

Ambleside Academy Newsletter

Curriculum Update

Nursery—We have continued with our topic ‘This Is Me’, thinking carefully about what we look like, and where we live. Some of us made people from our family using the loose parts, such as conkers, curtain rings, and pebbles. Others chose to make their house using boxes and cardboard tubes. Some of us even added a chimney and cotton wool smoke – very creative!

Reception— Part of the children’s learning is our Bikeability programme. In Bikeability, the children are introduced to balance bikes with the goal to step up to unaided pedal bikes. It is a lot of fun for the children and there are a lot of games to keep them engaged. They build their confidence with balancing and the ability to bring the bike to a stop using the breaks. The foundation steps are put into place for the children to approach cycling with confidence.

Year 1—this week the children have had another fantastic week. We have been enhancing our Art skills with different types of materials and using our knowledge of mark making to create textures of our own animals. Alongside this, children have been really enjoying our new music topic of nursery rhymes and learning about how we stay in tune with each other.

Year 2—This week in Design and Technology, we’ve been developing our textile skills. The children have been working on creating their own paper patchwork quilts as part of our current unit.

Year 3 have had another fantastic week of learning and discovery! In science, the class delved into the world of rocks, exploring how igneous rocks are formed. They also enjoyed making music and improving their handball skills. In PSHE, students had fun designing their dream schools, imagining what would make their ideal learning environment. A great mix of curiosity, creativity, and active learning all round!

Year 4—What a fabulous start to the term! Class 13 have started learning the necessary skills to play tennis in our P.E. lesson. We have practised throwing and catching with accuracy, and balancing and bouncing a tennis ball with a racquet.

Year 5—This week, we have explored subtractive drawing using a rubber as the drawing tool to create our masterpieces.

Year 6— This week, Class 20 went to IntoUniveristy to learn about creative arts. We used influential figures for their team names. They participated in various activities such as drama, music, fashion design, poster-making & various ‘secret missions’. The purpose was to inspire children to potential study this field at university in the future.

Important Dates

Monday 22nd September until Tuesday 23rd September—
Class 19 Residential

Tuesday 23rd September—Wednesday 24th September—
Class 20 residential

Wednesday 24th September—Thursday
25th September Class 21 Residential

Tuesday 30th September—Reading Stay and
Learn

Thursday 2nd October—Individual and sibling photographs

Wednesday 15th October—Parents Evening

Monday 20th until Friday 31st October—Half Term

Monday 3rd November—First day back after the half term.



Uniform

We have so many pupils looking great in their new uniform across school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who follow our uniform policy.

Please can I ask that all pupils follow our uniform policy. If your child comes in clothing which is not uniform then the class teacher or a member of school staff will speak to parents to ensure that all children come to school in their uniform. We expect all pupils to follow the dress code below:

Red sweater or cardigan or fleece;

White polo shirt;

Grey or black trousers, skirt, pinafore dress, or shorts;

Red and white gingham dress;

Black footwear which is safe and comfortable for learning and playing – indoors and outdoors.

All pupils must have a plain black P.E. kit to wear for P.E. lessons. Our school P.E. kit consists of black joggers and a black sweatshirt, embroidered with ‘Dream, Believe, Shine.’ These should be worn with a plain white t-shirt. In warmer weather, children may wear black shorts for P.E.

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Safeguarding our children is an essential part of our school life and is something that is everybody's responsibility. Our safeguarding team in school consists of:

Mrs Marsh - Designated Safeguarding Lead and Senior Deputy Principal

Mrs Barstow - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Safeguarding Officer

Miss Johnson - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Principal

Miss Walters - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Assistant Principal for EYFS

Mrs Wilson - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and SENDCo

If you have any safeguarding concerns that you would like to discuss, please contact one of the above.

If yourself or you know of anyone in our school community who would benefit from either a food bank voucher or a food parcel, please let us know and this can be arranged. We are here to support wherever we can.

Reading Stay and Learn

On Tuesday 30th September, please join us for a Reading Stay and Learn! Come and see what our amazing Strive for Five Reading Lessons look like in your child's class - and have the opportunity to spend some time reading together too. Parents and carers can enter classes via classroom doors at 8.40am with their children and we will be open to visitors until 9.30am.

Breakfast Club

Please can I ask for those of you that use breakfast club the you do not come down the drive into our staff car park. The gates are open and this is for staff access only.

Please park at the top and walk down.

School Lunch Menu for next week:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	<i>Meat</i> Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, Served with Pasta Twists & Broccoli	<i>Meat</i> Mildly Spiced Beef Chilli, Served with Rice, Nachos & Garden Peas	<i>Meat</i> Pork Sausages, with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Carrots & Green Beans	<i>Meat</i> Chicken Pasta Bake, Served with Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	<i>Meat</i> Fish Star, Served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans
	<i>vegetarian</i> Vegetarian Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, Served with Pasta Twists & Broccoli (V)	<i>vegetarian</i> Mildly Spiced Vegetable Chilli, Served with Rice, Nachos & Garden Peas (V)	<i>vegetarian</i> Vegetarian Sausages, with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Carrots & Green Beans (V)	<i>vegetarian</i> Cheese & Bean Pasta Bake, Served with Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn (V)	<i>vegetarian</i> Cheese & Tomato Pizza Cushion, Served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans (V)
	<i>Alternative</i> Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo with Side Salad	<i>Alternative</i> Twisty Pasta with Tomato Sauce or Grated Cheddar & Side Salad	<i>Alternative</i> Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo with Side Salad	<i>Alternative</i> Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo with Side Salad	<i>Alternative</i> Twisty Pasta with Tomato Sauce or Grated Cheddar & Side Salad
	<i>Dessert</i> Strawberry & Peach Meringue	<i>Dessert</i> Lemon & Raspberry Sponge	<i>Dessert</i> Ice Cream Sundae	<i>Dessert</i> Jambo Biscuit	<i>Dessert</i> Black Forest Brownie