



STARS OF THE WEEK

Amelia Hewitson
Alice Dunn
Callum Berney
Aiden Knowles
Erin Henderson
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DOODLEMATHS

Percentage of pupils working in their green zone based on engagement over the last 7 days.
(data from this morning)



Sharks 68%
Jellyfish 61%
Penguins 57%
Puffins 52%
Turtles 44%

2021 SCHOOL DIARY

Thursday 4th March	World Book Day Competition
Monday 8th March	ALL CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
Monday 19th April	Rescheduled Y4 residential visit to Robinwood—TBC
Friday 26th March	2pm—School closes for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 13th April	School re-opens for summer term
Monday 3rd May	School closed for May bank holiday

WORLD BOOK DAY
4 MARCH 2021

World Book Day Competition

World Book day is on Thursday 4th March (NEXT WEEK) This year we are going to do something a little different by running a competition to decorate a potato as a book character! There were some lovely ideas that we've seen from a school in North Yorkshire—[CLICK HERE](#) and thought that it was just the kind of thing that the children and parents of Amble Links might like to do. Entries will need to be sent

into school as photographs by email to admin@amblelinks.northumberland.sch.uk by the end of Wednesday 3rd March. We will choose our favourite decorated potato from each class to receive a small prize as well as getting all of the pictures onto our Facebook page.



DOODLEMATHS

As far as we are aware, most issues with Doodlemaths have been resolved (although we do know that the app is not updating well on older ipads). We have invested in this program to give the children a real boost with their maths and are already seeing some great results in terms of improvements to the 'Doodlemaths' ages of the children that are completing their Doodlemaths challenges every day. When all of the children return to school, we will still be using this program to enhance our maths learning and urge parents to encourage children to spend just a few minutes every day completing their daily tasks and any new learning. **IT REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE!** Your child will be able to show you if they are in the green zone, how their class are doing and what their 'streak' number is! As we all return to school we will be running lots of challenges and competitions to encourage and reward the use of Doodlemaths.



RETURN TO SCHOOL!

The good news that we've all been waiting for was given to us by the prime minister on Monday - all children will be able to return to school from Monday 8th March.

This is now just over a week away.

We've already been thinking about how to safely bring the children back to school and will send a detailed letter out early next week that explains those arrangements. **IT IS VITAL THAT YOU READ THE LETTER CAREFULLY AND ENSURE THAT THE GUIDELINES ARE ADHERED TO.** You'll be pleased to know that many of the arrangements we have in place will be similar to those that we successfully ran during the autumn term and include lots of handwashing/sanitising, bubble groups, one way system etc that the children are now very used to.

We are very conscious that many of the children have not been in school since December and have already discussed our first week back with staff—the week will be very much focused on helping the children build up friendships and the social side of school as well as helping them get used to the expectations of school again.

The children may come home and tell you that they have been just playing for a morning or an afternoon: they might well have been! Teachers will take time to assess the children, reallocate books and begin the process of getting the children used to more sustained periods of classroom learning. We'll be reminding the children about our 3 Rs of being respectful, responsible and resilient and about the expectations we have of their behaviour.

In order to help us understand any concerns that you or your child may have about returning to school we have already sent out a questionnaire ([CLICK HERE](#)). This has already been completed by many parents but we'd certainly like to hear from many more as the information we gather will help tailor our provision. Next week we will detail more of the plans we will have in place to help the children get back up to speed with their learning as quickly as possible. As usual, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Our school PTA remain busy behind the scenes raising money to support us with funding for extra resources and experiences for the children. During Covid-19 many of their usual events have not been able to happen. One way of supporting the PTA is through joining our school lottery. Someone from our school will be a winner every week while there's also a chance to win the £25,000 jackpot—all for just £1 per ticket!

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