

Ambleside Academy Newsletter

Curriculum Update

Nursery—This week we started learning about our new topic 'It's Autumn, Let's Celebrate'. We looked for signs that Autumn had arrived, including the leaves having changed colour and fallen off the trees. We explored conkers, acorns, and other natural objects.



Some of us went on a leaf hunt on the field, and in the wooded area, to see which signs of Autumn we could spot.

Reception— Class 1, 2 & 3 have explored the signs of autumn in Structured Story Time and they've started a new book in Literacy: The Busy Little Squirrel. The children have also got creative with making tree collages, painting pumpkins, and creating sun catchers (whatever is left of the sun anyway!)

Year 1—In our first week back in Year 1 we have started our new topics and have been very keen to learn which is fantastic. In DT, we are going to be building our own towers. The children loved using wooden blocks to practise their building skills. We worked hard to prevent our towers from toppling over.

Year 2—As part of our Black History Month celebrations, the children took part in a home learning project to recognise the incredible achievements of Black people past and present. In Year 2, we learned about the inspiring Matthew Henson, one of the world's first Black explorers. The children enjoyed presenting their wonderful projects to the class.

Year 3 have had a brilliant first week back! We've loved exploring the Stone Age through a Cave Baby's diary and linking it to our history topic. The children have shown great enthusiasm and can't wait to move on to the Bronze Age next!



Year 4—Wow! We were so impressed with Class 13's Black History Month homework projects. The children have produced some fantastic pieces of work about Rosa Parks, an American civil rights activist.

Year 5—This week, we have been learning about martial arts dance. The children have been amazing and impressive with their knowledge and ambition.

Dolphin—In History this week we have been Looking at the Great Fire of London. We have looked at the map of the UK to find out where London is. We could then locate this on our own map of the UK. We have also learned that London is the capital city of England.

Important Dates

Week Beginning Monday 10th November—Anti-bullying week

Tuesday 11th November—Odd Sock Day (please wear odd socks) **Change of date due to school closure**

Friday 14th November—Diabetes Awareness Day—Wear something Blue

Friday 14th November—Children in Need (Wear Non-school uniform)

Week Beginning 17th November—Road Safety Week

Wednesday 19th November—Year 4 Red Cross Workshops

Thursday 20th November—Year 5 Red Cross Workshops

Friday 21st November—Year 6 Red Cross Workshops

Week Beginning 24th November—Parliament Week

Monday 8th December—EYFS Christmas Performance

Wednesday 10th December—Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

Friday 12th December—Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 16th December—Years 5 and 6 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 17th December—Winter Market

Thursday 18th December—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 19th December—Robin Hood Panto



Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Sock Day

Next week is anti-bullying week and the children will be taking part in a range of activities during the week. To start the week off, we will be encouraging everyone to **wear odd socks on Tuesday** as a way of celebrating inclusivity, diversity and acceptance. We look forward to seeing all of the odd sock combinations.



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Pudsey items for sale—Ambleside has been taken over by Pudsey!

We have a limited number of Pudsey Keyrings, headbands and pin badges available to buy to support Children in Need.

Bear Keyrings and headbands are £2.50

Pin Badges are £1.00



Get yours from the meeting room near the School Office next week Tuesday - Thursday 3.10pm - 3.45pm and Friday morning 8.15 - 8.40am while stocks last!

Children in Need—Friday 14th November

On Friday 14th November 2025, children will be taking part in activities to help raise funds for Children in Need Day.

This year's theme is "Challenge 25".

Your child's class teacher will contact you on Dojo to let you know the activity your child will be taking part in for their Challenge 25 event.

We would like to make this a sponsored event. Your child will bring a sponsorship form home next week. Please can all sponsorship forms and money collected please be returned to school by Friday 21st November.

As well as the "Challenge 25" we would also like to have a non-school uniform day. Please, if possible, can we ask for a £1 donation per family please.

Friday 14th November—Diabetes Awareness Day

Please come to school in something blue on this day to raise awareness of Diabetes. We know this is on the same day as Children in Need but it is really important we raise awareness of this as well. So if you are wearing a Pudsey T-shirt you could pair it with some blue jeans. Or find a blue accessory you can wear like a hair clip, bobble, watch, the ideas are endless.



School Lunch Menu for next week:

WEEK THREE	Meat Build Your Own Wrap Chicken Goujons, Tortilla Wrap & Lettuce, Served with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Meat Wholemeal BBQ Beef Pizza, Served with Diced Potatoes, Salad Sticks & Coleslaw	Meat Brunch Lunch, Pork Sausage, Bacon, Hash Brown & Baked Beans	Meat Chinese Chicken Curry, Served with 50/50 Rice, Naan Bread & Broccoli	Meat Battered Fish Fillet, Served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans
	vegetarian Quorn Dippers, Tortilla Wrap & Lettuce, Served with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn (V)	vegetarian Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Served with Diced Potatoes, Salad Sticks & Coleslaw (V)	vegetarian Vegetarian Brunch, Vegetarian Sausage, Omelette, Hash Brown & Baked Beans (V)	vegetarian Chinese Quorn Curry, Served with 50/50 Rice, Naan Bread & Broccoli (V)	vegetarian Cheese & Bean Puff, Served with Chips & Peas (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 Twisty Pasta with Tomato Sauce or Grated Cheddar & Side Salad	Alternative Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo with Side Salad
	Dessert Lemon Shortbread	Dessert Orange Glazed Carrot Cake	Dessert Ice Cream Sundae	Dessert Cherry Flapjack	Dessert Chocolate Frosted Sponge