



# Ambleside Academy Nursery Autumn Term News

## Topic:

Welcome to Ambleside nursery (and welcome back to our previous afternoon children)! We hope you've had a restful summer and are ready for a fantastic year of learning ☺

Our topic this half term is 'Our Community and Me' which will focus on the theme of identify and diversity. We will be thinking about ourselves, our families and our community around us. We will explore what we look like, what we like, who is in our family, and how we are all different but special! Each week we will have a 'Book of the Week' which our learning for the week will be based upon. Our project will be to create a 'Family Traditions' display which will represent all of the families in our nursery community. Some of our other activities include painting self-portraits, going on a local walk around the community, creating box model houses and creating our own stories using family finger puppets.

We will also be busy settling into nursery and getting used to new routines. We will be working on our personal, social and emotional skills as we learn and play with new friends. We will be working hard on our sharing, tidying and listening skills!

## Literacy & Phonics this half term:

This half term we will be working hard to comprehend and retell familiar stories. We will talk about the key events, characters and settings in our Book of the Week and will practise sequencing the events of the story in the correct order.

During self-registration each morning we will be practising tracing over the letters in our names. We will practise gripping writing tools correctly and using them with good control.

During our daily Phonics sessions we will be focusing on Phase 1 skills. This will help us to develop our speaking and listening skills in preparation to begin learning to read. We will be learning about rhyming words, syllables in words as well as taking part in lots of listening games.

## Our targets are:

- To retell familiar stories.
- To begin tracing some of the letters in our names.
- To enjoy rhyming and rhythmic activities.

## Mathematics

## PE Sessions

We are very lucky to be having 2 P.E. sessions each week with Mr Edwards this term! These will take place on **Monday mornings** and **Thursday mornings**.

Your child is welcome to come to nursery in sports clothes and trainers on these days.

## Class Dojo

Class Dojo is an online app that we use to show you pictures of what the children have been doing in nursery. We also use it to send you reminders and messages. 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 a member of nursery staff know.

## Mathematics this half term:

This half term we will study a 'Number of the Week' each week between the numbers 0-10. We will be learning what the number looks like, how to write the number, how to represent the number in different ways and how to count out that number of objects. We will also be exploring numbers and counting using songs, actions and sounds. We will be spotting numbers in the environment and counting to 10 in different ways. We will also be practising matching numeral to quantity to 5.



We will also begin to develop our knowledge of 2D shapes, naming them and describing them. We will be going on a 2D shape hunt and using shapes for different tasks.

We are going to practise making repeating patterns with different colours and shapes. We will also be thinking about routes, locations, and familiar routes when we go on our local walk around the community!

## Our targets are:

- To recognise numbers 0 to 10.
- To begin counting out and matching numeral and quantity to 5.
- To create a simple repeating pattern.
- To name some 2D shapes.

## Reminders

**Water Bottles:** Children are offered a carton of milk every day at nursery but you are welcome to also send them with a water bottle clearly labelled with their name.

**Clothing:** Please label your children's cardigans and jumpers, even if it just written on with pen. This makes it much easier for us to reunite them with their owner when they go missing!