

Ambleside Academy Newsletter

Weekly Update

Nursery— Nursery have enjoyed playing some parachute games this week. We began by lifting the parachute “high” and “low”. We then put a ball onto the parachute and bounced the parachute so that the ball rolled to certain people. This was great fun!

Reception—This week, the EYFS children have been engaging in exciting activities as part of the school's Money Management Week. Through play-based learning, they explored concepts such as identifying coins and understanding their values. This ties into the EYFS framework, fostering mathematical development and practical life skills. Activities included role-playing in a shop scenario, enhancing their communication and social skills as outlined in Development Matters. By handling money in real-life contexts, they developed early financial literacy, supporting the aims of Birth to 5 Matters in promoting cognitive and problem-solving skills. This immersive week has laid a strong foundation for their future understanding of money management.

Year 1— This week Year 1 have been studying the relationship between money and food waste. It is all part of Money Week which is a fantastic scheme that get children involved with money matters. The goal of the scheme is to introduce young minds to the concept of money which can be tricky at any age! Ambleside is excited and proud at to be delivering it. The children have really enjoyed themselves; we've played shop and had plenty of savvy savers and a few big spenders! We have some lovely and thoughtful discussions during the lesson too so we hope we've turned them into mini money saving experts!

Year 2— We have been using iPads to draw people using shapes on the Sketches app.

Year 3— This week year 3 started their new art unit, painting. The children explored different techniques to create patterns and effects with paint. We also began consolidating our learning in Geography and the UK study.

Year 4—This week was Money Matters week! Year 4 were learning about how to keep our money safe so we started by drawing where we thought we should keep our money. We discussed banks, interest, wages and lots more! Year 4 also learned about staying safe online when buying items on the internet. We shared lots of our own experiences!

Year 5—This week in year 5, we have been learning about more about money and how to stay safe when shopping online, what investment is and the positive and negative aspects of money in loving assets.

Year 6— This week in Year 6, we have been learning about Batik painting. We learnt that wax is used to resist dye on fabric. We used was crayons and water colour paints to experiment with the wax resist technique.

Dolphin Pod— Dolphin Pod 2 have been experimenting with instruments. The children can give examples of tuned and untuned instruments. We have been learning what the pitch and duration in music is and can identify what instrument is playing.

Important Dates

Week Beginning 17th June—Drowning Prevention Week

Tuesday 18th June—and Wednesday 19th June—RNLI visit years 1,2,3,4, 5 and 6

Friday 21st June—Year 2 Sleepover

Wednesday 3rd July—Class Swap Day

Thursday 4th July—Inset day (No children in school)

Friday 5th July—Inset Day (No children in school)

Monday 8th July—2pm Reception Sports Day

Monday 8th July—Nursery Garden Sports Day

Tuesday 9th July— 9.15am Year 5 Sports Day

Tuesday 9th July—11am Year 3 Sports Day

Tuesday 9th July—2pm Year 1 Sports Day

Wednesday 10th July—9.15am Year 6 Sports Day

Wednesday 10th July—11am Year 4 Sports Day

Wednesday 10th July—2pm Year 2 Sports Day

Wednesday 10th July—Year 1 Trip to Whitepost Farm

Thursday 11th July and Friday 12th July— Year 2 Rushcliffe Country Park Science Trip .

Week Beginning July 15th—Careers Week

Wednesday 17th July—Wheelgate Nursery Family Trip

Thursday 18th July— Year 6 Alton Towers

Friday 19th July—School Reports Out

Monday 22nd July— Year 6 Performance 10am and 2pm

Thursday 25th July—Year 6 Leavers Party

Friday 26th July—Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 26th July—Last Day in school before we break up for Summer

Monday 2nd September—Children back at school for the Autumn Term



Attendance

Attendance at Ambleside Academy is extremely important to us. There is a strong correlation between children who attend well and the progress that they make with their learning.

Did you know? If your child is absent for 19 days or more then they are classed as being persistently absent from school.

We ask that we keep working together to keep children coming to school everyday. It really will make a difference to their success.