

Ambleside Academy Newsletter

Curriculum Update

Nursery— This week we have launched our new topic 'Tell Us a Story', starting with the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We



have enjoyed drawing pictures from the story, acting out the story in our puppet theatre, creating our own bear hand prints, and most of all we have enjoyed, cutting Goldilocks' pasta hair. This helps us to develop our fine motor skills.



Reception— Reception have started this half term with great enthusiasm and a giant leap. Literally! Gymnastics has returned with a bang and it's a reception favourite. It is such a key skill to learn, not just as a PE activity but also as a way of increasing confidence in children. Gymnastics helps develop balance, muscle



strength, and self confidence within themselves. The upcoming PE sessions will be largely independent activities that the children will take a lead on in their own learning. Each lesson has the children develop confidence through the play-like quality of gymnastics. We are very much looking forward



to seeing how the children develop in the next few weeks.

Year 1 have settled back in to Spring 2 beautifully this week we are so proud of them! They



have absolutely loved getting straight back into their music learning. This week they have experimented finding the tempo (the speeds of different music genres) using their hands. We have had so much fun and cannot wait to do some more!



Year 2 have been learning about achieving goals when we work together as a class.

Year 3 - This week, Year 3 have had a fabulous time during our Design and Technology cooking block. The children made stuffed peppers, noodle salad, and cauliflower with dip.

They carefully practised safe cutting techniques and showed great focus. We

were especially

proud of how brave everyone was when it came to trying the food they had made.



Year 4— Wow - we have been amazed by the children in Class 13! We have

been showcasing our gymnastics sequences this week in PE. The children have incorporated a range of elements including a straight jump, a stork balance and a straddle shape as well as their own choice of movements. It has been wonderful to see their progression, teamwork and flair.



Year 5— We have started a new PE skill this half term-Netball! The children demonstrated excellent ball skills and teamwork.

Dolphin—This week in Biology we have been learning about germination. We labelled a diagram about germination and what happens to the seed. We then did an experiment about what happens when a seed



does get water and what happens to a seed when it does not.

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School Lunch Menu :

WEEK TWO	Meat Beef Burger in a Bun, Served with Spicy Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Meat Pepperoni Pizza, Served with Herby Diced Potatoes & Salad Sticks	Meat Roast Gammon, with Roast Potatoes, Fresh Carrots & Green Beans	Meat Chinese Chicken Curry, Served with Rice, Naan Bread & Peas	Meat Fish Fingers, Served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans
	vegetarian Vegetable Burger in a Bun Served with Spicy Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn (V)	vegetarian Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Served with Herby Diced Potatoes & Salad Sticks (V)	vegetarian Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheese Bake, Served with Roast Potatoes, Fresh Carrots & Green Beans (V)	vegetarian Quorn Chinese Curry, Served with Rice, Naan Bread & Peas (V)	vegetarian Vegetable Burrito, Served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans (V)
	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 Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo with Side Salad	Alternative Twisty Pasta with Tomato Sauce or Grated Cheddar & Side Salad
	Dessert Belgian Waffle	Dessert Traditional School Sponge Cake	Dessert Peach Cobbler Served with Custard	Dessert Chocolate Shortbread	Dessert Strawberry Ice Cream Sundae

Reminder - Our Spring bookfair is in school

Our bookfair has arrived and been on display, there are all sorts of wonderful books to choose from, as well as stationary items and hand pointers. Some classes have already visited and others will visit next week. If you wish to send in money for your child to choose something, can this please be passed to your child's teacher/TA for safe keeping on the day of their bookfair visit.

Monday 2nd March

Years 3, 4, 5 (Classes 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18)

Tuesday 3rd March

Dolphin Pods, Nursery & Reception (Classes 1, 2, 3)

Wednesday 4th March

8.15am - 8.45am - A chance for parents to visit with their children before the start of the school day.

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day! This year, we will be celebrating with a whole-school theme of 'Bedtime Stories'! Children can come to school in their pyjamas, onesies and dressing gowns to enjoy a day of cosy reading, and lots of opportunities to enjoy storytelling with their teachers and friends. Story-themed pyjamas would be especially amazing!

We will also be running 'The Great Big Bedtime Story Swap'! Please send your child to school on World Book Day with one (ore more!) books that your child has read and loved and is happy to donate/swap to another child in our school to pass on the love of reading. This way, all children should come home on World Book Day with a new bedtime story to enjoy at home.

We hope the children look forward to World Book Day and of course if you have any questions, please message me or your child's teacher directly.

Birthday Card Making

We have a parent who knows someone in our community called Edith who is going to be 107 years old on Tuesday 3rd March. The parent would love your support to get Edith as many cards as she can to celebrate this big occasion. If you would like to make a card for Edith with your child at home and send it to school by Monday 2nd March we will pass all your cards on to Edith ready for her birthday.

Important Dates

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March—
Year 5 Magna Trip

Thursday 5th March— World Book day—come to school
in your pyjamas!

Week Beginning 9h March— British Science Week

Wednesday 25th March—Parents evening

