



# Ambleside Academy Year 1 Autumn Term News

### Topic:

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you've had a restful summer and are all ready for a fantastic year of learning ☺

Our topic this term is "Fire, Fire – It's an Emergency" during this term we will have a focus on History. Within this the children will be learning about 'The Great Fire of London' and begin to gain an understanding of how their lives are different from children from the past. Our Topic will then be used to influence our learning in our other subjects.

## PE Sessions

On your P.E. day please ensure your child attends school wearing trainers and their P.E kits. If you require a new P.E. kit please arrange with the office.

**Mrs Shepard (Class 4) – Monday**  
**Miss Rickett (Class 5) – Tuesday and Thursday**  
**Miss Milns (Class 6) – Monday**

## Class Dojo

Class Dojo is an online app that we use to communicate with you. On Dojo we will share that the children have been learning and any important messages or reminders. Feel free to message us on there if you have any questions or concerns. If you haven't yet received any log in information for Class Dojo, please let us know! It is very important that everyone can see our messages.

## Gone but never forgotten

As many of you know from Ms Bromley's letter last week, we have unexpectedly lost one of our little ones in the summer. Harry has been missed and spoken about very fondly by many of our children and will not be forgotten as we continue into our academic year. Unfortunately, our children are very young and may struggle to understand at this difficult time. If you or your family need any support during this time please get in contact and we will support you and your child the best we can.



## Reminders

**Water Bottles:** Unfortunately, in Year 1 there is an additional charge for milk which can be arranged at the office. However, the children do have access to our water fountain to fill up their water bottles as often as they like; so please ensure they bring their bottle to school each day.

**Your child's belonging:** Please ensure you have labelled all items that your child will be bringing into school. This includes lunch boxes and water bottles as we have a lot of duplicates. This makes it much easier for us to reunite them with their owner when they go missing!

## Literacy

### Literacy & Phonics this term:

Within this first half term, the children will begin to explore and engage with a variety of writing activities linked to our topic. Firstly, during registration time the children we will be practising how to correctly form the letters in their names and Year 1 words while developing their handwriting skills further. Furthermore, as we progress into the term, we will be working on developing our children's ability to structure and write sentences. Within Year 1, our Phonics lessons are bespoke to your child's development. By working in small groups, the children will be able to have a focused learning experience whereby they will be able to make good progress towards learning. Additionally, the children will begin to engage with all our KS1 reading animals to develop their comprehension and reading skills when engaging with books during 1:1 reading, guided group reading or structured story time.

### Our Literacy targets are:

- To continue to develop our Phonics skills to support reading further.
- To begin to write sentences using full stops and capital letters.



## Mathematics

### Mathematics this term:

As the children progress into the term, they will be strengthening their understanding of place value within 20. The children will be exploring a variety of activities within the classroom environment to develop their understanding of number order and the value of a number. Furthermore, the children will begin to gain an understanding of number sentences to add and subtract within 10. Additionally, the children will be gaining a greater understanding of shape as they learn about a range of 2D and 3D shapes. Therefore, as part of our daily routine the children will also be engaging in our Maths Mysteries questions to consolidate learning further. Finally, the children will begin to develop an understanding of the 2 and 5 times tables.

### Our Maths targets are:

- To be able to have a greater understanding of place value within 20
- To develop their ability to subtract and add quantities within 10 together.

