

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 19.6.26



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

What a Week for d'Auvergne!

GOLD!

Very many congratulations to Leighton Tomkins for her significant achievement in becoming the **Island sprint champion** FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN SUCCESSION. She absolutely powered her way to the title – well done!

GOLD!

In school, Mrs Kruk and myself could not be prouder to have been informed by an external, UK assessor that d'Auvergne has been awarded **GOLD** by the EAL Academy in respect to how we support our multi-lingual learners and families. Not only have we been awarded gold at the first time of asking, but the inspector articulated that we are 'at the very top of gold' in how we support multilingualism and that there are only a handful of schools in the UK that he has seen in 25 years who are doing any better. Thank you to all the children, parents who were interviewed, and (of course) Mrs Kruk, Mrs Ungurusan and the staff for their support in this accomplishment.

Summer Fair Donations

Please, please, please can donations of cuddly toys, bottles, bric-a-brac and cakes be brought in next week from every family. Our big day is next Sunday 28th, 11am – 3pm.

Summer Heat

We are aware that next week will be very hot.

Please provide your child with a water bottle, they'll be able to refill all day.

Suncream should be applied, hats worn, loose clothing (e.g. PE kit) will be best – no hoodies, Year 6!

GoJ guidance is attached, we'll be following this in school.

Family Days

We have been made aware of some family days, please see below and attached:

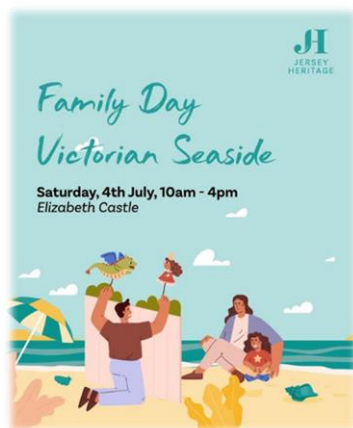
Family Day: "Victorian Seaside" at Elizabeth Castle

Saturday 4th July, 10am – 4pm

'Step back in time for a Victorian seaside-themed 'Family Day' at Elizabeth Castle! This event is open to everyone and promises to be a day of coastal fun.

Enjoy the bandstand buzz, ride the Victorian carousel and join in with seaside crafts, sand and water trays, puppet shows, and a playful ball pool with vintage bathing suits. Join our 'Victorian' Geopark Guides for a rock pool s'traû (stroll) and pebble exploration at the Secret Beach, then try candyfloss and classic Victorian games, and explore the Military Hospital, brought to life by our costumed characters. All children must be accompanied by a helpful adult.

Usual entry fees apply. **Free to Jersey Heritage Members and children under six. Jersey Heritage Members receive a 50% discount on the Elizabeth Castle Ferry (children under six go FREE).**



Enjoy the sunshine!
Slip, slap, slop everyone.
Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures

This week in our Futures, we have been learning all about the letter **v** and exploring the numbers **5** and **6** through a range of fun, hands-on activities.

Following our wonderful trip to the zoo, the children will be bringing home a **magnifying glass**, kindly gifted by the **Rotary Club**. This links perfectly with our current topic of **minibeasts**, so we encourage you to make the most of the sunny weather by heading outdoors together to explore your gardens, parks or local green spaces. We hope the children enjoy using their magnifying glasses to discover the amazing tiny creatures living all around us!

Next week is forecast to be **hot, hot, hot!** Please remember to apply suncream to your child before they come to school each morning and ensure they bring a named sun hat and water bottle so they can stay safe and comfortable while enjoying their learning outdoors

Nursery

They came, the saw, they conquered! For the second time this year I have been blown away with the power of our young learners **walking** muscles and more importantly the positive mental mindsets that they (and their adult helpers!) have demonstrated. The children marched beautifully up the Railway Walk and then played in blazing sunshine, misty fog patches and ultimately rain too! All weather super stars out west.

Thank you to the plethora of parental and grandparent help, you really made the trip and apologies I could not buy you a "thank you" hot drink due to the cafe being shut.

If keen our next **excursion** is on Monday 13th July.

In class we have had a "bitty" week with our trip and plenty of guests joining our class from other schools related to Reception transitions. We have tried to include as much "vvvvvvv" **phonics** as possible with "vvvvvvvvultures" featuring heavily in stories and play.

Your child's **Tapestry** Journal will soon be available to download as a PDF, I will pop more details on next week but wanted to plant the seed.

Many thanks for your support and have a lovely weekend,
Mr du Feu and Team

Reception

In Reception this week, we continued retelling the story of *The Snail and the Whale*. During Talk Tuesday, the children shared their favourite parts of the story and thought carefully about which place they would most like to visit if they were the snail, giving reasons for their ideas. We then modelled sentences using descriptive vocabulary from the book and extending sentences using conjunctions such as *and*, *because* and *so* to make ideas more detailed. Children had a go at writing their own sentences too. Ask your child where they wanted to visit!

In maths, we introduced simple word problems. For example, "There were 10 children on a bus. 3 more got on. How many children were on the bus altogether?" The children acted out the problems using themselves, drew pictures to represent the problem, and then wrote matching equations to show their thinking, e.g. $10 + 3 = 13$. At home, have a go at making up your own simple word problems and use objects to help solve them.

The children have also enjoyed being outside this week, using the water table, exploring pouring, measuring and developing their understanding of capacity and cause and effect. In the sand pit, they built, dug and shaped their own creations, working together and sharing ideas.

Reminder: Hopefully the children are enjoying completing their Food4Thought diaries at home. These need to be returned to school at the end of next week, so the children can share and be proud of their achievements!

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!

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Year 1

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

In English, we have been learning our new class story and beginning to write sentences linked to it. The children have enjoyed playing sentence games such as "*Improve the Sentence*" and "*Change the Sentence*", which have helped them to think carefully about word choices and sentence structure.

In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers into tens and ones, as well as comparing and ordering numbers to 100. The children are becoming more confident in understanding the value of each digit and using this knowledge to talk about numbers.

On Friday, we held our R.E. celebration, which went really well. The children did a fantastic job showcasing their learning about Christianity and Judaism, and we were very proud of the effort and enthusiasm they showed.

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

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

The children completed their maths assessments this week, they all tried so hard and should be very proud of themselves.

In Literacy this week we have been looking at our new text driver '*Seymour's Seaside Picnic*'. The children made some great predictions based on the front cover of the book using sentence stems such as '*I predict that*'... and '*I think that*'....

We then moved onto looking at new vocabulary and the children created vocabulary mats to show their understanding of the new vocabulary they have learnt. In our last lesson of literacy this week, we started to create some storyboards to show what was happening in the story.

In Science this week, we drew a picture of what our bulbs looked like that are growing in our class and then the children learnt about the parts of bulb and labelled them.

In Art, we focused on drawing and painting the outline of Sark and Jersey. One class is focusing on Sark and the other is focusing on Jersey. In the next coming weeks, the children will be using tiles to create a whole-class island mosaic! We cannot wait to see the final results!

On Friday, we had the RE festival where we went down and showcased our Christian Wedding video as well as looking at what other year groups have been learning about in RE. It was a lovely event, and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

REMINDER– Our trip to Sark is next **Wednesday 24th June**. Please meet us inside the harbour by **7:45am**, staff will be in there to collect the children. Please ensure you have read the letter that we sent out a few weeks ago and that your child brings all the essential items that are listed on that letter. Thank you 😊

Year 3

The sun has come out!

We have had a busy week! Highlights have included: a fabulous performance from a professional violinist, our whole school RE fair (an opportunity for Year 3 to showcase their learning across our three major topics – Islam, Judaism and Christianity) and our 'Grill a Christian' workshop which provided an opportunity for the children to ask members of the Christian faith any questions they may have.

In maths this week, we have been working on fractions and our understanding of the 'whole' and finding parts of a whole. In writing, we have been working on the key features of a fact file. In reading, we have been working on retrieval, summary, explanation and inference skills. Additionally, we have been busy designing our own Iron Age coin designs ready to create them at the Harbour Gallery in St Helier next week.

A few notices:

-We will be visiting the Harbour Gallery on Thursday 25th June. **Please note: there are different arrangements for the two classes.**

3B will be visiting the gallery in the morning. **Normal lunch** arrangements will resume with the children eating their lunch at school just like any normal day.

3D will be visiting the gallery in the afternoon and **will need a packed lunch.**

-A huge congratulations to our tennis players who finished 4th out of 28 teams at the island wide tennis tournament last week!

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Miss Bolton and Mrs Davies

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Year 4

This week, in our Writing lessons, we have continued to develop our understanding of newspaper reports. The children have been exploring the key features of this genre, including headlines, introductions, and factual reporting. It has been wonderful to see them beginning to apply these features independently in their own writing, showing increasing confidence and awareness of structure.

In DT (Makerspace), we continued our creative work on disaster movie posters. The children refined their designs from last week, thoughtfully adding eye-catching titles and engaging taglines. They showed great creativity and imagination, producing some very effective and dramatic designs.

In Maths, we have completed our unit on fractions. The children have been learning how to add fractions and simplify their answers, demonstrating excellent perseverance with what can be a challenging concept. They should be very proud of the effort they have shown and the progress they have made.

In Art, we have been busy creating pieces inspired by Hinduism, which will be showcased in our upcoming RE Festival on Friday. This is a whole-school event and provides a wonderful opportunity for each class to share and celebrate their learning in RE. The children have worked carefully and thoughtfully on their artwork, and we are looking forward to sharing it.

In Science, we carried out an exciting investigation into sound. The children explored how different widths of elastic bands can produce different pitches, and they enjoyed making predictions and observing the results. They demonstrated excellent curiosity and enthusiasm during this practical activity.

We also thoroughly enjoyed our school trip to the farm. The children took part in an informative introduction to the farm, including a fascinating flour milling demonstration. They were very excited to meet some of the animals and explore the farm machinery. It was a fantastic day!

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

Wow, what a busy and exciting week in Year 5!

In writing, we have started exploring how to write an effective non-chronological report. The children looked at an example text and used text mapping to help them learn its structure. We also had a fantastic discussion about what would happen if the sun never rose again, thinking about the powers we might use to save it. This linked to our learning about Ra, the Egyptian god, and how he uses his powers to ensure the sun rises each day.

In reading, we have continued following Poppy Pym. The children used their summarising skills to recap an important discussion she had with her circus family. There are more coincidences and disasters happening, and with St Smithen's at the centre of events, we are beginning to wonder if there could be a pharaoh's curse linked to the ruby scarab beetle.

In RE, we have been very creative, showcasing everything we have learned about different religions and the values they teach. The children have reflected on how we can learn from these values, even if we do not follow that religion ourselves. 5M and 5F created thoughtful displays showing their own "code for living," alongside the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and different virtues to follow. Meanwhile, 5B have been learning about the Pillars of Islam and used Lego to represent each of the pillars in a creative way.

In maths, we have been focusing on geometry, particularly angles. The children have been learning how to identify, label and accurately measure angles within shapes.

A highlight of the week has been the snorkelling sessions for 5M and 5B. The classroom session was fascinating, where the children learned about Jersey's marine life and how we can help to protect it. During the pool session, they practised using flippers and snorkels, learning how to move carefully without disturbing sea creatures. The beach session was outstanding and great fun, with the children exploring Bouley Bay and Portelet Bay and discovering all sorts of exciting things in the water.

5F worked extremely hard on their CATS tests this week and should feel very proud of the effort they showed throughout.

Looking ahead to next week, 5F have an exciting week to look forward to with their snorkelling sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, while 5B and 5M will be completing their CATS tests. A reminder that laptops must be brought into school fully charged and ready to use.

Finally, a big thank you to all the parents who helped to make the snorkelling experience so successful, we really appreciate your support.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs French, Mr Blake and Miss Morris

Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy week with lots of different things going on. We started the week with our new MakerSpace topic of 3-D printing, where the children used 3Dslash to understand the concept of building a model that is suitable to be printed using the equipment we have. In writing, we have continued with our speech writing but also written our end of year report comments. Towards the middle of the week, we started a new topic in science – Electricity! The children got practical by making simple and complex circuits including many different components whilst learning the symbols to match. 'You Matter' have also been in this week and delivered their session on Pregnancy / Birth. If you have any questions on this, please do not hesitate to 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 session on Monday with their class teacher and their regular PE slot with Rob on Wednesday.
- As we are approaching the end of the year, **Year 6 laptops need to be brought back into school (and be kept here) with their case and charger.**
- Next week we are heading to the **Jersey War Tunnels** on Friday morning. This will not affect any hot lunches.

Home Learning

- Daily reading x20 minutes.
- Spelling Practice.

Achievers

The achiever this week in 6G is Keyla. Throughout the whole year, Keyla has given everything her all and done it with a smile on her face. The confidence she has developed since September is wonderful and I really hope she begins her secondary school journey with skills and positive attitude she has demonstrated throughout Year 6. Well done, Keyla!

The achiever in 6H this week is Leighton. WOW! What an athlete this young lady is. This week Leighton has absolutely smashed the sprints at the Junior Athletic Championships, winning back-to-back gold medals in Year 5 last year and Year 6 this year. This is a massive achievement and one of the best sporting performances I have seen at d'Auvergne in my 7 years here. Amazing! Well done, Leighton.
