

Ambleside Academy Newsletter

Weekly Update

Nursery— Nursery have started our topic 'When I Grow Up'. We have been thinking carefully about all the different jobs we might like to do when we are older, dressing up in role-play clothes, and acting out different scenarios. Lots of us would like to be firefighters, police officers, doctors, nurses and hairdressers when we grow up.

Reception—This week in reception we have been learning all about how important it is to recycle materials and look after our Earth. The children have been changing old unwanted items into models and recreating artwork from our story Stella and the seagull.

Year 1— Down a dark, dark corridor in a not-so dark, dark classroom: there are some Funnybones about! First week back from the half term and Year 1 have got stuck into everyone's favourite children's story: Funnybones. We have started of this part of our Ambleside Authors in Training by acting out scenes as tall Skeleton and short Skeleton. Classes 4, 5 & 6 have had great fun discussing how they feel the characters would act and have shown us their spooky skills. We're really looking forward to working on this fabulous story for the next few weeks. The learning will focus on suffixes which the children have shown an eagerness to grasp. It's lucky we're not near Halloween; things could get scary!

Year 2— In Art, we made a collagraph block from cardboard and used this to make an overprint. We used different techniques to show repeated patterns.

Year 3— This week year 3 have got stuck into their topic lessons. We are revisiting rocks in science and have been identifying the different types. We have also started looking at Hinduism in RE and discussed how important water is in our lives. In music we are also expanding our knowledge about musical notation by playing music on the glockenspiel.

Year 4— Today was our last rounders session in P.E. We have now learnt all of the rules and can play a game. We have been on both the batting and fielding team and have learnt how to show good sportsmanship. It has also been fun working as a team and using teamwork and communication skills to help achieve the highest number of runs.

Year 5—This week Year 5 have completed a practical experiment in science, looking at how levers work. We discovered that the distance between lever and the weight was very important and they saw that a 100gram weight could lift a 1kg weight with the aid of a lever.

Year 6— We have been preparing to plan our own twisted versions of our old favourite children's stories. We have chosen to work in groups or independently to create a bank of ideas that we can magpie from later in our planning process. Please ask us about our ideas at home.

Dolphin Pod— Children in Dolphin Pod 1 have been encouraged to participate in Parachute Games during PE. They were prompted to use their gross motor skills to keep the ball on the parachute, making it roll on to different colours and try to stop it from dropping on the floor. Well done for working as a team!

Important Dates

Tuesday 11th June and Wednesday 12th June —Year 1 Phonics Screening check and Year 2 Re-Screen check

Tuesday 11th June—Class 13 Year 4 Multiplication Check

Wednesday 12th June—Class 14 Year 4 Multiplication Check

Thursday 13th June—Class 15 Year 4 Multiplication Check

Week Beginning 10th June—Money Matters Week

Thursday 13th June—Year 2 Show off booklet Assessment Week

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

