

Ambleside Academy Newsletter

Curriculum Spotlight

This week in year 1 the children had an immersive shop experience all about shops in the 1950s and using play-coins to buy fruit. The children also have been comparing the shops from the 1950s and shops today.

They have been learning about wildflowers and plants in science and are able to label all of the key parts in a plant!

In maths they have been doing subtraction and addition and are able to do this very well on number lines.

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Weekly Update

If you would like to find out about what your child has been learning this week in their year group and see the pictures of what the children have been up to then please go to our Ambleside Academy website, then click on the news tab and click on Academy News.

Photos—21st November 2024

It will run differently this year for sibling photos so please read below.

In the school day all children will have their individual photos taken on the 21st November so please remember to send your child in school uniform not PE kit on this day.

If you would like a sibling photo then please come to the sports hall **between 8am and 9am. This is for siblings within school and for any pictures you would like to take together with siblings that do not attend school.** Please come down the main drive and up the steps to the sports hall to have sibling photos taken. **Reminder this will be the only opportunity throughout the day for sibling photos.**



Children in Need

It was lovely to see all the children today in their non-school uniform and Pudsey outfits. They all had great fun at the stalls and as a school I know we will have raised a lot of money for children in need. I will update you next week with the grand total raised.



Important Dates

Week Beginning 18th November—Parliament Week and Road Safety Week

Monday 18th November 2024 2.45pm in the school hall—**How to teach Phonics at Ambleside with Miss Pellington**

Thursday 21st November 2024—Individual photos and an opportunity for Sibling Photos

Monday 25th November 2024 2.45pm in the school hall—**How to teach Writing at Ambleside with Miss Townsend.**

Monday 2nd December 2.45pm in the school hall—**How to teach Science at Ambleside with Mrs Ling.**

Monday 9th December—EYFS Christmas Performance

Wednesday 11th December—Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

Friday 13th December—Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance

W/B 16th December—Sparkle and Shine Time (**children to wear Christmas or fancy clothes for the final three days**)

Tuesday 17th December—Years 5 and 6 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 18th December—Panto in school.

Thursday 19th December—Inset day (no children in school on this day)

Friday 20th December—Inset day and the start of the Christmas break.

Monday 6th January—First Day back in school



Parent Workshop—All invited on Monday 18th November

On Monday 18th November, Miss Pellington will be leading a phonics parent workshop. This will discuss how we are supporting your child with phonics in school and will also give you some tips on how you can help them at home. The workshop will be at 2:45pm in the school hall and is open to all parents. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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Reverse Advent

This year we will be running a reverse advent to support our local community. We feel this is really important to support families in our community over this period.

The reverse advent will run for five days this year and will run for the first week of December. If your child makes a donation they will be given a raffle ticket and be in the chance of winning a chocolate/sweet prize. We will run a prize draw for each day of donations and post a video of the draw on Class Dojo.

Day	Items to Donate
Monday	Any tinned food item. For example: beans, spaghetti hoops, chilli, hot dogs, soup, carrots, peas, etc.
Tuesday	Rice or pasta
Wednesday	Toiletries. For example: shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toilet roll, etc
Thursday	Cereal
Friday	Festive Treats – biscuits, chocolate, tinned puddings

Please only give if you are able to and if you are in need of any support yourself then please follow this link to find out more:

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/emergency-food/food-vouchers/>

Or if you are unable to access this link, then please speak with us at school as we are also able to issue food bank vouchers where needed. We thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to helping a local food bank during these difficult times.

Year 6 Study Buddy Guides

The year 6 Study Buddy Guides are available on Arbor to order for £10. Once ordered these will be handed out to the children in January. These will be your child's best friend in terms of getting them ready for SATs.

Bookfair Rewards

Our bookfair in school was a great success this week and I know many children will have enjoyed reading their new books at home this week. By purchasing books at the bookfair it has given the school £1180 in rewards which we will use to add to our libraries in school which will enrich all of the children's reading. A very big thank you to everyone.



Personal Development—Road Safety Week and Parliament Week

Next week is another busy week in terms of Personal Development as we have both Road Safety Week and Parliament Week. The children will be doing different activities in their classes about both of these subjects.

As part of Road Safety week, Years 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in First Aid workshops delivered by the Red Cross.

As part of Parliament week, our local MP, Alex Norris, will be coming in to deliver an assembly to our children telling them all about life as an MP and how important democracy is.