

# Ambleside Academy Newsletter

## Curriculum Update

**Nursery**— This week we have continued learning, and reciting, different Traditional Tales. We have put on



some fantastic shows in our puppet theatre and had a go at using different voices (grumpy, squeaky or sad) to say the words “Who’s been sitting in my chair?”. We also enjoyed scooping the porridge into bowls ready for the teddy bears to eat – this has been brilliant, messy fun!



**Reception**— This week has seen the return of a reception favourite: Commando Jo! If you are unfamiliar, CoJo is a physical education scheme which gives the children progressive lesson structures, targeted goals and loads of brilliant equipment for the children to enjoy. We’ve started this week with a game of Superstars. The children have to warm up and complete



various star stances. It’s fast, fun and a little bit frantic! The main activity sees the children finding a number of friends to make a star shape on the floor. Sometimes there would be 2 children to a star, other times it would be 3 or 4. It’s a great cognitive exercise that



gets the children thinking and being fit at the same time. The finale of a 18 person star was great fun, took some working out!

**Year 1** have been using concrete resources to support and consolidate their understanding of Place Value to 50. We have had lots of fun building a given number within 50 using our base 10s and 1s. We cannot wait to learn some more!



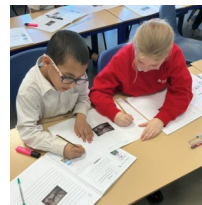
**In Year 2**, we had a practical maths lesson using cubes to help us answer problem solving questions based on systematic lists.



**Year 3** - This week in science we have been focusing on plants and how they grow. We have discussed what they need in order to do this and have then planted our own cress seeds placing one within a dark cupboard and one in a place that gets regular sunlight to investigate whether or not they will grow without sunlight.



**Year 4**— This week in History, Year 4 have been learning more about the Vikings. We have been looking at what made the Vikings so terrifying and successful, and



we found out about their weapons, their battle strategies, and the fact that some of them were known as ‘Berserkers’ because they went so crazy in battle!



**Year 5**—As part of Science Week, year 5 attended a virtual workshop where they learned more about future space travel, careers in space and the history of space exploration. This was a fun interactive workshop with real life scientists and astronauts.

**Dolphin**—In Art Dolphin Pod 2 have been looking at Textiles and collage. We have looked at the artist Katie Vernon who is a contemporary artist. We have been exploring new techniques and using a range of textiles and



images. We have created pieces of abstract art, using colourful patterned effects.



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## School Lunch Menu for the week beginning 16th March:

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

### Parents evening Wednesday 25th March

You can now book your parents evening appointment through the Arbor parent portal. Bookings close on Tuesday 24th March at lunchtime. For Nursery and Dolphin Pods please see their teacher to book your appointments. We have sent out emails to anyone not yet signed up for the portal.

If you have any issues with signing up to the portal or booking your appointment, please give our Office team a call.

Top tip: If it isn't letting you book an appointment try keeping both parents selected to attend even if they are not as this seems to allow you to book the appointment.

### Red Nose Day is taking place on Friday 20th March 2026 and the children are going to be taking part in the following to celebrate this:



#### Non-School Uniform Day

Pupils are invited to come to school in their own clothes on Friday 20th March.

We ask for a **£1 donation per family** to take part.



#### Red Nose Sales

We will be selling Red Noses during the week leading up to Red Nose Day. The noses will be on sale from the meeting room (opposite main reception) from 3.00pm- 3.45pm Mon- Thurs. **Noses cost £2.50 each.**



#### Mini Talent Shows

In the afternoon, each class will hold a mini talent show! This links closely with the Raleigh trust value of building confidence, giving pupils a supportive opportunity to perform in front of their classmates. Every pupil will have the chance to show off their talents — whether that's telling jokes, singing a song, reading a poem out loud, performing a trick, or anything else they'd like to share.

Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts and helping us make Red Nose Day a fun and meaningful event for everyone.

### Important Dates

Monday 16th March—All week red noses are on sale from 3pm until 3.45pm in the meeting room (opposite the main reception)

Friday 20th March—Red Nose day (Non-school uniform, £1 donation per family)

Wednesday 25th March—Parents evening

Friday 27th March—The last day in school before the Easter Holiday

Monday 13th April—First day back in school. The start to the Summer term in school

