

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 8.11.24



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Parent Drop-Ins

We have welcomed over 200 parents / carers this week for our open lessons – your support is always appreciated, and we do hope you found the time in school both enjoyable and helpful.

Obviously, not all parents / carers are able to attend the sessions – that is very understandable. If you can't be with us, it is really helpful to join us in explaining this to your child – particularly our younger pupils – so they don't get upset if their carer isn't present.

My thanks, again, to the staff team for hosting; this is not in their Terms and Conditions but demonstrates their commitment to you.

Parent Consultations

Most parents / carers have booked in for either 18th or 20th November. If you haven't yet done so, please sign up as soon as possible. Thank you.

Smart Phones

A reminder that, in my opinion, primary school children do not need a smart-enabled phone. In the run-up to Christmas, I am happy to be referenced should any child be keen to put one on their list to Father Christmas.

As a school, we have seen very many incidents where inappropriate use of smart phones is at the heart of significant social problems. None of the Apps that have been used in these situations are permitted for children of primary age.

Additional INSET

A reminder that d'Auvergne will, exceptionally, be having an additional day of **school closure on Friday 23rd May 2025** so that we may host a national oracy conference. Please make provision for your children on this day (which is the Friday before the May half-term).

Eco Committee Update

Exciting news this term as our new *Christmas Cosy Clothes* event will be underway in a couple of weeks!

If you are looking for good quality children's clothes FOR FREE then come to the quiet playground on the Tuesday 26th November. We will be under the canopy, whatever the weather, keeping ourselves warm with the bundles of clothes which parents have kindly donated.

If you have any good quality, clean children's clothes to donate, please consider:

- jumpers
 - trousers
 - hats
 - scarves
 - coats
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- wellies
 - And most importantly CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!
 - We're only collecting cosy, winter clothes - no summer or swimwear!

Put them in a bag with a label reading **MR BLAKE COSY CLOTHES**.

Please see the poster which has been sent out to parents on parentmail, kindly created by our own Eco Committee legend - Aurora.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Additionally, we are going to be running the *Living Streets* **Walk To School** challenge again. Try to walk to school, at least once a week, for a whole month for children to earn a cool, child-created badge!

Kind regards,

Your d'Auvergne Eco Committee

Breakfast Club and After School Club Administration

To reduce paper wasting and for streamline processing purposes, only hard copy booking forms will be accepted for After School and Breakfast clubs.

Booking forms will be emailed with offerings, but if you have no access to a printer, hard copies are available to collect from the school's office. Please **do not email, booking forms are to be placed in post box or handed in.**

Thank you.

Mrs Rodrigues

School Council

This week our amazing School Council tackled the lost property box. We were able to return many items of clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles to their owners. However, there are still a huge number of unnamed items in the lost property box that we were unable to reunite with their owners. School Council have asked if you can please make sure all your children's items are clearly named.

Thank you.

Your d'Auvergne School Council Representatives

Ashley John-Baptiste

TV Presenter, news broadcaster, inspirational speaker and author Ashley John-Baptiste will be visiting the island for an event at Le Rocquier School on Thursday Nov 14th (18.00) to share his hard-hitting and inspirational story of navigating through the care system and to promote the importance of education in helping care experienced young people achieve their aspirations.

Ashley's talk will last 45 minutes, following which there will be a Q+A an opportunity to buy a signed copy of his book 'Looked After: A Childhood in Care'. Tickets are £7 via Eventbrite; please see poster attached.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-award-winning-broadcaster-ashley-john-baptiste-tickets-1034812230237?aff=oddtcreator>

'TERRIFIC TREES' – THIS SATURDAY

We're celebrating Jersey's beautiful woodland with our partner, the Aspiring Jersey Island Geopark, at St Saviour's Woodland on Saturday (9th) from 10am-2pm.

Join us for 'Terrific Trees', our latest FREE Discovery Day, for a family event full of crafts, trails and tree-related activities.

Take part in mono printing with local artist Nicola Lucas and be inspired by the beauty, shape and texture of the trees. Jersey Trees for Life (another Geopark Partner) and naturalist Stephen Le Quesne from Wild Days Wilderness School, will be there to share their knowledge and help you to reconnect in nature, with lots of creative play! Self-led Early Years activities will also be available as you discover and explore this incredible space.

All children must be accompanied by a helpful adult. Free parking for the event is available at Highlands College on St Saviour's Hill, and you are welcome to walk, cycle or hop on the number 23 bus from Liberation Station, right to the entrance of the woodland. There's no need to book, just turn up!

The weather is looking dry, but don't forget to wear appropriate footwear and clothing for outside. See you there!

Jersey Heritage Education Team

Have a great weekend everyone.

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures 1

Our first week back after half term and the weather has certainly changed! I would suggest ensuring your child has plenty of layers as, although it is quite chilly, when the children come inside it can get quite warm and stuffy. As always please make sure all items of clothing are clearly named.

I think I caught a few of you at pickup time, but going forward, please could you try and send your child into school on a Friday with their swimming costume already on under their clothes. This makes it much easier for us to get all the children in the pool successfully and on time! If this is not possible then please don't worry, we will manage.

Our new story for this half term is Peekaboo Monsters by DK. This story explores a range of areas including the emotions happy and grumpy, as well as the opposites, fast and slow and messy and clean. We will spend time in class looking at these concepts in lots more detail as the term progresses.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Mason & The Futures Team

Futures 2

Welcome back to school, I hope all children enjoyed their brief holiday; despite the darker mornings and foggy weather, everyone seems to have returned with an enthusiasm for school and learning. As is often the case, now that the weather has taken a turn for the wetter, the mud kitchen is very popular.

Thank you for the spare clothes, I anticipate that this will be essential in the coming weeks.

We've kicked off our new term by introducing our new topic - 'Our Animal World'. Using Adam Henson's, 'A Year on Adam's Farm' we will be delving into life on a Jersey farm before looking at more exotic climates, allowing us to compare and contrast different biomes around the world. We hope to extend our learning to beyond the classroom by going to a working farm and the local zoo - more details to come.

The countdown to Christmas has already begun - there's rumblings that we're going to make a video inspired by 'The Wizard Of Oz'...

Nursery

Welcome to the second half of the autumn term - arguably the best term in the school year - can anybody hear jingle bells?!

This week we have well and truly hit the ground running and the children have **settled back in** so well. We've been thinking about celebrations including Halloween, Bonfire Night and **Diwali**. We were so fortunate to have a mummy come in to share how her family celebrate Diwali, bringing in some artifacts such as jewellery and pots to show us. We even tried some traditional foods! A local author, **Penny Bryne**, also came to visit and shared one of her stories 'Rainbow Flo' with us. This story was all about healthy foods in a variety of colours, the children were inspired and were looking in their lunchboxes to see how many different colours they had in there. A huge thank you to Penny who also very kindly gifted us another 2 of her books which we will enjoy reading many times this year I'm sure.

It was lovely to **see so many of you** at our parent drop in on Wednesday - we hope that you enjoyed coming into the provision with your child and seeing how much fun they have each day.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Fage and the Nursery Team 😊

Reception

Welcome to Autumn 2! Your children have come back into school ready and raring to go for what we hope will be an exciting run up to Christmas.

This week, we have been learning about the celebration of Diwali and have been retelling the story of Rama and Sita. Ask your children who helped to rescue Sita from the 10 headed Ravana. On Tuesday, we celebrated bonfire night with lots of arts and crafts and plenty of glitter! Mr Cooper shared the story of Guy Fawkes during our Monday morning assembly.

Thank you to all the parents who came in to see our learning on Thursday. We hope you got a little snippet of the skills we are learning, including our oracy and the ability to be able to communicate, present and share our thoughts with each other. Please continue to explore sorting, sequencing and comparing different sizes at home. Use the mathematical vocabulary and see if your children can explain their thinking.

This week, we have begun our Read, Write Inc groups and the children are smashing it! They are super excited to show us what they know and to learn more! We will be sending home a copy of the rhymes that go with each sound to help support the children with the correct letter formation. Please practise these at home and watch your children carefully when they write to ensure their letter formation is correct. Encourage them to say the rhyme as they write the letter. This can be done on paper, in the sand, in the mud, with chalks, or a tray of glitter. Have fun with it!

Reception also enjoyed a trip upstairs to our school library this week! They have chosen a book to share with an adult at home. This is a book of their choice and re-reading the book across the week has many benefits. Polite reminder – please ensure school planners and library books remain in their book bags at all times and are brought in on a daily basis. All Reception children are expected to have a d’Auvergne book bag, not a rucksack, as specified in our policy. Library days will be every Wednesday. We can’t wait to read your reading comments in the school planners on Fridays!

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

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Year 1

We hope everybody had a lovely half term break and are ready for an exciting and busy half term in the run up to Christmas!

We have hit the ground running this week! The children have been completing some assessments this week to give us an insight into how they are performing in an assessment situation. These scores will be shared with you at parent consultations in a couple of weeks.

The children have also been learning about keeping safe when at bonfire events. We learned about Guy Fawkes and why we host bonfires and have firework events. Hopefully your child can share this knowledge and these safety tips if you are attending an event this weekend.

As Autumn has well and truly arrived, the children have been discussing what happens in Autumn, what it looks like and what it feels like. When you are out and about can you spot any signs of Autumn?

Reminders –

P.E. Days this half term will remain the same (Tuesday and Wednesday). On Tuesday 12th and 19th November, Mrs Andre-Brown’s class will take part in their cycling sessions. On Tuesday 26th November, 3rd and 10th December, Miss Lee’s class will take part in their cycling sessions.

Please ensure reading is done every night and the homework planners are signed to reflect this.

Many thanks for your support,

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Year 2

We have had a fantastic and busy first week back after half term!

Thank you to all parents who came to our parent pop in this week. The children really enjoyed showing off their maths skills to you.

In Literacy this week we introduced our new text driver. Molly McDrew and the Great Fire of London. For our hook lesson, we took the children outside and asked them to all sit on blankets. We told the children that they were going on a trip. They could go on a trip to anywhere in the world because the blankets the children were sitting on were magic, and when they turned a clock the carpet would work and transport them to wherever they wanted to go. The children acted out flying through the air and pointing out the different things they could see on their trips.

We then introduced Molly McDrew. On the front cover you can see a picture of Molly on her magic carpet. The children then made predictions about what they think will happen in the story.

In maths, the children continued their work on subtraction, using the column method to subtract 2-digit from 2-digit numbers. Children would benefit from consolidation with this at home. We then moved on to addition on three numbers.

In Topic this week we looked at the differences between fire fighting in 1666 during the Great Fire of London, and firefighting today. We made comparisons about things that are similar and things that are very different.

In RE we looked at the different features of a mosque. We learnt about the Mihrab (a niche in the wall, pointing towards Mecca, the ablution area where they wash before going into the prayer hall, the prayer hall where Muslims go to pray using their prayer mats and mosaics that are used to decorate the mosques.

Reminders:

- Please remind children they should be bringing their homework diaries in every day
- Homework diaries should be filled in daily with reading and spellings.
- Please provide children with a healthy snack every day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Aubert and Mrs Harris.

Year 3

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a lovely Half Term and that you're ready for the weeks ahead, including the lead up to Christmas.

In maths we have been working on our subtraction skills, including column subtraction with renaming. We have also continued working on our arithmetic skills in our daily and weekly tests. The longer Friday test will start coming home as of this week so that you are able to see the progress that your children are making in arithmetic and the gaps that they need to be working on both at home and at school. We have started our new chapter book in reading... The Hounds of Hades. It continues to follow the adventures of Demon, the official Beastkeeper of Olympus! In our lessons we continue to work on developing our fluency and expression. This can be supported at home with the children reading aloud to you and practising their reading skills using Bugclub.

In science we have been exploring forces and magnets and in history we have moved on to exploring the Battle of Marathon and what we can learn about the past from what has remained. We have also started to design our own Greek pots which we will make out of clay.

Just to remind you...**change of date Wednesday 13th November Greek Day!** We look forward to seeing the children's costumes and spending the day immersing ourselves in the lives of the Ancient Greeks! If you have any questions about this please let us know!

Thank you for your ongoing support in your children's learning.

Mrs Davies and Miss Bolton.

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Year 4

Welcome back! We have hit the ground running in Year 4, closing the chapter of Halloween with a deep dive into monster poetry! Children have written numerous poems - tanka, cinquain, alliteration and more - and have presented them beautifully on paper and presented them confidently to their classmates.

This leads into our new reading and writing topic... DRAGONS! We launched into this at full speed with an egg hunt around the school. Children were so enthusiastic and raced to find all 18 eggs in fearsome speed. We inferred what sort of dragons would come out of which eggs, based on their appearance.

In History, you may remember that the children learned about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age in Year 3. We have since learned a lot about settlements in Geography, but now we move onto the Romans - a huge step in civilisation as we know it today. So... should Claudius invade Britain? Yay or nay?

In Maths, we begin subtraction which has the same - but reversed - method as column addition. We're sure that the children will apply previous skills to this, as addition and subtraction is the backbone of multiplication and division which we will be learning afterwards.

All children at d'Auvergne are currently undergoing their assessments. Please be reassured that these are a natural part of their school career, and we take every step to ensure that children feel confident about their progress, from where they are now to where they want to be.

Lastly, a reminder that our PE days for the rest of this term are Tuesday and Friday.

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Year 5

It has been a super week for Year 5 as we return for the second Autumn half term!

In our English lessons we have focussed upon our narrative writing, which is building up to our first big write of the year next week. This will be focussed upon our time at Crabbe. In our reading lessons we have continued to work upon our vocabulary and retrieval skills, the children are becoming very confident with skim and scan—well done!

It was super to see so many parents on Wednesday in our Maths lesson, thank you for joining us. We have started our new chapter work which initially starts with factors and multiples work. This is heavily based upon times tables knowledge so we would encourage the children to continue to practise their times tables at home and using their online resources. We have also completed our weekly arithmetic test which will be coming home in the green folders. This will help build their key skills as we continue to work upon more complicated Maths equations.

We had a super time at Swimming on Thursday and the children are improving with their skills and resilience each week. Swimming will continue this half term and finish at Christmas time. We will send a Parentmail at a later point about their final swim session and any particular clothing needed.

On Tuesday, we had a brilliant session with Calvin from YouMatter to talk to the children about bullying and the right thing to do on the playground. This was a very informative lesson for the children and will hopefully help them.

Next week, our usual spelling test will resume on Tuesday (the lists have been sent out this week), weekly arithmetic test on Thursday and we have a visit from Jersey Youth on Tuesday morning.

Have a super weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning!

Mr Worthington and Miss Condlyffe

Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have continued with our reading text 'Street Child' and learnt more about Jim Jarvis and his adventures through Victorian London. In Maths we have continued with our daily arithmetic (fractions) and looked in depth at prime numbers. In Writing we have explored the use of vocabulary in our new learning journey, which will require the children to independently write a persuasive text. Lastly, we have had another 'You Matter' session on friendships. As always, if you have any questions, please ask.

We would like to thank those parents who came along to watch our Reading lesson on Tuesday. We hope that it was a beneficial experience for you.

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.

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 Maya. She has been a superstar this week, always offering her opinion during class discussions and showing that she is an active learner. Maya is always looking out for others and never fails to put a smile on my face! Well done Maya, keep it up!

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Kallisti. What a fantastic ambassador and role model student this young lady is! The level of engagement in lessons that Kallisti shows is tremendous and she is always curious to find out more or why something is the way it is. This is a fantastic quality to have as a learner – excellent job Kallisti.