

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update 25.10.24

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Head Teacher's Comments

It has been a long and very productive half-term in school....we are all ready for a bit of a break to re-charge.

Last night, the PTA school discos were well attended – thank you to all involved in providing this opportunity.

Speaking of opportunities, the Year 5 have had a fabulous week at Crabbe. Again, a week such as this does not happen without significant additional, voluntary commitment from the team. I do hope the children express their thanks to the adults involved, particularly the Year 5 teachers.

After half-term, we shall be welcoming parents to classes, and we hope to see many of you in school at the times publicised.

Finally, today is the last day that the children will see Miss Shurey, as she will be returning to school as **Mrs Tostevin**. We wish Jodi and Dan all the very best as they 'tie the knot' in Scotland this weekend.

## Rights Champions – Message from Rachel

In our first Rights Champions Meeting, we learnt about the 'ABCDE' of children's rights:

- Rights are for ALL children (universal)
- Rights are there at BIRTH (inherent)
- Rights CANNOT be taken away (inalienable)
- Rights DO NOT have to be earned (unconditional)
- All rights are EQUALLY important (indivisible)

We look forward to delving deeper into what Children's Rights mean for children in Jersey, and around the world, after half term.

## Writing Competition – Message from Mrs Wilkinson

A little reminder that you still have time to enter the writing competition and what better time to do it than over half term! Children are invited to write a monster poem of their choice. Please see all details and links on the attached poster. All entries are to be handed in by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November to Mrs Wilkinson. Have fun!

Have a lovely half-term. Don't eat too many sweets, and **KEEP READING!**

Mr Cooper

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## **Year Group Updates**

### **Futures 1**

It's been a wet and soggy week. Even when it hasn't been raining, the grass outside has remained very muddy. We do our best to make sure the children are wearing wellies etc. when they go outside, but sometimes this just isn't possible. If we send your child home in their wellies because their shoes have got wet, please ensure they are returned to us the next day so we can try again.

As the half term holiday approaches, we are coming to the end of our Peek-a-who? book. It has been so lovely watching the children become more and more familiar with the story and, as a result, become more engaged with our story time carpet sessions. We will keep a copy of the book in our book corner so the children can revisit it whenever they choose.

This week the children have had lots of fun investigating pumpkins. From painting and drawing pumpkin faces to scooping, cutting and smashing a real pumpkin. This sensory exploration gives rise to lots of different vocabulary, as well as encouraging the children to share the resources and work the fine motor muscles in their arms and fingers. I hope you enjoy the spooky season with your children at home next week!

Have a great half term break,  
Mrs Mason and the Futures 1 Team

### **Futures 2**

Congratulations to one child who had their first sleep over this week on his Year 5 trip to Crabbe! By all accounts, he had an amazing time walking and exploring with his link class, and we heard all about it upon his return.

Where appropriate to the needs of the child, we really try to extend the children's development outside of the classroom, and to other parents, if ever you feel that there are further opportunities for your child to join in within the wider school community, simply let us know and the Futures team will do our best to accommodate this.

It's fair to say that this week we have all been very tired but that hasn't stopped us from clearing the polytunnel, making crumble and Halloween decorations (and obviously the essential stuff like maths and reading too)

To everyone, have a great (well earned) half term. Whether you are visiting your sister at Uni, staying with relatives, watching television, going to the chip shop, sleeping in and playing your iPad, shopping with Mum or hanging out with your sisters, remember to relax. Also, a big "Happy birthday!" to the person celebrating on 3<sup>rd</sup> November!

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Best wishes and see you all soon.

The Futures 2 Team

### **Nursery**

And that's a wrap on the first half term in Nursery - done! Well done parents but most importantly, well done to your wonderful little people who continue to amaze us every day. The children have done such a fantastic job settling in, making new friends and following routines. Over the half term, PLEASE continue to encourage your children to be as independent as possible, putting on their own shoes and socks, changing themselves etc, this really does help them with their confidence when in Nursery.

This week, the children thoroughly enjoyed prepping their 'spooky snacks' and lots of Halloween themed decorations ahead of our autumn party. The children all looked great and had lots of fun, listening to music, playing with balloons and games.

Please find below our snack menu for after half term.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Main</b>	<b>Fruit</b>
	Milk (dairy or oat) or water	
<b>Monday</b> Miss Robinson	Tuna or cheese wraps	Apples and raisins
<b>Tuesday</b> Mrs Pemberton	Crackers or bread sticks with hummus	Carrots and cucumber
<b>Wednesday</b> Mrs Renouf	Beans on toast	Grapes and oranges
<b>Thursday</b> Miss Fage	Mini pancakes with natural yogurt and honey	Banana and blueberries
<b>Friday</b> Miss Abreu	Choice of cereal	Leftover fruits

*Menu may change due to availability.*

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Have a lovely restful break with your families and we are looking forward to welcoming you back in on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Miss Fage and the Nursery Team

## **Reception**

### **Year 1**

We have had another busy week in Year 1!

In Literacy we have been working through our independent write and target setting around writing. Please ask your child what they need to work on next.

In maths, we have been looking at addition by counting on. This involves starting to count from the larger number, in an addition number sentence, rather than counting as a collective. We have used cubes, Numicon and number lines to support with this.

-In science, we have been looking at animal body parts. We understand that animals can be organised by type, but what they eat and also by what they look like. Please watch this video to consolidate learning;

[Interesting Animal Body Parts | KS1 Science | STEM and Beyond - YouTube](#)

We have just finished a Read Write Inc assessment cycle, so we have new groupings. When we are in an assessment week, levelled RWI books won't go home, so it may appear as your child's books are not being changed. During this time, please take the opportunity to focus on reading for pleasure and interest books. Parents can continue to sign diaries as any reading is great reading!

After half term, we will hopefully be using sparklers to inspire some writing. Please let your child's teacher know if they have an issue around fireworks.

-Please continue to practise reading and spellings each week and sign your child's homework planner.

-Please keep practising with your child, so they are able to log onto Ed Shed independently.

-Ensure that everything that comes into school is named.

Thank you for your continued support this and happy half term!

Year 1 Team

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## Year 2

We have had a great last week to end our very busy 1<sup>st</sup> half term in Year 2.

We started off the week with our last dance lesson with Dragos. The children created a fantastic dance and performed it very well together.

They have also been learning lots about all different instruments in their music lessons with Jersey Music school.

In Literacy this week, the focus has been on looking at their independent writing from last week, marking it and then editing and thinking about writing targets for their next pieces of writing. The children have also done some activities sorting adjectives (describing words), nouns (naming words), verbs (doing words) and conjunctions (words that connect two sentences together). Children would benefit from consolidation with this at home.

In Maths the children have been learning different methods of subtraction. They have been learning to subtract the multiples of 10, using part, part whole methods to partition numbers to more easily subtract, and using column subtraction to subtract 1-digit from 2-digit numbers, 2-digit from 2-digit numbers and subtraction with renaming.

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The children have also enjoyed finishing their fire engines this week! They have turned an ordinary cardboard box or milk carton into a fantastic looking fire engine! With axles and wheels, functioning ladders, hoses and lights. The children have really enjoyed their DT this half term and look forward to whatever they will be making next.

On Friday morning we welcomed Razina Bargit from the Jersey Mosque in to talk to us about being a part of the Islamic community in Jersey and what life is like for a Muslim. Children asked lots of questions and found out lots about the Islamic faith. They also had the opportunity to look at some artifacts.

On Friday we sent home purple folders with the children. Inside contain their weekly maths arithmetic assessments. These will be coming home every Friday with the children, so it is important that the children do bring them back into school with them the following

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Thursday or Friday. After half term, we will be sending home weekly arithmetic homework along with their assessment results. These will be sent home every Friday, and we would like the homework to be completed by the following Friday.

Reminders:

- Please read with your child and encourage them to practice their spellings daily. This should be recorded in their homework diaries.
- Big backpacks are not needed for Year 2. A bookbag is sufficient please.
- Please send your child in with a coat every day, the weather is unpredictable.

Enjoy your half term break. Thank you for your continued support.  
Miss Aubert and Mrs Harris.

### **Year 3**

Half term already!

Highlights this week have included our fantastic products for sale in the honesty box! 3B have whipped up some fabulous 'ambrosia cakes' inspired by our class text 'The Beasts of Olympus' and 3D have crafted a selection of beautiful woven Greek bracelets.

In Maths this week, we have been working on addition and subtraction using a range of methods including using concrete manipulatives to aid our understanding. In writing lessons, we have been learning to use fronted adverbials and prepositions in our sentences to build detail and depth. In reading lessons, we have completed our first chapter book of the year - 'The Beasts of Olympus.' We have been deepening our understanding of our reading skills with a focus on retrieval and explanation.

A few important notices for next half term:

- PE days will now be WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
- Ancient Greek Day will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – we are encouraging the children to dress up to match the theme. This will be a wonderful immersive learning experience for the children. If you need any support/ideas for costumes please get in touch and we will be happy to advise you.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Miss Bolton and Mrs Davies

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## Year 4

What a fun week we've had in Year 4! This week, we have changed our focus heavily onto Art and Computing.

In Art, children have been researching the famous 19th century designer and printer, William Morris. Morris was famous for his inspiration from nature to create leafy, fruity, botanical patterns which would be used for curtains, carpets, wallpaper and furniture. Children have been copying some of Morris' designs and creating their own maps based on a real country and the inspiration of nature.

In Computing, children have learned how to animate a 'sprite' using algorithms like *repeat*, *loop*, *forever* and importantly an **event** to start the animation (an event like clicking the mouse or pressing a key on the keyboard). We've explored the algorithms needed to play a game which requires scores, sound effects, and events to happen when a sprite is clicked on the screen. They then created their own spooky bat game, clicking on disappearing and reappearing bats to get a high score.

Additionally to this, we have repeated and repeated our column addition to become secure in adding four-digit numbers, up to ten-thousand. Last but not least, our letters to Mr Cooper - warning him not to let Miss Root into school because of her being a demon - have been read by Mr Cooper. Regretfully, it looks like Miss Root *will* be invited into the school after all...

We hope all our Year 4 children have an amazing half-term!

## Year 5

See this week's Facebook posts!

## Year 6

The children have continued to show great attitudes to their learning, even at the end of a very long and busy half term. This week, we have written a persuasive letter as a class persuading the prison warden from *Oliver Twist* to release the Artful Dodger from prison. The children's input and ideas were fantastic! In Maths, we have been continuing with division and the children have been practicing using both long and short division. We have continued with our 'Finches' investigation in Science, and the children are ready to complete their investigations after half term.

After half term, we have an exciting opportunity to join Mr Livesey in the MakerSpace to explore our topic of the Victorians.

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A few gentle reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.
- **Our PE days will remain Monday and Wednesday next half term. Coach Rob will teach the children on Wednesday, and the children will have a PE session with their class teacher on the Monday.**
- Laptops need to be brought in to school every day fully charged.
- Our 'You Matter' session for this coming half term will be centred around friendships. As always, if you have any questions or queries around the content of these 'You matter' sessions, please ask.

Home Learning

Reading: Daily for 20 minutes.

Spellings: Practice daily. Spellings can be found on Google Classroom or on the physical handout.

Maths: Complete Maths Tutor - Written Methods of Calculation (all children have been assigned this course).

Maths: Arithmetic paper practice - refer to google classroom for support and videos.

Achievers:

The achiever in 6G this week is Ava LG! She has continued to shine this week showing great attitudes to her learning and always offering a helping hand where she can. She has showed fantastic resilience when she is not sure on something and always gives her best no matter how hard something may be. Keep showing this great attitude to your learning Ava and you will have a very bright future ahead of you. Well done!

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Ava! This fantastic young lady is a delight to have in year 6. She always uses her initiative and is a great role model to her peers. It is clear that no matter which secondary school she goes to next year, they will be gaining a hardworking, independent and resilient member of the d'Auvergne community. Great job Ava, keep it up!

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