

Ambleside Academy Newsletter

Curriculum Update

Nursery— This week we have been finishing off our topic ‘Tell Us a Story’, by making our very own gingerbread men. We made the



dough from scratch, carefully cut out our own gingerbread men, baked them, and decorated them. We had to make sure they didn’t run out of the oven and go skipping off around classroom! Thankfully, they didn’t and they tasted delicious!



Reception— The reception children have been knights in shining armour this week. Literally! We have continued looking at knights and castles this week. This has included making push-pin puppet knights, creating tall box-model castles, pencil sketches of castles, painting and cutting colourful shields. It has been medieval



fun! The children particularly enjoyed wearing toy helmets as well as a real knight’s helmet, which was dark and spooky on the inside. And a bit on the heavy side! This was great play to bring understanding of the history of knights to life. Always an exciting topic which we hope has inspired our little squires and pages!



Year 2— In Year 2, we went on a trip to a mosque to learn more about the religion of Islam, linking to our RE lessons. The children had an amazing time learning about the religion, and asking interesting questions!



Year 3 - This week in Year 3, the children had an amazing time celebrating Roman Day, stepping back in time to explore life in Ancient Rome through a range of exciting activities. They examined ancient Roman artefacts, took part in artillery training, and listened to engaging stories about Julius Caesar, learning about his importance in Roman history. One of the highlights of the day was seeing everyone dressed up as Roman gladiators, which really helped bring the experience to life. The children thoroughly enjoyed discovering how the Romans lived, and the day was filled with enthusiasm, curiosity, and plenty of memorable moments.



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Year 4— We were so impressed by all the children’s amazing talents last Friday that we had to share one of them with you. Emily is an aspiring artist. She has created a range of pictures on canvas. Take a look – we think you’ll be impressed too!



Year 5—This week, year 5 have been learning about textiles and creating a durable lunch bag using a variety of stitching methods.



Dolphin—Dolphin Pod 2 this week in PSHE have been learning about Healthy Me. We have learnt about making healthier food choices, relaxation and this week about healthier snacks. We looked at what a healthy plate looks like and what foods we can change to make it healthier.



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School Lunch Menu for the week beginning Monday 13th April :

AMBLESIDE ACADEMY MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, Served with Pasta Twists & Broccoli	Mild Beef Chilli Served with Rice, Nachos & Garden Peas	Pork & Beef Sausages, Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Carrots & Green Beans	Cajun Chicken Pizza Served with Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn	Fish Star Served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans
Vegetarian Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, Served with Pasta Twists & Broccoli (V)	Mild Vegetable Chilli Served with Rice, Nachos & Garden Peas (V)	Vegan Sausage Roll with Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Carrots & Green Beans (V)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Served with Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn (V)	Vegetable Nuggets Served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans (V)
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo Served with Side Salad	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo Served with Side Salad	Twisty Pasta Served with Tomato Sauce or Grated Cheddar & Side Salad	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo Served with Side Salad	Twisty Pasta Served with Tomato Sauce or Grated Cheddar & Side Salad
Strawberry Mousse with a Mini Shortbread Biscuit	Flapjack	Banoffee Sponge with Custard	Oatie Cookie	Chocolate Ice Cream Sundae

Easter Maths Challenge

Our Easter Maths Challenge is all about showing how maths is used in everyday life.



Please look at the ClassDojo post from Miss Taiwah for ideas and inspiration. We would love you to upload a photo or video to Class Dojo demonstrating how your child has used maths at home.

Please see message below from Nottingham City Council:

HAF is back this Spring holiday!

Children who receive benefits related Free School Meals can take part in free, fun activities and enjoy a healthy lunch every day.

Book a place using the link below:

<https://eequ.org/nottinghamcityholidayactivitiesandfoodhaf>



Important Dates

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

Monday 20th April—EYFS ART stay and Learn (parents invited in for EYFS)

Monday 27th April—Oral Health Assemblies delivered by Nottingham City School Health Team

Wednesday 29th April—Year 3 Art Gallery 9am-9.30am (Parents to see Year 3 Art)

Friday 22nd May— Last day in school before half term

Monday 1st June—First Day back in school after the half term

