

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

This week, at our request, we have welcomed two Senior Advisers to school to help us undertake an evaluation of our writing standards. I have to say, they were very impressed by our children – they were eloquent, polite and could describe their writing 'journey' clearly and with confidence. Thanks, and well done, to all involved – particularly Mrs Wilkinson.

We are in the thick of our Christmas preparations and are looking forward to celebrating with you over the next couple of weeks. In order to assist us, we really need some Key Stage 2 parents to join us in walking to the Church on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th, 8.30am – 12.00pm. Please let the office know if you can assist – many thanks.

The halls are truly 'decked', following yesterday's Deco Day. It is all coming together! Thank you, children, and Mrs Keogh, for your efforts.

It is lovely to see so many children using scooters before school. Please may parents make sure every child has a helmet on and that they are being used only in the main playground (not on the Quiet (gazebo) Playground – ideally towards the trim trail / polytunnel. There have been a few near misses! Thanks.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures 1

It's hard to believe that next week we will be in December! Where has this term gone?

We had lots of fun today decorating our class Christmas tree (and I'm sure it will be stripped and redecorated multiple times in the next few weeks) as well as making our own decorations to be hung in the main corridor of the school. The children coloured, cut and stuck a variety of materials to create their own Christmas gnomes. We hope to send these home to you at the end of term.

We were also lucky this week to get a last-minute cancellation with Healing Waves, meaning that some of the children were able to head to the Merton for a fun session with the team. We hope to be able to offer more of these sessions to all children next term.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Mason & the Futures 1 Team

Futures 2

The bulk of our core learning this week has concerned consolidating 'number bonds'. Some learners require 'Numicon' to cement understanding and others can now recall number relationships (e.g. 1+9 =10)!

This week we have been gearing up for Christmas. Our *Wednesday Challenge* was to bring Christmas to Futures 2, all children helping to put up lights and make decorations for our classroom. Also, look out for contributions to the school's fantastic 'Deco-Day' near the school entrance – ours were sawed from logs during Forest School and the wooden disks were drilled, drawn and decorated. Mrs Bailey's Forest School expertise and flair was invaluable.

It will be our final Futures 2 Swimming session next week (Tuesday 3rd November) and both swimming instructors commented that there has been so much progress that next term children will graduate to using floats rather than arm bands. Well done everyone!

Also, next week is the final horse-riding session of this term – there will then hopefully be the opportunity for three new children to ride during next term.

A gentle reminder – our Zoo trip is planned for 9th December!

Enjoy the festive season!

The Futures 2 Team

Nursery

Christmas has officially arrived in Nursery!

This week we have enjoyed making decorations for deco day and working in small groups to help put up the Christmas trees. These activities have helped us to develop our listening and turn taking skills. We're still working hard and singing even harder learning the words for our Christmas singing – please remember to check the diary dates sent out to you previously, you can also find these on the notice board outside nursery.

Our sound of the week this week was ssssssss, next week we will be learning d-d-d. The children are doing extremely well retaining these sounds, as we've now learnt mmmmm, a-a-a-a and ssssss.

Finally, this week we were fortunate enough to watch a performance of "Wintercake" by Flair Entertainment. The children were captivated by the performance which incorporated themes of kindness, friendship and traditions which is very fitting for the upcoming festive season.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Fage and the Nursery Team

Reception

What an exciting week we have had!

Over the weekend our magic bean grew into an enormous beanstalk which was so big, it was stretching into the ceiling. We even saw some humongous wellies hanging through. The children thought the giant was coming to find Jack, who had stolen his hen that laid golden eggs and his beautiful, musical harp. We have created story maps, enjoyed drawing and have written about this exciting experience. We have even sent letters to the giant to help him find Jack and his stolen things. What a treat it has been to see the children so excited about their learning in Reception this week. We hope they share this with you at home.



Our corridors are adorned with glittery stars this week after a very enjoyable 'deco day'. The children learnt the real meaning of Christmas in our assembly with Mr Cooper at the beginning of the week. Ask your child if they can remember what 'advent' means.



Many thanks to you that have sent in jars, keep them coming please, we will be needing them by the beginning of next week.

We are also in desperate need of some empty cereal boxes, cardboard tubes, cartons etc. The children are loving our modelling area and are making some amazing and imaginative creations. Please save them and send them in.



new junk

Friday 6th December – Christmas Jumper day. Children can come into school wearing a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper. They must wear the rest of their uniform underneath.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

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Year 1

We have had a busy week!

In maths, we have been focusing on subtraction by crossing out, and subtraction by counting back. We are encouraging the child to use concrete objects and pictures to help with this. Please have a look at this blog to find out more; <https://blog.edshed.com/what-is-the-cpa-approach-explained/> We will also be launching Mathletics with the children, over the coming weeks. This is an online learning platform that can be used at home and at school. Please keep an eye out for logins in your child's planner.

We welcomed the extremely talented 'Flair Entertainment' team in this week. It provided a great opportunity to discuss with the children the meaning of Christmas for Christians, and we are practising our Nativity songs in earnest! Find attached the words to our first two songs, please practise these at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/z7fp382>

Continuing with the Christmas theme, we enjoyed deco morning, and made Christingles with Jersey Baptist Church, who chatted with the children about the symbolism of the Christingle.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdjff4j>

-Please note, that spelling for the rest of term will be a random, mash up of the Year 1 words we have covered this term. We will pick 8 each week to have a go at.

-Please ensure your child has a fruit or vegetable snack.

Thank you for your continued support,

Year 1 Team.

Year 2

A very productive week!

We have been learning about past and present tense in our literacy lessons and then using them to in our sentences for our writing this week.

In science we were all very intrigued to find out if our bulbs had grown since planting them last week. We recorded what it now looked like by drawing it in our science books.

In PSHE, we discussed and talked about why a person may bully someone and then how we can help that person being bullied. We will be continuing this next week too.

In Maths we have now completed our Multiplication and Division Unit, it is really important that all the children continue to practice learning their 2, 5 and 10 times table and division facts please.

All the children enjoyed making their Deco day craft, which are now on display in the main corridor at the entrance of the school for you all to see.

From next week, after our music concert, we will be very busy with rehearsals for our Nativity play, please make sure your child is practicing their lines with you at home as they need to know this off by heart for the big day!

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 3rd December- Music Concert in the Music room

2KA-8.45am

2H-9.30am

Tuesday 17th December- Nativity play 2pm and 5.30pm performances (more details to follow)

Please can we ask for all the children to bring in a **named** plastic carrier bag on Monday as we are using them for the Nativity play costumes. In preparation all children will need to wear a white t shirt and black leggings for the play with their outfit worn on top, this must be **named** also. We will ask for this to be brought in shortly.

Thank you for all your support.

Best wishes

Mrs Harris and Miss Aubert

Year 3

It's been a festive week in Year 3!

Highlights this week have included preparing our items to sell at the Christmas market and decorations for our annual deco day! 3B have been working hard on their tote bags and 3D have been preparing Christmas wreaths – both of which will be on sale at the Christmas market on Friday 6th December.

In Maths this week, we have been using bar models to help us to unpick tricky word problems. In writing lessons, we have begun our new unit of learning – poetry! We have been starting the planning process for writing our very own acrostic poems. In reading lessons, we have been reading 'The Hounds of Hades' and working on retrieving key information from the text.

A date for the diary:

-The Christmas market will be held on Friday 6th December. All proceeds will go to the PTA.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Miss Bolton and Mrs Davies

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Year 4

It might feel a bit too early still for Christmas, but nonetheless we have been crafting, threading, sticking, affixing, looping, and colouring – all for our Deco Day and Christmas Fayre!

This week has been another busy week with a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory workshop, and our Jersey Heritage expert on the Ancient Romans who brought in tonnes of artifacts and even had some of our children in their shield formations ready to break through enemy lines...

In Science, children have begun a research project about an endangered animal at Jersey Zoo. Next week, some of our children will be having a Teams meeting with a Conservation Learning Officer at Jersey Zoo, who will answer some of our questions about these animals. Please see Google Classroom for an animal research project which we expect children to continue with at home and over the Christmas holidays. Their instructions are:

to explore the different animals at Jersey Zoo and then decide on an animal for a research project we will be doing. Children must either make a Google Slideshow, poster, leaflet, fact file or similar. Additionally, any poetry, letters or artwork to help with their project would be valuable. Children must research (and explain in their own words – not copying/pasting from Google):

1. Their main habitat.
2. Why they are endangered.
3. How changes to their environment (habitat) endanger them.
4. How you would **classify** your animal to sort them from other animals (perhaps draw a classification key for their animal compared with other similar animals).
5. Research their **digestive system** and **teeth** (if they have teeth) to explore what foods they eat and how you can prove that their digestive system and teeth helps them survive.

While we may have some time to work on this project in school, we do encourage children to be actively doing this at home. Once the projects are finished, in the new year the children will present their projects to a number of different audiences including d'Auvergne staff and pupils, possibly some Jersey Zoo staff, parents perhaps? This is a great opportunity for deeper learning, oracy and development of their knowledge in endangered animal species and habitat protection.

In Writing, children have begun working toward their dragon non-chronological report (fact file). It is really important that children know how to use the correct **tense** for their verbs, ensuring present and future tense so that it doesn't sound like a story. They have built a bank of exciting verbs and adjectives to begin describing how dragons behave and what makes them so interesting.

Year 5

It has been a great week in Year 5!

In our English lessons we have started our Biography work about Roald Dahl which is our new topic. The children have looked at the purpose and audience of their writing work and we are now focussing on the key grammar and SPaG techniques such as clauses, conjunctions and fronted adverbials to

bring this piece of writing to life! In our Reading lessons, we have continued to read our Poppy Pym book in our reading lessons and are focussing heavily upon synonyms and antonyms at the moment together with dictionary skills. We have also been working hard on Bug Club. Please can this be encouraged at home so the children are moving up their bands levels as we approach the end of term.

In Maths, we have continued our work on long multiplication and are including these types of questions in our daily arithmetic work. It is vital the children have strong timestable knowledge for this work so please encourage them to continue to access TTRS and accessing Maths Tutor at home on a weekly basis, Mathletics is no longer being used.

In Art we have been continuing to plan our Egyptian printing design and will be ready to draw this onto Lino next week ready for our carving session the week after with Mrs Willis! The children also took part in a super sewing lesson last Friday in preparation for Deco Day. These decorations should start to be seen around school very soon and they will then be able to take these home at the end of term.

We had a brilliant swimming lesson in our pyjamas on Thursday and it tested their resilience and strength in the pool-well done Year 5! We have also been practising our Christmas Poem with 5W, this is on google classroom and the children have been given copies to go home and practise this ready for our Christmas service coming up together with their Christmas song!

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 fantastic MakerSpace sessions, where the children redesigned Victorian inventions to be 3-D printed. We have also visited the cemetery next to school for a writing lesson, where the children heard a fantastic Victorian ghost story from PJ. They have now drafted their own openings to Victorian ghost stories. Jersey Sings have also visited us and the children have rehearsed a number of songs, which they will be performing later in the year at the Jersey Sings concert. On Thursday, we had Deco Day and the children created fantastic paper snowflakes which will be used to decorate the school.

A few gentle reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.
 - Our PE days remain Monday and Wednesday. 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. We have MakerSpace this half term and the children will need their laptops for these sessions.
 - **Next week is 'Victorian Week'. We have several different activities planned for the children throughout the week as well as a number of trips. Please refer to the letters for further information. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.**
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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 – Percentages course. If your child needs help assigning this, please contact their class teacher.

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

Achievers:

6G: The achiever in 6G this week is Cole! This young man has been putting phenomenal effort into not only the quality of his work but also the presentation of it. He is taking pride in his learning, and I am really looking forward to seeing what he will achieve if he keeps this fantastic attitude up. Well done Cole!

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Mason! This young man is one of the kindest and most thoughtful members of our d'Auvergne community. Mason always has a smile on his face and always has a positive attitude in everything he does. The enthusiasm and joy he has for learning is truly a delight to witness each and every day. You are wonderful Mason – keep it up!
