

Ambleside Academy Newsletter

Curriculum Update

Nursery— This week we have enjoyed developing our throwing and catching skills during PE sessions. We had to sit opposite a friend and slide the beanbag across the floor to them. Once we were confident with this, we were then able to have a go at throwing the beanbag back and forth. We had to remember to do small, careful throws so that our friend could catch it easily. Great concentration Cubs!



Reception— Reception have finished the half term with some brilliant activities. The children have made pinwheel model bears, water colour paintings of nature features, and dance sessions in PE. One of the most popular activities



has been designing clothes and putting fabrics on to a mannequin. Classes 1,2 & 3 have been bringing their clothes designs to life by using the available material and talking about the parts they have used. They have also expressed themselves with a rainbow of colours. The children

have gone at it like the Great British Sewing Bee!

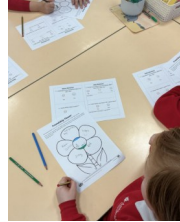
Year 1— All children in year 1 this week have been busy showing off how amazing they are in their practise phonics screening,

Year 2—As part of our biology 'Keeping Healthy' topic in science, we have been learning about why humans exercise. We worked scientifically to investigate whether temperature affects the stretch of an elastic band, which we used to represent our muscles.

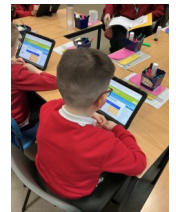


We tested three elastic bands: one that was frozen, one at room temperature, and one that had been warmed up.

Year 3 - In school this week, the Year 3 children had a 'Mental Health Workshop' in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Week. The children spoke about friendships, how to be happy, and look after yourself. The children loved working collaboratively with the company that presented to them. It was a lovely afternoon for all.



Year 4— This week, Class 14 have been making great use of the iPads to practise their times tables in a fun and engaging way. Using timestables.co.uk and Times Tables Rock Stars, the children have been challenging themselves to improve their speed, accuracy and confidence with their multiplication facts. They have shown fantastic focus and determination, working hard to beat their own scores and celebrate their personal progress. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and positive attitude towards developing such an important maths skill.



Year 5—This week was really exciting in music for Year 5. They have done very well learning how to read music notations and then playing it. They also had the chance to play some of their favourite songs using bells and keyboards. Bangers including, Beautiful Things by Benson Boone and Soda Pop from Demon Hunters, there were smiles on everyone's face. Well Done Year 5.

Dolphin—In Dolphin Pod one, children have been experimenting with using different tools and equipment to paint in new ways. Children used socks filled with different ingredients to print patterns on a template, creating bright colourful designs.



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**School Lunch Menu
for the first week
back after half term :**

WEEK ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Meat Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, Served with Pasta Twists & Broccoli	Meat Chicken Fajita Pizza, Served with Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn	Meat Pork Sausages, with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Carrots & Green Beans	Meat Beef Bolognese Bake, Served with Garlic Bread & Farmhouse Vegetables	Meat Fish Star, Served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans
	vegetarian Vegetarian Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, Served with Pasta Twists & Broccoli (V)	vegetarian Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Served with Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn (V)	vegetarian Vegan Sausage Roll, with Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Carrots & Green Beans (V)	vegetarian Vegetarian Bolognese Bake, Served with Garlic Bread & Farmhouse Vegetables (V)	vegetarian Vegetable Nuggets, Served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans (V)
	Alternative Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo with Side Salad	Alternative Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo with Side Salad	Alternative Twisty Pasta, with Tomato Sauce or Grated Cheddar & Side Salad	Alternative Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo with Side Salad	Alternative Twisty Pasta with Tomato Sauce or Grated Cheddar & Side Salad
	Dessert Mixed Fruit Pancake	Dessert Chocolate Cracknell	Dessert Banoffee Sponge with Custard	Dessert Vanilla Cookie	Dessert Chocolate Ice Cream Sundae

Sponsored Read

WOW! We have raised an INCREDIBLE £1028 from our Sponsored Read! We are so grateful to all of our super pupils who worked hard to read as much as possible over National Storytelling Week, and of course to you all for supporting them to do so.

Thank you so much! Usborne Books are topping up our funds by 60% - so are sending us over £600 worth of free books in addition to the books we have already chosen. These will be arriving after half term when we will share them amongst each class and our school libraries. We will also be selecting three children to win a reading hamper for their amazing sponsorship efforts. We will announce the winners after half term when the prizes have been delivered to school.

A huge well done to everyone for an amazing half term in school. You should be very proud of your children for their hard work and great attitude to their learning. Please ask them over half term about some of the new knowledge they have gained.



A polite reminder to be mindful of our local community

Please can we ask that when you park your cars to either drop off or collect your children you are mindful of our local residents. We have had some complaints about driveways being blocked and this stopping residents being able to either leave their homes or park on their own driveways. Thank you for your support with this.

Phonics Shout Outs

All of our year one children have worked hard to show progress in their practise year one phonics screen. They read the alien words and non alien words and got lots of stickers for their super progress. Here are some shout outs for super progress on how many words children could read in their practise phonics screen:

Esme went from a score of 26 to 32. Fantastic!

Isaac went from scoring 31 to now scoring a massive 36, amazing!

Violet went from scoring 29 to now scoring 33, super work!

Lance and Maia and Muhammed went up by a phenomenal 11 more words than his last phonics screen.

Bennett went from a score of 22 to 35—outstanding work!

Important Dates

Friday 13th February—Last day in school before February half term

Week beginning 16th February—February Half term

Monday 23rd February—Everyone back in school

Wednesday 25th March—Parents evening

