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Friday 19th April 2024

The Week Ahead

Monday 22 nd April 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Girls' Dodgeball Club for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 23 rd April 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Reception and Year 1 Dance and Yoga Club from 8.30am before school in Amber Class. Dodgeball Club for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. KS1 and KS2 Choir (combined) with Mrs Towers from 8.30am before school. KS2 Handball Club with Ben 3 – 4.15pm. £5 (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 24 th April 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Reception and Year 1 Dance and Yoga Club with Miss Covell from 8.30am before school in Amber Class. Silent Dodgeball Club for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. Governor Drop In Day – Colby School Governors visiting lessons. KS1 and KS2 Girls' Football Club with Hannah B 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) KS1 Boys' Football Club with Ben 3 - 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 25 th April 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Mrs Mead's Breakfast Book Club continues for selected pupils at 8am. Dodgeball Club for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. NEW KS2 Gardening Club with Mrs Frost 3 - 4.15pm £5 - a few spaces left. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) KS2 Football Club after school 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) PLEASE BRING WATERPROOF COATS / WARM PE KIT. KS2 Netball Club after school 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 26 th April 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Dodgeball Club for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 6th May: School closed for May Bank Holiday.

Wednesday 8th May: Pizza for lunch today – swapped with Friday due to staffing logistics.

Friday 10th May: Fish fingers for lunch today – swapped with Wednesday due to staffing logistics.

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May: National Tests for Year 6 pupils. **NO BREAKFAST CLUB AVAILABLE MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THIS WEEK – SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE. STAFF AND HALL SPACE UNAVAILABLE DUE TO TEST ADMINISTRATION.**

Wednesday 15th May: **NO HOT LUNCHES** available today due to Year 6 National Test Administration. Please contact Mrs Mead if you would like us to provide your child with a packed lunch.

Monday 20th May: Bike-ability for Yr 6 pupils this week.

Tuesday 21st May: Samuel Thomas – art workshop in Emerald Class.

Thursday 23rd May: Reception pupils Vision and Hearing Screening.

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May: School closed for Summer Half Term.

Monday 3rd June: School reopens for 2nd half of Summer Term.

Friday 7th June: School photographer visiting to take individual, family and class photos.

Monday 10th - Friday 14th June: Year 1 Phonics Tests.

Tuesday 18th June: New Reception Induction Morning for parents in the Hall 9.15am.

Wednesday 19th June – Friday 21st June: Year 6 Extended Crazy Sleepover.

Wednesday 26th June: Ruby Class trip to the Royal Norfolk Show.

Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th June: Year 6 pupils' Induction Days at Aylsham High School.

Tuesday 25th June, Thursday 27th June and Friday 28th June: Reception Pupils' Induction mornings – 3 groups over the 3 days. Your child will be invited to attend one session.

Tuesday 2nd July: Amber Class trip to ROARR Dinosaur Park.

Wednesday 3rd July: Sapphire Class visit to Stranger's Hall, Norwich.

Thursday 4th July: Meet your new class / teacher morning.

Friday 5th July from 6.00pm: Key Stage 2 Crazy Sleepover! More details to follow.

Monday 8th – Friday 12th July: Sport Week.

Friday 19th July: School closes at 3pm for Summer holidays. No After School Club today.

London Marathon



London Marathon Sponsorship

A big thank you to Evie's Mum (Amber Class) for offering to donate sponsorship money to Colby School for sport equipment. Evie's Mum was lucky enough to get a ballot place through her local running club for the London Marathon and she has set up a fundraising page to raise money for Colby School. Thank you very much. The link to the Go Fund Me page is below, there is still time to donate if you would like to sponsor Evie's Mum.

<https://gofund.me/3f645f54>

We all wish Evie's mum '**GOOD LUCK**' for Sunday 21st April 2024.



Amber Class Curriculum

For this half term our topic will be Space!

The children have asked to learn about the following topics which we will incorporate into their play and activities within the classroom:

- Are aliens real?
- How long does the solar system go on for?
- How do the planets move around Earth?
- How people eat and live inside a rocket?
- How long do rockets take to get to space?
- How do astronauts move in space and what do they wear?
- How do astronauts fly spaceships?
- What animals and plants live on different planets?
- How are black holes made?
- How big are different planets in centimetres?

In English we will compare the features of fact and fiction. We will make a large rocket and use photos of the construction to write instructions. There will be opportunities for story-writing and the children will be practising writing speech bubbles for the characters in their stories. As a class we will listen to and read a wide selection of Space poems. These will inspire discussion about the moon and stars and also provide a framework for composing our own poems.

In maths children in Reception will be learning about numbers to 20 and beyond. They will be thinking about building teen numbers in particular and thinking of ways to make those numbers. They will also be thinking about the number 100 and how 100 is made up. The children will also be learning about spatial reasoning and positional language to describe the position and direction of different objects and shapes.

In maths Year 1 children will be learning to count forwards and backwards in 2's, 5's and 10's. They will begin to learn about how to make equal groups and add equal groups. They will also learn about array patterns and begin to understand doubles and use them within their learning. In our foundation subjects, we will be learning about the artist L.S Lowry in Art lessons and creating art inspired by his work. In Geography, they will be learning about all things to do with the seaside.

In Science the children will be learning all about everyday materials. In PE we will be doing Cricket and Tennis while learning team work and leadership skills. In Life Skills we will be learning all about respect and respecting ourselves and others. Finally, in RE we will be thinking about Judaism and what Jewish people remember during Shabbat.

We have a space station set up in the classroom and the children have already been exploring different planets! We will be having our usual weekly sessions in the garden which as always the children love. It's going to be another exciting topic, we can't wait to see what this one brings!

The Amber Class Team

Sapphire Class Curriculum



We start the term by warmly welcoming Miss Buttifant back to Sapphire Class! We are very lucky in that she has chosen our class to work with in her final teaching placement! We really looking forward to working alongside her this lovely summer term!

In English we will be planning and writing our own stories. We will be writing detailed setting and character descriptions. We will be sharing *The Storm Whale* by Benji Davies and *Traction Man* by Mini Grey. We will continue to work on our hand writing and now expect all Year 2 s to be joining at least 2 letters in every word. This will help with editing, which Year 2 children will be starting to do this term. Spellings will still happen every Friday.

In Maths we will be starting work on mass and capacity and Year 2s will be practising SATs style questions in preparation for June. We will continue our work on fractions and work on time, statistics, position and direction. Please continue to support your child with learning times tables at home as well as number bonds within 20. Try: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/addition/robot-addition>

Geography will see us find out about seaside towns in Norfolk. We will be looking at physical and human features of coastal landscapes. We will make group presentations in the form of a puppet show about what we discover about life in a seaside town.



With Miss Buttifant, we will be designing and creating seaside dioramas to represent seaside ecosystems. We will be asking children to bring in a **shoe box** for this.



We look forward to a fun music topic, 'Cat and Mouse' which will see us singing, creating rhythms and simple compositions.

Throughout the first couple of weeks back we will be enjoying listening to a beautiful piece of classical music which we then use as inspiration to paint, compose and write from. I look forward to sharing Stravinsky's *Firebird* with the children.



Science will see us exploring everyday materials and carrying out simple investigations. We will think about why objects are made from certain materials. What are their characteristics and can we sort them? We will be looking at what has happened to the broad beans we planted before Easter! They have been planted in our raised bed.

In computing, Mrs. Moulton will be working with us on word processing and simple digital photography.

Sapphire Class will have PE on Tuesdays with Ben when we will be practising cricket skills and on Fridays with Miss Covell when we will be learning a new sport, pickle ball. As always, we expect long hair tied up and no jewellery to be worn on these days.



Please make sure that your child has a pair of old trainers/wellies to wear outside every day. This helps to keep our school clean when children have separate indoor and outdoor footwear. As we might have some good weather this term, it is important that your child has a sunhat in their school bag. We do have a few spares but children usually prefer to wear their own. On hot days we ask that you apply sun cream before school.



We look forward to a fun-filled, hard-working term!

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

Sarah Frost



Emerald Class Curriculum

Welcome back everyone, I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. We have a very exciting summer term ahead of us with lots of fun and interesting activities.

In maths we are going to continue to practise our four written methods as well as spending time looking at decimals, fractions, time, money, mass and capacity! We have a lot to get through and it would be great if you could all practise telling the time at home as much as you can.

In English we are reading the Midnight Fox. We will be using this book to help with our reading comprehension but also to inspire some interesting debates and spark creative writing.

In History we will be looking at a range of different historical periods and influential people from within those periods from Martin Luther King to Rosa Parks.

In Science we will learn all about human body parts and their functions including their skeleton and muscles groups. We will spend time linking this with PE and how the body works during exercise.

Alice will be teaching Life Skills this term, looking at food groups, health and well being and then some internet safety towards half term and Ms Everett will be continuing with RE on a Thursday morning. Mrs Towers will teach music on Mondays and Mrs Moulton will cover Computing on Thursday afternoons.

In PE our Colby Value is 'Analysis' and our sports are tennis and cricket. Please make sure the children have trainers every day as we will always be spending time outside being active.

Keep an eye out for all our amazing sports opportunities during the school day and after school clubs. There are a wide range of clubs on offer throughout the week for all ages.

We have launched some reading incentives across the school and in Emerald Class to help and encourage reading at home. There will be a whole school effort to collect reading signatures with big prizes on offer. We discussed in Emerald about children completing a number of books to earn points towards a class reward so try to encourage this at home. It is really important to be involved with reading at home.

Children have weekly spellings and times tables tests to track their progress across the year.

If you have any questions then please come and ask or email on abrown6vrq@nsix.org.uk

Mr B



Ruby Class Curriculum

This half term we will be finishing writing our last scenes of our film project. We will then look at the book Podkin One Ear and use this to write an information text and retell the story from different perspectives. As well as this, we will continue to read the book Tom's Midnight Garden and learn our weekly spellings. Please remember that the test will be held on a Monday morning and new spellings given out on that day too.

In maths, we will learning about shape. We will be learning about different types of angles, estimating the size of angles and measuring and drawing angles using a protractor. Any practise of this at home would be beneficial. After angles, we will look at properties of 2D and 3D shapes and learn about translating of shapes and using co-ordinates. Just before half term we will be looking at decimals again and ensuring that we can add and subtract decimals using the column method. As always, we will continue to learn our times tables and have the times tables test on a Friday.

In science, we are looking at electricity and learning how to set up circuits with bulbs, motors and switches. We will learn how to draw complete series circuits using diagrams. We will also look creating our own switches. We will also use our knowledge of circuits to help us to use the Crumbles in computing sessions.

Our history topic this half term is Anglo Saxons and Scots. We will learn about how the Saxons came to rule England and the different tribes and kingdoms. We will look at how they lived and create our own Anglo Saxon jewellery and create illuminated letters in art.

In music this term we will be learning about the Gamelan and Balinese music. We will also continue to learn to play the recorder. It would be great if they could leave their recorders in school as we may do lessons on different days each week.

PE will continue to be with Mr Brown and Ben and will be on a Monday and Thursday. Please can you make sure that your child has a pair of trainers at school that they can change into for PE lessons. These can also double up as outdoor shoes as well. It would also be good to have a waterproof jacket kept in school too as they may be outside when it is raining.

With Liz in computing this term, we will be learning about editing both film and audio projects.

With Mr Mead, we will be looking at telling the time in French and the influence of Christianity on Music in RE.

Another action packed half term to come!

As always, if there are any questions or concerns, please contact me on my email wtowers3nr3@nsix.org.uk

Wendy Towers



Amethyst Class Curriculum

Hi, I hope you all had a fab Easter.

Maths: In the last few weeks before the tests, the main thing the children need to practise now is structuring their thinking with longer word problems and checking they understand how to proceed with these problems. Mr Mead will continue with the children to do this.

Science: Our science is 'Looking After the Environment'. This is a new unit of work to Year Six and I look forward to developing the children's thinking based on the current evidence and research. It draws upon to date stories, so please do please point out and discuss environmental news stories should they come up.

English: Our key text this half-term is Oliver Twist. This is the second Dicken's novel and hopefully the children will have remembered context from A Christmas Carol. We have completed three of our six assessment pieces and Oliver Twist will form the basis of some diary writing and play script work this half-term.

History: It's about as local as you can get this half-term with us studying The Peasant's Revolt. Although no local event is planned, children will still gain a good insight into how, why and when this happened whilst looking at revolts across British History.

P.E: (Wednesday/Friday): Amethyst will develop their cricket skills with me on Wednesdays and tennis with Ben on Fridays.

R.E: We will be exploring what it means to be human and whether happiness is the greatest goal in life.

D.T: We will be building more buggies and racing them in the hall in a few weeks' time.

Computing: Liz will teach customising variables in program called 'Scratch'.

Life Skills: Topics to be covered this half-term include: Cultural practises that may break the law discrimination and what the current laws are in the UK and well as how prejudices are defined.

Mr Frost



Get Lost in a Book

Well done to the following children for bringing in fantastic holiday reading art work.

They will receive certificates and a prize in Assembly on Monday:

Freddie (Amber), **Poppy** (Sapphire) and **Harrison** (Emerald)



Life Skills / Internet Safety Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Life Skills / Internet Safety Meeting on Wednesday morning. I am pleased you found it useful. Thank you to Mrs Towers for leading the presentation about Internet Safety.

For those of you who were unable to attend, please find attached copies of the handouts we used. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Towers if you have any questions.



New Reception for September 2024

We have received the list from Norfolk County Council Admissions Department confirming the children who will be joining us in Reception in September 2024. We are very excited to be joined by lots of siblings and new families too. I will be contacting you all individually next week but in the meantime thought I would share the following dates:

Tuesday 18th June 2024

Induction Meeting for parents at 9.15am.

Tuesday 25th June, Thursday 27th June or Friday 28th June 2024

Induction Morning for children – your child will be invited to attend a morning at Colby School on one of the dates above. Please contact me on head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk if you have a strong preference regarding which day your child attends.



Headteacher Awards

Charlotte and Harry (Sapphire) for excellent Easter cards

Leo (Sapphire) for an excellent definition of 'ruins'

Herbie (Sapphire) for superb work in Phonics

Oliver (Sapphire) for excellent 'hot' challenge maths

Poppy (Sapphire) for a beautiful Far Away Tree for the library challenge

Felix (Sapphire) for very detailed Easter writing

Leo (Sapphire) for a great explanation of Year 2 grammar

Quinn (Sapphire) for being a very fair judge of reading

Rosa (Sapphire) for beautiful reading aloud to the class

Year 2s (Sapphire) for silent multiplication wheel work

Archie and Giles (Spider Phonics) for helping to mend the little wooden house!

Jaxson, Phoebe, Quinn, Oliver, JP, Verity (Sapphire) for WONDERFUL tricky fraction maths

Stella (Sapphire) for superb retelling of our Troll story

Florence (Amethyst) for great poetry writing

Ophelia and Cian (Amethyst) for getting 20/20 on a spelling test

Dolly and Oliver (Amethyst) for amazing English

Nina and Barnaby (Ruby) for helping with PE with Amber children

Adam (Ruby) for excellent French

Otto (Emerald) for excellent reading

All of Year 1 (Amber) for incredible news writing

Orla (Amber) for listening beautifully in Phonics

Harper (Amber) for joining in and having lots of great ideas in Phonics

All Reception pupils (Amber) for a great first week back after Easter

Lucas (Emerald) for brilliant writing

Louis, Kit and Felix (Amber) for great litter-picking on the field

Christine Mead