

# **Ambleside Academy Newsletter**

#### **Weekly Update**

**Nursery**— We have had a fabulous first week back in Nursery! We have been focusing on getting back into routine and learning to play alongside others. Lots of us have enjoyed pouring the sand into different containers, whilst some of us experimented with sinking and floating in the water.

**Reception**— What a busy time we have had in our first five days of Foundation! It's has been a wonderful week of reading, writing, singing, ball skills and playing. Most importantly, we have been getting to know each other and have started to form those important bonds that will help us over the school year and beyond. Two big focuses this week were the letter S and the story Peepo. It's great to see the children responding well and spotting the letter s in the story and around the classroom. The Foundation team are so proud of all the children's efforts in a tricky transition period.

Year 1— In Year 1, children have had a fun and busy week delving into the story of Jack and the Beanstalk including writing sentences. In maths children are developing their counting and grouping skills and participating in activities as groups that involve sorting and counting objects. Alongside this, children are learning about the changing seasons and the different types of weather we see throughout the year. We have also talked about being safe, what makes us feel safe and where makes us feel calm. A lot of children said their bed makes them feel calm and relaxed!

**Year 2**— In Year 2 this week, we have been learning the traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs'. We used our sense to think of adjectives to describe the houses from the story.

Year 3 — Year 3 have had an amazing start to the year! We have been working hard in all our lessons: In writing, we have been learning the traditional tale The Gingerbread Man and our writing tasks in the coming weeks will be based around this story. In maths, we have been securing our knowledge of number and place value. We have enjoyed a broad range of foundation subjects including PE, geography, RE, PSHE.

**Year 4**— What a wonderful first week back we've had. Class 13 has started their P.E. sessions today. We are focusing on ball skills. The children have participated in ball awareness skills and practised accurate throwing and catching.

**Year 5**— In year 5 this week, we began our new writing unit based on traditional tales. The children have enjoyed learning a text based on Red Riding Hood and are already coming up with their own ideas for their version of the story.

**Dolphin Pod**— The children have had a fabulous first week in Dolphin Pod 1. They have settled in well and are learning their new routines. They have been busy exploring the environment - especially the Sensory Room — where they have spent time bouncing and climbing. They also enjoy looking at the lights, pressing the buttons to change the sounds and patterns.

### **Important Dates**

Monday 16th September - Class 19 Residential

Tuesday 17th September —Class 21 Residential

Wednesday 18th September —Class 20 Residential

Tuesday 1st October - Whole School Stay and Learn

Tuesday 8th October - Hello Yellow Day

Wednesday 9th October—Parents Evening

Friday 18th October—Show Racism the Red Card

Friday 18th October - Last day in school before the October half term break

Monday 4th November—Frist day back in school after October half Term

#### Welcome Back

It has been fantastic to see everyone back at school this week . I have been extremely proud at how well our pupils



have come back completely ready to learn. A big well done to everyone and I can't wait to see what you get up to next week.

## **School Day times**

A polite reminder that for children in years 1 to 6 that classroom doors open at 8.40am and our school day starts at 8.45am promptly. The children enter their classes and begin working from this time. Thank you to everyone who has worked hard this week to be here for an 8.45am start.

# **Home Learning Grids**

Your child has come home with their home learning grid this week. They have this half term to complete as many activities as they can to collect their 20 stars.

Good luck in collecting your stars!