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The Week Ahead

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| Monday 16 th September 2023 | BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5 After School Club until 5pm. £5. |
| Tuesday 17 th September 2023 | BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5 Flu immunisation for all children – please register online to say yes or no. After School Club until 5pm. £5. |
| Wednesday 18 th September 2023 | BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5. |
| Thursday 19 th September 2023 | BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. After School club until 5pm. £5. <u>NO</u> Girls Football Club tonight, will resume next week. KS2 boys Football Club with Ben after school 3 – 4.15pm £5. (After School Club available after until 5pm.) |
| Friday 20 th September 2023 | BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5. |



Friday 25th October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024 (break up Thursday 24th October 2024 and return to school on Monday 4th November 2024): School closed for Autumn Half Term.

Monday 23rd December 2024 – Monday 6th January 2025 (break up Friday 20th December 2024 and return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025): School closed for the Christmas holiday.



Success out of School

Congratulations to **Barnaby** (Amethyst) who passed his Grade 1 Guitar Practical with a merit. Well done, Barnaby!





Amber Class Curriculum Autumn First Half Term

Hi everyone! Welcome to a new school year and the start of school for lots of our new pupils. We are all so proud of them for settling into school life so well – they've taken it all in their stride. This half term Amber Class are going to be working on the topic of 'Family and Journeys' as we help our new Reception children settle in. We will be getting to know each other by talking about our families and our place within them. Later on we will think about the people who care for us and what they do for us and also learn our addresses.

In English, Reception children will be encouraged to develop their confidence by speaking within a small group. We will look for name labels and notices around us, find out why they are important and try to read them. We will also practise name writing on a regular basis. Year 1 pupils will expand their recognition of common irregular words in the environment around them. Year 1 pupils will become familiar with key stories and be able to retell them and continue to practise their independent writing.

Reception children will be learning about different areas of maths through practical and fun activities. There will be lots of opportunities to count, read, recognise and order numbers to 10 both in the classroom and outside. Year 1 children will build on their learning by learning about place value within 10 and also addition and subtraction within 10.

In PE, we will all be learning about Football. Our PE days will be a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**. We ask children to come to school in their PE kit on PE days and they will stay in their kit all day. Don't worry if you're still yet to receive PE t-shirts with the Colby School logo on, any PE t-shirt will be fine until they arrive. We will be starting our PE lessons as of next week.

As you know, we do lots of outdoor learning in Amber Class. Please ensure your children come to school in appropriate footwear and named jumpers/cardigans/coats. Our outdoor learning mornings where we have our lessons in the garden will be every Monday and Thursday.

In Year 1 we will be learning about the following topics in our foundation subjects:

- Science: Animals
- Design and Technology: Our Fabric Faces
- History: My family and I
- Life Skills: Families and People who care for me
- RE: The story of Noah

There will be lots of play based activities to also support the learning of these topics.

Our annual Harvest Festival is extremely popular with the children in Amber Class. We will join forces with Sapphire Class to learn some new songs, along with some old favourites. We really look forward to welcoming families to the first production of the school year.

As you can see we are going to be packing in lots of fun learning experiences this half term. If you have any questions feel free to ask any of the Amber class adults or to send us a message via email or on Tapestry. Please remember to read the newsletter every week as that is the best way to keep up-to-date with events and important diary dates.

We can't wait to have lots of fun as we continue to settle into our new routines.

Many thanks,

The Amber Class Team



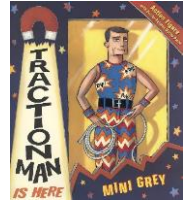
Sapphire Class Curriculum Autumn First Half Term

Welcome back all Sapphire children!

This term we have wonderful things planned for you all and I look forward to getting stuck into learning straight away!

Mrs. Frost is Sapphire teacher Monday – Thursday and Miss. Covell is our Sapphire teacher on Fridays.

Ellie and Alice are our teaching assistants.



In **English** we will be enjoying sharing some superhero texts including Superworm by Julia Donaldson and Traction Man by Mini Grey. We will be writing about our own 'super powers' and creating simple sentences with full stops and capital letters with Year 1s and more complex sentences with a variety of conjunctions for Year 2s. We will be describing characters and settings as well as writing simple letters. Year 2s will be starting to join their letters if they are ready and Year 1s will focus on ensuring letters are correctly orientated and sitting on the line.

Spellings will be given out on Fridays and the children work on these words within class so should be familiar with them. Children will have a short **spelling test every Friday morning** and all spelling lists will be posted on our Google Classroom page.

All children will be issued with a **Spelling Shed** log in shortly and they will be able to access spelling games from home as well as in school.

In **Maths** we will be looking at place value within 100 (Yr2s) and up to 30 (Yr1s). We will be counting on and back from 100 and in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s. Children will be partitioning 2 digit numbers into tens and ones and will use practical apparatus to help them to do this. Your support with the children at home with reinforcing early place value is appreciated and does help to embed early knowledge.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/place-value-basketball>

<https://au.splashlearn.com/place-value-games-for-year-1>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8sfr82>

Geography will see us finding out about the different types of homes that can be found in the UK. Please could every child bring in a photograph of their house so that we can sort our own house types in school. We will be exploring the differences and similarities between house types. We will be looking at different types of settlements near us. If anyone would like to come into school and show the children how to mix a mix up a simple mortar to build a brick wall, this would be wonderful!



In **Science** we will be finding out about the importance of food and nutrition both to humans and to other animals. This will involve looking at the importance of keeping well by eating healthily as well as exercising regularly.

In **DT** children will be designing and making (and eating!) their own healthy sandwiches. Mrs. Moulton will be working with Sapphire children on **computing** and will be looking at 'technology around us.'



In our **Life Skills** sessions, we will be thinking about what makes a good friendship.



Sapphire Class Curriculum Autumn First Half Term contd.

Sapphire Class will have **PE** on Tuesdays (with Ben) and Fridays (with Miss Covell) and will be developing their football and tag rugby skills. They will also be focussing on teamwork and leadership. As always, we expect long hair tied up and no jewellery to be worn on these days. Children should come into school wearing their PE uniform on these days. As the weather gets wetter we will be using the hall for PE too and all children will need a pair of plimsolls to wear.



We will be getting outside for our learning as often as we can so please make sure that children have suitable outdoor footwear (trainers) with them at school every day.

This half term we look forward to joining with Amber Class to present our **Harvest Festival** assembly to you! We will soon be practising our Harvest songs! Dates to follow.

We have pet mice in Sapphire Class and we enjoy watching them and taking care of them. Children get the chance to handle them regularly too.



Sapphire Class have two travelling monkeys who enjoy staying with children every weekend. Children record the fun they have with them in a special book and can include photos and pictures too! Children really enjoy sharing these books with the class. If you have a special visit planned and would like to have a monkey for a particular weekend, it can be arranged!



We have a weekly **'show and tell'** session where children can share something special from home. Examples could be a medal, certificate, photo or a souvenir. Two children will take part every week and we will post a list of dates for individuals on our Google Classroom page within the first few weeks.

We will be working with all Sapphire children over the first couple of weeks to ensure that they all log in to our **Google Classroom** for the first time. You will then be able to access it from home and find weekly spellings there. I have also created some useful links to phonics and simple maths games for children to enjoy, if they wish.

We expect children to be heard read as often as possible at home. Just a couple of pages at a time is sufficient and we will hear children in school as regularly as we can. If you have any questions about this or anything else, please ask.

A busy, hardworking and fun filled few weeks lie ahead of us!

As always, if you have any questions you know where I am!

Sarah Frost



Headteacher Awards

Eva B (Ruby) for excellent French

Daisy (Emerald) for excellent maths

Scarlett (Emerald) for super maths

Barnaby (Amethyst) for coming in early to help unpack a stock order

Lucas (Emerald) for a fantastic drawing of a monster

Daisy, Emily, Oliver, Sebastian, Scarlett, Herbie, Milo, Remy, Charlotte, JP, Verity, Felix,

Edward, Leo, Olive, Isobel, Hugo, Frankie, Quinn, Rita, Albert, William, Reuben, Bertie,

Jacob B, Kate, Harris, Barney, Dylan, James, Harry, Verity and Lev (Emerald)

for great leadership letters

Rita, Lucas, Scarlett and Frankie (Emerald)

for setting a great example of how to be a good learner

Anna and Barnaby (Amethyst) for great English



Headteacher Awards contd.

- Anna (Amethyst)** for saying a great adjective in class
Dylan (Amethyst) for excellent reading
Barnaby (Amethyst) for helping with sport
George (Amethyst) for excellent maths
Evie, Imogen, Ellen and Erin (Amethyst) for great maths explanations
Anna (Amethyst) for winning in bingo
Raff (Amethyst) for great leadership skills
Teddy (Amethyst) for great reading
Imogen, Ellen, Erin and Evie (Amethyst) for great explanations of paragraphs
Matthew (Amethyst) for beautiful art
Evie, Erin and Anna (Amethyst) for great drama
Hudson (Ruby) for a super start to the year
Rosie, Flint and William (Ruby) for fantastic work at home
Jacob B, Izzy, Harrison, Margot, Kate, Barnaby, Flint and Georgina (Ruby) for being brave
Bertie, Kate and Albert (Ruby) for fantastic Roman numerals
Mia and Brooke (Sapphire) for kindness towards others in the garden
Anya, Amelie, Etta, Florence and Charlie (Sapphire) for wonderful independent writing
Oscar (Sapphire) for an excellent explanation of data tracking in PE
Stanley (Sapphire) for awesome maths with base 10
Anya (Sapphire) for superb holiday reading
All Year 1 (Sapphire) for getting on with their work quickly
Orin (Amber) for being an excellent role model during Assembly



Colby Kitchen

Reception parents are invited to order hot dinners for their children from next week. Simply, let Miss Moore or Miss Covell know your child would like a hot dinner when you drop them off in the morning. Thank you.

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| MONDAY 16 th September 2024 | Tuna and sweetcorn pasta bake in a tomato mascarpone sauce served with broccoli and carrots. Choice of yoghurt or fruit. |
| TUESDAY 17 th September 2024 | Meatballs in tomato sauce inside a sub roll with potato wedges, carrots, peppers and cucumber. Choice of yoghurt or fruit. |
| WEDNESDAY 18 th September 2024 | Chicken in a wholemeal wrap served with vegetable cous cous, sweetcorn and peas. Optional salsa, tomato ketchup or egg free mayonnaise. Choice of yoghurt or fruit. |
| THURSDAY 19 th September 2024 | Jacket potato with salad (cucumber, tomatoes, lettuce and beetroot) with a choice of cheese, beans and chicken – served buffet style so children can choose their fillings. Fruit. |
| FRIDAY 20 th September 2024 | Cheese pizza and pepperoni pizza, served with salad (cucumber sticks, carrot sticks and pepper sticks) and optional hummus. Fruit. |

Have a great weekend!

Christine Mead