



Amble First School

January 2024 Newsletter

School Uniform - labelling

Please can we request that all items of school clothing are labelled and that these labels are checked regularly to ensure that they are easy to read. Whilst we recognise that children may be able to identify their jumpers by a specific mark or scent, it is much easier if items are labelled clearly with their names. Thank you for your support with this.

Beach Days

Weather permitting, we have planned the following mornings for our Beach trips this half term.

KS1 Mon 12th February
KS2 Wed 14th February

Children should come to school suitably dressed for the weather. They may also bring a labelled bucket and spade to use.

Reading Breakfasts

Children really enjoyed our reading breakfasts last term and we hope that you did too. We would like to offer some more sessions this term. Please come through the main entrance at drop off time and join us for a snack and a story.

Year 1 Tuesday 23rd Jan
Year 3&4 Wednesday 24th Jan
Year 2 Thursday 25th Jan
Reception Friday 26th Jan

Year 4 Residential

Please can you ensure that all payments for the forthcoming residential trip are paid through Eduspot. The payment dates are requested by the company and are not determined by school. If you have any difficulties in paying by the specified dates, please get in touch with us as soon as possible. There will be a meeting planned later this term for families to discuss the trip.

Special Dinner Day – Thursday 18th January

Our children love our “Special Dinner” days and this term we are offering our ever popular “AFC Chicken Burger” dinner on Thursday 18th January at the cost of £2.40. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals, therefore don't need to pay (but parents have to email the office if usually having packed lunches). To book, please email the office and top up your child's Eduspot account with correct funds.

PE days - Spring Term 1

Nursery	Wednesday	Friday
Reception	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 2	Monday	Wednesday
Year 3	Wednesday	Friday (Swimming)
Year 4	Tuesday	Friday

Children should come to school in their PE kits on these days. This comprises their school jumper/cardigan, a white/navy t-shirt and dark coloured shorts/tracksuit bottoms. Shoes should be trainers or sandshoes. Earrings should not be worn on PE days. Staff are unable to remove children's earrings or cover them. If the child is unable to remove the earrings themselves they should be sent to school with them suitably covered.

Attendance

The cold weather has a tendency to make us ill and we know that many of our children (staff and parents) have suffered with coughs, colds and viruses over the past few weeks. It can sometimes be difficult to know whether or not to send your child to school if they are feeling under the weather. This guidance from the NHS may help with making the decision:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Attendance so far for each class at the end of December:

<u>Rec</u>	89.24%
<u>Year 1</u>	90.93%
<u>Year 2</u>	91.60%
<u>Year 3</u>	94.85%
<u>Year 4</u>	92.81%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.
School overall December: 91.83%

A reminder that our attendance policy and
attendance letters can be found on the website at:
<http://www.amblefirst.northumberland.sch.uk/web/attendance/420380>

January Maths Challenge

Welcome to our January Maths Challenge. We want to encourage our children to use everything they have learnt in their maths lessons to solve a wide range of problems and puzzles. Choose from one of the challenges below and have a go! Send in your responses (with a name and class on the back) or send us a picture by the end of the month.

Reception

Numbers, numbers everywhere!

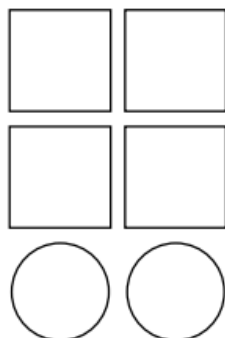
There are numbers all around us. Can you write/draw a list of all the numbers that you can find in your house? Are there numbers in your bedroom, in the kitchen, how about the bathroom? See how many you can find!



Years 1 and 2

Coloured shapes

What colour is each shape?
Write it on the shape.



Clues

- ◆ Red is not next to grey.
- ◆ Blue is between white and grey.
- ◆ Green is not a square.
- ◆ Blue is on the right of pink.

Years 3 and 4

Rows of coins



1. Take five coins: 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p.
Put them in a row using these clues.
The total of the first three coins is 27p.
The total of the last three coins is 31p.
The last coin is double the value of the first coin.
2. Take six coins: two 1p, two 2p and two 5p.
Put them in a row using these clues.
Between the two 1p coins there is one coin.
Between the two 2p coins there are two coins.
Between the two 5p coins there are three coins.

What if you take two 10p coins as well, and between them are four coins?