

# Ambleside Academy Newsletter

## Weekly Update

**Nursery**— This week we have been making some tree and star shaped salt dough decorations. We followed a recipe to make the dough, and had to identify whether we needed more flour, or more water, to get it to the right consistency.

**Reception**—This week in Reception we have been preparing to celebrate Christmas as part of our Let's Celebrate topic. We have been decorating our Christmas Tree in the home corner and wrapping presents in our wrapping station.

**Year 1**— We have had another week of working very hard in Year One. We are starting to get festive this week and we have been practising, practising and practising for our Christmas Production! We have also been working on our products to sell at the Christmas market. We are very excited for you to see what we have been designing and making and we are sure that you will be impressed and ready to buy on Monday 18th December!

**Year 2**— In Year 2, we have been sewing in DT. We have been using the running stitch to join two pieces of fabric together.

**Year 3** — This week, Year Three have been on a super school trip to the National Justice Museum to complete a rocks workshop and to learn all about the hidden caves under our city. It was a great day and the children showcased all their learning from science lessons by matching up rocks to their categories and making impressions of fossils before they had an expert led workshop on the history of the caves. Well done Year Three for representing our school so brilliantly!

**Year 4**— This week, Class 14 have been learning about how a hinge mechanism works. We have looked at the features of a hinge, different types of hinges and the suitability of hinges for different products. We have also had a go at making a range of simple hinges using different materials. To conclude this unit, we made a suitable hinge for a gift box and calendar.

**Year 5**— This week, we have been making Christingles as part of our writing unit. We watched a video to help us with the steps and then made our festive creations.

**Year 6**—In Year 6 this week, the children have been studying Gears and Pulleys in Design and Technology. We built a fixed pulley, a moveable pulley and a compound pulley to lift a load. Next week, we will be designing a product using gears.

**Dolphin Pod**—This week in Dolphin Pod 1, Children have been busy getting creative by decorating Christmas cards. They have been painting using their fingers to make different designs and sprinkling glitter to make them sparkle, ready for the Winter Fayre.

***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

**Monday 11th December**—EYFS Christmas Performance 10am and 2pm

**Wednesday 13th December**—Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 10am and 2pm

**Friday 15th December**—Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 10am and 2pm

**Friday 15th December**—Festive Friday

**Monday 18th December**—Christmas Fayre on school playground, 4pm –5.15pm

**Tuesday 19th December**—Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance 10am and 2pm

**Wednesday 20th December**—Panto in school, Christmas Jumper Day Christmas, Christmas Dinner Day

**Wednesday 20th December**—Last day of Term

**Thursday 4th January**—Back to school!



## Help and Support

A reminder of places for support if you feel you need it:

### **For children:**

[Childline.org.uk](http://Childline.org.uk)

[Nspcc.org.uk](http://Nspcc.org.uk)

### **For parents:**

This has a range of advice and support for different parenting issues. [Nspcc.org.uk/keep-children-safe/support-for-parents](http://Nspcc.org.uk/keep-children-safe/support-for-parents)

[Womensaid.org.uk](http://Womensaid.org.uk)

[asklion.co.uk](http://asklion.co.uk)

## Festive Fridays

We now have one more Friday left where the children can wear their party clothes, special outfits, celebration styles, and festive sparkle!

