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The Week Ahead

Monday 13 th January 2025	Breakfast Club 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 14 th January 2025	Breakfast Club 8am. £5. Dance Club for Reception and Year 1 (including Sapphire Year 1) in Amber Class from 8.30am led by Miss Covell. Handball for Key Stage 2 on the playground from 8.30am led by Ben. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 15 th January 2025	Breakfast Club 8am. £5. Dance Club for Reception and Year 1 (including Sapphire Year 1) in Amber Class from 8.30am led by Miss Covell. Handball for Key Stage 2 on the playground from 8.30am led by Ben. Swimming for Ruby Class Year 5 pupils. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 16 th January 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Pizza Buddy Event for lunch today. We'll cook enough pizza for all Amber and Sapphire Class and will be trialling chicken pizza in addition to cheese pizza and pepperoni pizza. KS2 children are welcome to order a pizza lunch too, as usual. Girls' Football Club with Hannah 3 - 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm). KS2 Boys' Football Club with Ben 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm). After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 17 th January 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Amethyst Class trip to London. After School Club until 5pm. £5.





Monday 12th May – Thurs 15th May 2025: Year 6 National Test Week.

Monday 23rd June 2025: Aylsham High School Induction Evening for Parents.

Wednesday 25th June – Friday 27th June 2025: Induction days for Year 6 pupils going to Aylsham High School.



Headteacher Awards

Verity (Emerald) for a great answer in English

Hudson (Ruby) for being a good reading buddy and wonderful writing

Hudson (Ruby) for fantastic concentration in reading

Otto x 2 (Amethyst) for great literacy and knowing the difference between semi-colons and colons

Olivia (Sapphire) for using commas and contraction in independent writing

Stanley W (Sapphire) for amazing independent reading

Ruby, Stella and Freddie (Sapphire) for independent working out of missing numbers in Maths

Louis (Sapphire) for a brilliant learning attitude

Hollie and Quinn (Amber) for super explanations in computing

Norah (Amber) for working so hard in phonics

Charlie and Sophie (Amber) for doing a great job of show and tell

Max (Amber) for being super helpful

Spiders Phonics Group for amazing words with “oi”

Freddie and George (Sapphire) for fantastic suggestions about safe play on the field



Amber Class Spring 1 Curriculum

Hello everyone! Well done for the first term. We are so proud of all of the children for everything they have achieved. This half term Amber class will be working on the topic of ‘Toys’ where we will explore lots about toys both old and new. We will talk about our favourite toys and have lots of opportunities to play with a variety of toys. On that note, if anyone is willing to send in any old/vintage toys for the children to look at and explore we would be very grateful. We would obviously take very good care of them.

In English, Reception children have been practising reading and writing simple words. This term we will be practising writing short sentences and finding out about sentence structure. We will continue to practise correct letter formation while writing our fantastic sentences. Reception children are getting more confident in speaking and listening but we will continue to encourage this through speaking in small groups and in front of the class. Year 1 pupils will expand their recognition of common irregular words in the environment around them. Year 1 pupils will become familiar with key

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stories and be able to retell them. They will continue to practise their independent writing while writing lists and rules. We will also use some prefixes and suffixes.

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. We will look at length and height and compare different masses. Year 1 children will be exploring place value up to 20 and addition and subtraction within 20.

In PE, we will all be learning about Gymnastics and Orienteering. 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.

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

- Science: Health and Safety
- Art : Let's sculpt
- History: Toys from the past
- Life Skills: Caring friendships and the PANTS curriculum
- RE: Why is light an important symbol for so many religions? Hindu/Jewish/Christian.

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 learn and have fun.
Many thanks,
The Amber Class Team



Sapphire Class Spring 1 Curriculum

Welcome back to all our Sapphire children and a HUGE thank you for all the gifts and cards you sent in for Sapphire staff. They were much appreciated and enjoyed by all!

This term Sapphire Class are very excited to welcome Miss Waller, a teacher trainee who will be supporting us with our learning. She has already met all the children and is SO keen to get started! We will be starting with a **Geography** focus on Oceans and Continents. We will be looking at each of the seven continents and finding out about animals that live there and countries that can be found there.

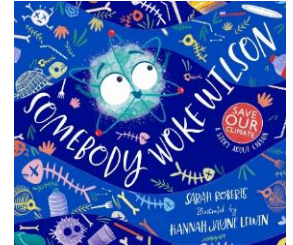
In **Science** our focus will be on living things and their habitats around the world. We will be finding out about the Amazon Rainforest as well as the Polar icecaps and look at how we can look after our changing world.

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In **Maths** (Year 2) we will be continuing our work on subtraction using 2 digit numbers, before moving on to multiplication, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will be investigating links with division too. Year 2 children will be learning how to work out and record simple multiplication (array method) and division calculations (peas on a plate method). Year 1 children will work on place value up to 50, as well addition and subtraction within 20. Miss. Covell will work with us all on money.

In our **English** sessions Sapphire children will continue to have weekly spellings to learn with a test every Friday. Spelling lists can be found on Google Classroom. We will carry on with our daily phonics sessions in our groups.

We will share the beautiful story, 'Somebody Woke Wilson' by Sarah Roberts. We look forward to writing postcards and making environmental awareness posters in our non-fiction genre. As usual, we will be working with talking partners and using drama to support our writing. In handwriting Year 2s will continue to learn more joins and Year 1s will be focussing on forming and orientating all their lower and upper case letters correctly. There are handwriting sheets on Google Classroom.



Please continue hearing your children read every day (just 2 pages) and sign their reading record book. It really does make a HUGE difference to the progress children make when they are read at home with regularly.

Mrs. Moulton will be taking us for our **Computing** sessions on Tuesday afternoons when we will be working on robot algorithms.

Sapphire continue to have **PE** on Tuesdays and Fridays. Children will need to wear PE kit on these days, making sure they are warm enough to wear outside. It is helpful if earrings are not worn and long hair tied back on PE days. This half term we will be enjoying gym and orienteering and thinking about the importance of health and fitness.

In our **Life Skills** sessions with Miss Covell, we will be learning how to keep safe online.

Music sees us exploring and learning to perform a rap! I can't wait to hear this!



Please remember that children need to have a pair of named outdoor trainers/wellies every day in school as we may pop outside any day to learn in our garden area.



Activities to do with your child

- Visit the library for books on animals and their habitats around the world, in particular the Amazon Rainforest and the Polar icecaps.
- Practise 2, 5 and 10 times tables using the Hit the Button game. (Move onto 3, 4 and 8 times tables if you know the easier ones inside out! – Year 2s)
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
Look at 2d and 3d shape with these fun games.
<https://firstlook.educationcity.com/content/Activity/index/35434>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns>
- Hear your child read daily. Talk about what you read. I have posted a list prompt questions on Google Classroom under 'Reading.'

We are looking forward to an awesome half term, full of hard work, sprinkled with a fair of fun too, of course! Sarah Frost



Emerald Class Spring 1 Curriculum

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are excited to get back into the swing of things at the start of a Spring Term which is always filled with fun and excitement!

We are going to kick things off by getting active! Lots of P.E and extra Daily Mile sessions with a fun Orienteering topic led by myself and some exciting Gymnastics led by Ben. Please make sure that children have all the correct kit for their P.E as we will endeavour to head outside if at all possible.

In English we will be reading *The Firework Maker's Daughter* and using this to inspire some descriptive writing and stories. We will continue to practise our new joins and as always, spend lots of time reading and listening to stories.

In Maths we are going to continue to be focusing on multiplication. The children will be focusing on x2, x5 and x10 times tables. We will practise these inside out and back to front before moving on when they are ready to x3, x4 and x11. It is important that all children work through their tables in this order and then spend time looking at the corresponding division facts before moving onto the next times table. Speed and fluency is key before progressing.

We will be spending this half term learning all about Australia. We will learn about its position in the world, how the world is divided and then more localised facts about this amazing country. We will also look at Aboriginal artwork and the history of how the country was discovered.

On a Thursday afternoon Alice will teach Life Skills this half term, something I will be adding to on a Friday with learning all about maps and how to find your way around. We will end this unit by going on a hike!

Ms Everett will continue teaching RE and this half term the children will be considering the question 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?'

In Science we will be looking at forces and magnets, investigating the forces all around us. It is a good unit with lots of opportunities for some interesting investigations!

Mrs Towers will continue music on Monday afternoons using a song called the 'Doot Doot Song' and they will be learning to sing and play the song, develop technical skills on tuned percussion, learn about chords, 'doodle' (improvise) with their voices and experience playing in a class band.

Mrs Moulton will be teaching Computing on Thursdays with a focus on desktop publishing.

I assume lots of you have been out of routine over the holidays (I know we have in my house!) but it would be great if we could hear your child read a minimum of three times per week, as well as a little bit of spelling and multiplication practise would really help everyone settle back into school life.

I am looking forward to hearing about all the fun things your children have been up to and as always, please come and find me on the playground if you need anything.

See you soon. Mr B



Ruby Class Spring 1 Curriculum

Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

In Ruby Class this term we will be focusing on 2 different topics - India and Space. We will be using our Science topic of Space to do some writing in Literacy. We will be learning all about Tim Peake and will be writing a diary, explanation and a news report. As well as this, we will be continuing to do lots of reading including reading the book Wonder. Please can you make sure that your child is continuing to do reading daily and writing this into their reading record. The children will continue to have their weekly spelling tests and should be bringing their spelling books home daily to help them learn them.

In Maths, we have started the term by looking at perimeter and area. We will the start to look at multiplication and division methods as well as ending the term looking at fractions again. Please continue to help your child with learning their times tables regularly as we will be having our multiplication tests on a Monday.

In Science, we are looking at Space and we will be learning all about the 8 planets as well as learning about how we get day and night. We will also be learning about why we have different seasons and about the Moon.

In Geography and Art, we will be looking at India. We will be discussing where it is, the differences between our 2 countries, its varied terrain and also at the art they produce. For our own art, we will be looking at printing and also move on to tie-dying as well. (It would be great if your child could bring in a plain white T Shirt for this but won't need it until the last week of the half term).

In PE, they will continue to be taught by Mr Brown on a Monday and Ben on a Thursday. They will be learning some gymnastics techniques, including how to roll and balance and then will have to work in a group to combine various movements into a routine. They will also have Orienteering on a Monday which will focus on maps and exercise!

In Music, we will be continuing with learning the recorder so please could you make sure your child has their recorder in school for a Monday's lesson. If they don't own one then of course they are welcome to borrow from school.

In Computing, children will be looking at creating 3D models using the program Tinkercad. In RE, children will consider what Easter means for Christians and in French they will be learning about food and shopping.

As always please feel free to contact me on my email address. wtowers3nr3@nsix.org.uk

Mrs Towers



Amethyst Class Spring 1 Curriculum

Hi, I hope you all had a great Christmas and stayed well!

I'd like to share with you what the children are learning this half term ...

Maths: Amethyst are going to get prepared for the Key Stage 2 National Tests by applying all their knowledge to longer one, two and three mark questions. This half term particularly, we are looking at what knowledge is needed and what order to attempt the operations to solve the problems. As well as this general revision, children are covering measures and shape.

Science: We are investigating the science into looking after the environment as a topic, this links with our geography unit.

English: Our key texts this half-term: 'The Secret Garden'. We will use this to develop various types of writing and we are beginning to think about producing a portfolio of our best pieces for assessment in May. Our first three pieces will be a story, description and settings as well a first attempt at a play script.

All the children's spelling lists go live every Monday morning at 08.50. Like last term, they have one week before moving onto new lists the following Monday. Every child needs to complete 10 games on the current weeks' list and 10 games of the composite list, which has all the lists so far this half-term. The children who completed the most homework last half-term did the best on the end of half term test.

Mr. Mead will develop children's grammar and punctuation with Colby's own version of Pung Fu. The children will love challenging each other.

Geography: We are investigating the effects of climate change on our oceans, and building on all the children's knowledge from across KS1 and 2.

P.E: (Wednesday/Friday): We are outdoors doing orienteering on Wednesday afternoon and gym indoors on Friday. Children must have a pair of outdoor shoes and the ability to keep warm even in cold weather. Please do talk to your children about being warm.

R.E: We are exploring what it means to be Human and whether happiness is the main goal in life.

Computing: This half term, children are using spreadsheets.

If you have any questions about what we are studying this half-term, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Mr Frost



Colby Kitchen

Please find below our menu for this half term. As the weather is so cold, we have added some hearty hot meals to the menu to help keep children warm. We've also brought back tortilla wraps with our chilli meal, by popular demand. Pizza remains the absolute favourite, so we have decided to have pizza every Thursday this half term. We will be trialling chicken pizza next week to add to our meat offer, and we will add it to the menu if it proves popular. We've combined sausages served in a bread roll with tomato and vegetable soup every other Friday – a very filling meal to end the week. Thanks to Megan and Vikki for all they do to feed us such lovely food.

Monday 13 th January 2025 Monday 27 th January 2025 Monday 10 th February 2025	Cheese and tomato pasta bake with meatballs, served with broccoli and carrots. Fruit.
Tuesday 14 th January 2025 Tuesday 28 th January 2025 Tuesday 11 th February 2025	Chilli, topped with optional cheese, served in a wholemeal tortilla wrap , green beans and sweetcorn. Fruit.
Wednesday 15 th January 2025 Wednesday 29 th January 2025 Wednesday 12 th February 2025	Chicken and vegetable stew served with dumplings and peas. Yoghurt and fruit.
Thursday 16 th January 2025 Thursday 30 th January 2025 Thursday 13 th February 2025	Cheese pizza and pepperoni pizza, served with salad (cucumber, carrot sticks and pepper sticks) and humus. In addition, we are also trialling chicken pizza on Thursday 16 th January 2025 and will add this to our pizza menu if children enjoy it. Fruit.
Friday 17 th January 2025 Friday 31 st January 2025 Friday 14 th February 2025	Sausages served in a bread roll with a cup of tomato and vegetable soup. Fruit.

Monday 20 th January 2025 Monday 3 rd February 2025	Chicken and sweetcorn pasta bake, served with garlic bread and peas. Yoghurt and fruit.
Tuesday 21 st January 2025 Tuesday 4 th February 2025	Beef and vegetable bolognese served with a jacket potato and carrots.
Wednesday 22 nd January 2025 Wednesday 5 th February 2025	Sausage and mashed potato, served with carrots, peas and gravy. Yoghurt and fruit.
Thursday 23 rd January 2025 Thursday 6 th February 2025	Cheese pizza and pepperoni pizza, served with salad (cucumber, carrot sticks and pepper sticks) and humus. Possibly chicken pizza , depending on the result of the trial on Thursday 16 th January 2025. Fruit.
Friday 24 th January 2025 Friday 7 th February 2025	Omega 3 fish fingers / salmon fingers served in a bread roll with salad (cucumber, carrot sticks and pepper sticks). Yoghurt and fruit.



PE kit

Just a quick reminder that PE this term for all classes is Gymnastics and Orienteering.

Our Colby value for PE this half term is Health and Fitness. No matter what the weather, please make sure that your child has a pair of trainers to take part in indoor or outdoor lessons and a suitable coat / jacket / windbreaker that they can run around in outside and be warm but also flexible. We will always endeavour to get outside whenever possible as it is so good for mental and physical wellbeing.

Colby PE kit is as follows;

- Black or navy tracksuit / joggers / base layers / shorts
- Colby red, blue, green or yellow house t-shirt
- Colby school jumper or cardigan
- Suitable coat for sport (sports gloves and / or cowel optional)
- Black trainers

If you need any further advice on PE kit please ask your class teacher on the playground.

Thanks
Mr B

Christine Mead