle Staff, **but need many more!**

Additionally, please may we now have donations of QUALITY bric-a-brac and toys. PLEASE, the donations must be QUALITY – thank you!

Trophy Winners

If your child was a winner of one of our termly awards at Easter, may we now have the trophies returned in preparation for the end of term presentations.

Netball Opportunities – A Message from the Jersey Netball Association:

U11 and U12 Island Netball trials

- These trials are open to all girls REGARDLESS of previous experience.
- Sign up via Race Nation, link below.
- Schools do NOT need to recommend girls; parents can just sign them up.
- Cut off for signing up is Friday 26th June at 5:00pm.
- Parents are to read ALL of the information on what is required PRIOR to signing their daughter up.

Year 6: <https://race-nation.co.uk/register/jersey-netball-association/jersey-netball-u12-island-netball-trials>

Year 5: <https://race-nation.co.uk/register/jersey-netball-association/jersey-netball-u11-netball-trials>

Have a great weekend everyone, come on sunshine!

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures

This week we have had an exciting week in Futures. The highlight of our week was visiting the zoo for the Rotary Club's Kids Fun Day Out. Everyone had a great time looking at the animals, seeing huge bubbles and eating ice cream and candy floss. We were also fortunate enough to see baby capybaras which were less than a day old! Keep an eye out on Earwig for photos of your child.

In literacy, we have learnt about the sound 'y' – with lots of talk about yoyos, yoghurts, yaks and yoga. We have also focused on rhythm to help develop reading skills. In maths, our numbers of the week were 3 and 4, and we also continued to learn about repeating patterns.

Nursery

j-j-j has been our bouncy **sound** of the week and has involved a re-telling of Jack and the Beanstalk amongst other learning tools. We have been visiting the Reception outdoor learning areas too so the children get used to the new setting as well as planting sunflowers in the garden. With biblical rain throughout the week the Talk For Writing version Noah's Ark has been weirdly perfect too!

Monday we out into "real" world and a big thank you to those adults that can help with this **adventure**. Please make sure you have your child at Nursery on time, fully sun creamed and with a hearty pack lunch. Hats are also going to be needed every day as I am assured the sunshine is returning!

Thank you for your continued support in this busy time of year.

Have a superb weekend,
Mr du Feu & Team

Reception

This week in writing, we introduced the story *Snail on the Whale*. The children enjoyed listening to the story, drawing story maps, and using them to retell the events. As a class, we also modelled and wrote the story together. Can your child remember the places the snail and the whale visited together? (towering icebergs, fiery mountains and golden sands)

For Talk Tuesday, we discussed the question: "Would you rather be the snail or the whale? Why?" The children shared some fantastic ideas and reasons for their choices. Ask your child which they would rather be and why!

In Maths, we have been learning about **doubling**. The children explored doubles using practical resources such as cubes, pictures, and even each other! They also practised drawing representations and writing number sentences to match. To check their understanding, we challenged the children with true or false statements. Why not try this one at home?

True or False: Double 4 is 9.

Can your child explain how they know the answer?

The weather this week has been a mixed bag – we've had rain and shine. Please ensure your child has a coat for playtime (if needed with rain forecast) and returned any wellies that may have gone home after any wet shoes from playtime! We are running low on spare socks and clothes, so please ensure their spare clothes bag is replenished if necessary.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to another exciting week ahead. Fingers crossed for some more sunshine!

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

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Year 1

We have had another fantastic week in Year 1 and the children have continued to work incredibly hard in all areas of their learning.

On Friday, we had a wonderful visit to Hamptonne. The children had a fantastic time exploring and engaging with the activities, and we were very proud of how they represented the school. A big thank you to the parent volunteers who supported us on the trip – your help was greatly appreciated.

In English, we have been preparing our writing for the end-of-year reports. The children have been reflecting on and writing about the things they have loved most this year, which has been a lovely opportunity to celebrate their experiences. Next week, we will begin a new writing unit where the children will be creating non-chronological reports about superheroes.

In Maths, we have moved back to our work on numbers to 100. The children have been practising their number knowledge and building confidence with counting, recognising and working with numbers within this range.

We have been preparing for our in-school R.E festival celebrating both Christianity and Judaism. From decorating the Star of David to retelling the creation story – children have been flexing their creative muscles.

On Wednesday 17th June, 1Mc will be taking part in a Forest School session. The children will need a coat suitable for the weather and a spare change of shoes (wellies are preferable).

Just a reminder that PE days continue to be Thursdays and Fridays.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us:

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Year 2

What a busy and productive week we have had in Year 2!

The children have been completing their reading and writing assessments this week, and we are incredibly proud of the way they approached them. Every child demonstrated excellent behaviour, remained focused, and tried their very best throughout. Well done to all of them!

In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions, focusing particularly on thirds and quarters. We have also begun our new unit on time, where the children have been learning to tell and write the time to the nearest five minutes.

In Literacy, the children were introduced to our new text driver, *Seymour's Picnic*. After carefully examining the front cover, they discussed their ideas with their talk partners and made predictions about what they thought might happen in the story. They then recorded their predictions in their books, demonstrating thoughtful reasoning and imagination.

In PE, the children have been developing their throwing and catching skills, as well as taking part in invasion games. These activities are helping to prepare them for our upcoming Sports Day.

In PSHE, we explored how people change as they grow and get older. The children also discussed the people they respect and reflected on the reasons why those individuals are important role models in their lives.

In Art, the children created their own section of an island scene, including features such as the sea, beach, volcanoes and trees. Using small pieces of coloured card, they produced beautiful mosaic-

style artwork in their sketchbooks. The finished pieces looked fantastic, and the children should be very proud of their creativity and effort.

Reminders-

- Our trip to Sark is on **Wednesday 24th June**. Please ensure you have **read the letter** that was given out at the end of last half term as it has all of the **important information** regarding the day on there.
- Please ensure spellings and reading are being practised and done each day and it is being recorded in the children's homework diaries.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Miss Aubert and Miss Crocker.

Year 3

This week Year 3 have a lot to celebrate and be proud of!

Firstly, a huge congratulations to the children that represented the school at the STEM challenge competition and their partners to make the tipper trucks. What a great win for both Year 3 and D'Auvergne. A massive thank you to Mr Livesey for leading on this project, the children have thoroughly enjoyed it and gained a great understanding about how pneumatics work.

Secondly, well done to all of the children who have participated in the tennis tournament.

Thirdly, on Thursday we went on a trip to the beach and also La Hougue Bie. The children were a credit and made the day out hugely enjoyable using their creative skills to make some brilliant beach art, finding their own hoards on the beach and using metal detectors effectively and that was just in the morning! In the afternoon, they had a real treat with a talk from Rich Miles who, along with Reg Mead, discovered the La Catillon coin hoard in 2012. The children then used the art resources that they had been given by Pat Robson from the Harbour Gallery to start exploring stylised sketching. We will be continuing this next week before the children head to the Harbour Gallery to work with Mrs Willis and Pat Robson to create their own coins to represent what is important to them in 2026. We are really hoping to display the coins...perhaps at La Hougue Bie!

A massive thank you to Jersey Heritage and Rich Miles for the coin hoard talk and opportunity to look at coins from the find. Also, to Pat Robson for her generosity and organisation, without her we would not be working on this project. But most importantly thank you to the children, who make the day memorable for themselves and the adults who accompanied them. Their enthusiasm and focus was noted by both Rich and Pat.

Next week... Not so busy but a couple of things to let you know about.

Firstly, the weekly spellings; these will be the months of the year!

Secondly, on Friday the children will be enjoying an RE festival as part of their learning, this a great opportunity to celebrate what they have learnt in Year 3 as well as view what other years groups have been learning about too. The children are also being invited to 'Grill a Christian!' this is where they will

be able to ask questions about Christianity to members of the Baptist Church. It would be great if they could have a think about these at home.

As always, we thank you for your ongoing support. This week this includes the loan of the metal detectors!

With warmest regards,

Mrs Davies and Miss Bolton.

Year 4

This week in our Topic lessons, we have been exploring and comparing New Jersey with Jersey. The children have shown great interest in identifying both the similarities and differences, and have engaged thoughtfully in discussions.

Throughout the week, the children have also been completing their assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths. They have approached these with a positive attitude and have worked exceptionally hard. We are very proud of the effort they have shown. Please find attached an optional worksheet which provides additional practice with times tables, for those who would like further support at home.

We have thoroughly enjoyed reflecting on our time in Year 4, discussing our highlights, what we have enjoyed most, and what we feel most proud of achieving. It has been lovely to hear the children speak so positively about their experiences. We also spent time thinking ahead to Year 5 and what we are looking forward to. The children have used these ideas to compose their pupil comments for the end-of-year reports, which they approached with maturity and thoughtfulness.

In DT (Makerspace) this term, we are focusing on creative digital work. This week, the children created their own disaster movie posters. They learned how to use a green screen effectively and then explored how to layer and position images to create dramatic and engaging effects. The results were fantastic, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the process.

In Writing, we have begun our final topic of the year, which will lead to the creation of a newspaper report. The children have already shown enthusiasm for this unit, and we look forward to developing their skills in writing for a specific audience and purpose.

We are still seeking parent helpers to support us with our upcoming trip to Le Tacheron Farm. Class 4AB will visit on **Wednesday 17th June**, and Class 4H on **Thursday 18th June**. We will leave school at approximately 9:15am and aim to return by 11:45am. If you are able to assist, please do get in touch—your support would be greatly appreciated.

Le Tacheron is a heritage farm that focuses on growing heritage grains, hay making and rearing rare breeds of farm animals. Following an introduction to the farm and a flour milling demonstration, the children will be split into two groups. They will rotate between meeting the farm animals and exploring the farm machinery, with the opportunity to sit on tractors. Please ensure that your child wears **wellies or waterproof trainers/boots**, as footwear will need to be disinfected on arrival and departure. We also recommend that children wear PE kit or clothing that can be easily washed after the visit.

Finally, we are still missing a laptop from Class 4H, and more recently, a flute has also gone missing. We would be very grateful if you could please check at home to ensure your child has the correct laptop assigned to them, and to return any school equipment that may have been taken home in error.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Reminders

- PE days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays for 4AB, and Wednesdays and Fridays for 4H.
- Please ensure that laptops are brought into school every day and are fully charged at home.
- Your child should be signed up to the Year 4 Google Classroom, which we will be increasingly using to support learning. Login details can be found in planners.
- Please encourage your child to read as often as possible and ensure planners are signed regularly. Bug Club, TT Rock Stars and Spelling Shed are also available as optional resources to support learning at home.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Many

thanks,

Mrs AB and Mrs Hyde

Year 5

This week in Year 5 has been incredibly busy, with lots of hard work, reflection and new learning.

The children have shown fantastic determination while completing their assessments, and we are very proud of the effort they have put into every task.

In writing, we have finished our end-of-year reports, where the children reflected on their highlights, what they are most proud of, and what they have enjoyed learning throughout the year. It has been lovely to see such thoughtful and honest reflections.

In reading, we have continued following *Poppy Pym*, who is beginning to settle into life at St Smithen's and is entertaining her new friends by teaching them exciting circus tricks.

In maths, we have moved on to geometry. The children have been learning about different types of angles and how to measure them accurately.

In art, Mrs Keogh was incredibly proud of the children's hard work. They designed, created and used their own prints, showing great creativity and care throughout the process.

In PSHE, we were visited by *You Matter*, who delivered an important session about puberty and the changes that happen in our bodies. The children were reminded that everyone develops at different times and that it is important to talk to a trusted adult if they ever have questions or concerns.

In RE, we have been exploring how different religions have their own codes for living and how these guide people to lead happy, positive lives. The children have also been considering which values they think are most important in their own lives.

A quick reminder that laptops must be brought into school **every day, fully charged**. This is especially important as we have CATs tests coming up over the next two weeks, which require the use of laptops.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs French, Mr Blake and Miss Morris

Year 6

We have been incredibly busy this week in Year 6, continuing on with all the fun and exciting things which come with the last half term of Year 6. In Writing, the children have begun their new focus of Newspapers, writing one of their own as a 'cold task' on seagulls stealing people's chips. In Maths, the children finished their ratio topic and moved onto area and perimeter. There are still a few Maths topics left to cover, but the children are doing a fantastic job with their engagement and enthusiasm.

In Reading, we have continued with our class text, 'Friend or Foe', looking deeper into the feelings and thoughts of the main characters.

The children finished their Lighthouse structures in the MakerSpace this week. Well done to those involved who represented the school so brilliantly at the Highlands celebration event. The children have been working hard creating Hindu Temples (Mandirs) on Minecraft education which will be displayed and presented during the RE festival at the end of next week. We have been focussing on the key features of a Mandir and making sure these are represented. In PSHE, the children have learnt about emergency aid, specifically, how to put someone in the recovery position. There were some very useful discussions about this, and the children demonstrated their skills brilliantly.

It was very exciting for the children heading to Haute Vallee this week as we welcomed in Miss Bowman and Miss Knight who offered the children a great opportunity to ask any questions about Year 7 and transition ahead of the two transition days for all Year 6 pupils (2nd and 3rd July). The children were polite and respectful and asked some very mature questions about life at Haute Vallee.

A few gentle reminders:

- Our PE days are **Monday and Wednesday** this half term. The children will have a 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 will be welcoming YouMatter in again next week (Thursday 18th June) for their follow up 'Reproduction' session. If you have any questions about this, please contact your child's class teacher.**

Home Learning

- Daily reading x20 minutes.
- Spelling Practice.
- Arithmetic practice.

Achievers

The achiever this week in 6G is Finley. This young man has channelled his confidence and energy into some fantastic things this week. In our Therapeutic Art Sessions (TAP), he was brilliant, smashing through the activities and moving on to help and support his peers. In PSHE, he did a brilliant job sharing his understanding of the recovery position and volunteered to show off this information without hesitation. Throughout all of this he has had a smile on his face and brought energy and laughter to his and others' learning. Well done Finley.

The achiever in 6H this week is Fynn. What a star he has been throughout this week. As always, he has been polite, respectful and maturity to all of his learning, in and out of the classroom. He has topped this all off with a fantastic representation of himself at the Primary Engineer Celebration event at Highland Great all on Wednesday. Not only did he represent the school fantastically, but he showed off his technical understanding and oracy skills throughout the day, detailing the reasons for all the decisions made during the process. You are a joy to have in 6H Fynn, well done!
