

## Ambleside Academy Newsletter

### Weekly Update

**Reception**—This week in Reception we have settled well into our routines after the Christmas break. We have been playing with our friends in all areas of the unit and writing sentences which help us remember our story of the week. Some of us want to be teachers when we are grown-ups too!

**Year 1**— The children have been taking on the challenge of Commando Joe. The two lessons have been lots of fun and good exercise! The activities have included an assault course, bridge crossing, and moving balls down a pipe as a group. It has been super help in helping the children to work as a team as well as understanding how to take turns and share. They been able to explore and try new things through curiosity.

**Year 2**— In Year 2, we looked at an artist called Kandinsky. We drew around shapes and painted the spaces using the primary colours.

**Year 3** — This week year 3 took part in an exciting Stone Age workshop. The children practiced their archery skills, made tools, worked together to hunt woolly mammoths and also made Stone Age art.

**Year 4**— In P.E. this week, Class 13 have been perfecting rolls in gymnastics. We are learning some basic gymnastics skills this half term and will hopefully sequence them all to create our own presentation. On Thursday, we learnt how to do a forward roll, a teddy bear roll and a log roll.

**Year 5**— This week Year 5 have been using drama to help us with our writing. We have been using freeze frames to capture what Perseus would be and look like on the way to defeat Medusa.

**Year 6**—This week, Year 6 explored the use of green screens to superimpose themselves into new locations. We travelled the world exploring how film makers use green screens and even had a go at transporting ourselves to somewhere exotic!

**Dolphin Pod**— The children have been exploring a new environment as the Sensory Room has been transformed into an amazing, calming space.

The children have been engaging with the new equipment - pressing buttons to change the colours of the lights and activate the sounds. Children have been practising taking off and putting on their shoes, before and after using this space.

***If you would like to see the pictures of what the children have been up to please go to our Ambleside Academy site, then click on the news tab and click on Academy News.***

### Important Dates

24th January—Year 5 Mini Police

31st January—Year 5 Mini Police

1st February—Whole school stay and learn 9am –9.30am

Week Beginning 5th February—Children’s Mental Health Week

5th February—Year 3 Rome Experience

12th February— 16th February—Half Term

19th February—Inset Day (No children in school)

20th February—Children back in school for the start of Spring 2nd term.

### Curiosity



I have a curious attitude.

**This half term please look out for a sticker on your child that looks like the above. Please, ask your child why they have been awarded with their curiosity sticker.**

Curiosity is having a strong desire to learn or know something. Children who are curious seek answers to their questions for the sake of gaining knowledge. Those who are curious may also actively seek out challenges and new experiences to broaden their horizons.

Curiosity is a key ingredient of learning. It leads to knowledge but also to the ability to make connections among various pieces of information.

You can help your children at home develop curiosity by encouraging questions, finding media that stimulates curiosity, and helping kids find credible sources to build their knowledge.

Our staff would love to hear on class dojo how your children are curious at home.