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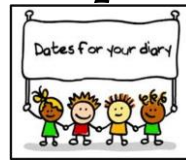
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Friday 9th September 2022*



Monday 12 th Sept 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 13 th Sept 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. KS2 Tag Rugby with Ben 3 – 4.15pm £5. (After Sch Club available until 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 14 th Sept 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. KS2 Dodgeball with Ben 3 – 4.15pm £5. (After Sch Club available until 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 15 th Sept 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. KS2 Football with Ben 3 – 4.15pm £5. (After Sch Club available until 5pm) KS2 Netball with Mr B 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After Sch Club available until 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 16 th Sept 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



Headteacher Awards

Bella (Amethyst) for lovely artwork

Freddie (Amethyst) for great spellings

Edward (Amethyst) for excellent maths

Ben (Amethyst) for Wordle!

**Edgar, Vinnie, Verity, Bertie, Reuben, Dylan, Harris,
Georgina, Nathaniel, Amber, Leon, Amelie and Nina (Emerald)**
for passing tables tests

Vinnie, Leon, Bertie, Reuben, Erin, Harriet, Amber (Emerald)
for excellent attitudes to learning





Online Safety Information

At Colby School, the children will be following our school online safety programme. This will be taught throughout the year in assembly times and also during computing lessons. It would also be of great benefit to your child if you also have open conversations about staying safe online. Here are some websites that you may find useful to help. Also attached to the newsletter is a copy of Vodafone's most recent publication on digital parenting that may help you too.

<https://oursafetycentre.co.uk/> - lots of information including setting appropriate settings on various apps.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/training/search?search=&cat=&type=resource&sort=latest> – various guides to keep children safe online

<https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-matters/> - lessons that you could do with your children at home. Just check the age to see if appropriate for your child.

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents/ - great website to work through with your child. Older children may want to have a go at Interland a fun way of learning about online safety.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about Online Safety.

Thank you,

Mrs Wendy Towers



School Photos

We have sent out the proof photo-card from the photographs taken before the summer holidays. Please order your photos online – all the details are on the front of the card or you can send in your orders to the office **by Friday 21st Sept**, together with payment in the envelope. We cannot accept any orders after that date. Thank you.



Contacting us

Our school office is manned from 8.50am – 3pm every school day. There are often staff about after 3pm but if no-one is available to answer the telephone you can leave a message on our answer 'phone – we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

We are available on the playground gate every day if you want to talk to us. Never worry that your questions are too small or silly! If you find it more convenient to contact us by email you can contact Mrs Smith or Mrs Green regarding office enquiries on office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk or myself on head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk



Colby Curriculum

Class curriculum information is printed below. It will give you information about the subject areas your child will be studying this half term. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions about what your child is learning at school.

Amber Class Curriculum

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 **Monday** and a **Friday**. 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

Children in Reception are given the choice to join in with these lessons or engage within the continuous provision available in the classroom where a play based activity linked to the Year 1 work will be available for them to engage in.

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.

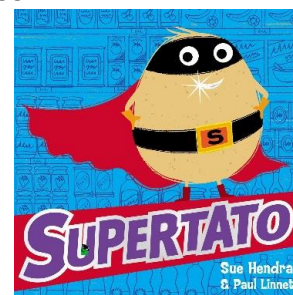
We can't wait to have lots of fun as we continue to settle into our new routines.

Many thanks, The Amber Class Team

Sapphire Class Curriculum

Welcome back all Sapphire children! An ENORMOUS thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts that I received. They were all so thoughtful and I was overwhelmed by your kindness. This term we have wonderful things planned for Sapphire children and I look forward to getting stuck into learning straight away!

In **English** we will be enjoying sharing some superhero texts including Superworm by Julia Donaldson and Supertato by Sue Hendra. 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 in our Google Classroom page.



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. 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.

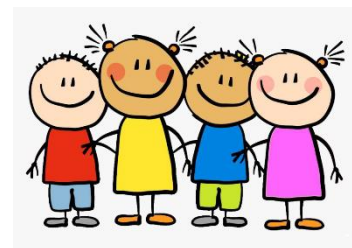
Mrs. Moulton will be working with Sapphire children on **computing** and will be looking at 'technology around us.'

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

Sapphire Class will have PE on Tuesday and Fridays with Ben and will be developing their football skills. As always, we expect long hair tied up and no jewellery 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 your child has 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! A busy, hardworking and fun filled few weeks ahead of us! 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 enjoyed the lovely warm summer months!

I am super excited to welcome lots of lovely new faces into Emerald Class this term. I will do my best to come and introduce myself on the playground and if you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact me.

This term I will focus on getting to know your children and where they are with their learning as well as allowing them time to settle into their new class. I'm also looking forward to helping Year 4 children to continue to make their fantastic progress – they have already been really helpful pupil leaders this week.

We will be allocating reading books and listening to all children read regularly as well as setting up the new online activities the children will be using both in school and at home.

In Literature, we will be reading *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tullane* by Kate Dicamillo. It's fantastic and the children will really enjoy it. We will use the text to help inspire the writing of poems, recounts and stories as well as drama and helping our understanding of texts. We will also use the text to help us look at nouns, adjectives and adverbs, sentence starters, noun phrases and fronted adverbials. We will look at spelling rules and I will send home spelling lists when we are all up and running in class.

We are using the White Rose Maths curriculum this year for the first time in KS2. In the first term our focus will be on basic number work, place value and calculations. I will be checking the children's times tables knowledge and getting them to think carefully about written maths and mental maths.

In Science, we are learning all about Rocks, how they are formed and where we can find them. We will be doing some hands-on experiments and investigations too!

In PE, our sport focus is football and our Colby Value is teamwork and leadership. I have lots of exciting lessons planned over the next few weeks. It would be great if you could supply your child with some shin pads and football boots - I found some boots on ebay for £6. However, children do not need boots - trainers are fine (weather permitting) and I have several pairs of shin pads kicking around the shed. PE kit needs to be worn on Monday and Tuesdays. Children should come to school wearing their kit with a change of clothes and footwear if the weather looks a little dodgy! We will be playing in the rain so a thin jacket or anorak is always useful. Nothing too bulky as the children get really hot!

Alice will be teaching French. This term she will be looking at all about me and holidays and hobbies.

In RE we will look at Christianity and how kindness can change the world. Mrs Towers will be teaching music on Tuesdays to all of Emerald Class. It's a great chance for the children to get to know her and they always love singing and playing recorders.

My email is abrown6vrq@nsix.org.uk
Please contact me if you have any questions.

Mr B

Ruby Class Curriculum

Welcome back I hope you had an awesome holiday. It has been great to see all your lovely children back at school this week.

This term our literacy will start by using the text Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief and we will use this to revise sentence structures as well as learning about expanded noun phrases, relative clauses and formal or informal language. We will write letters as well as creating some descriptive writing. After this, we will be looking at Greek myths and legends and writing our own. The children will be put into small groups to learn appropriate level spellings, which will be available for them to learn via Spelling Shed. (Passwords should be in their reading records). We will also be continuing with Pung Fu to help improve their use of punctuation. Your child should have come home with a reading record. Please can you make sure that your child is reading regularly and writing into their books what they are reading. It would be great if you could sign to say that you have heard them read as I use this as an incentive during this first term.

In numeracy, we will start by looking at place value of numbers and then move on to looking at mental and written addition and subtraction methods. The children will be using a mixture of the numberline method and expanded vertical method. We will also be doing a weekly times tables challenge. By the end of year 4, all children are expected to know their times tables up to 12 x 12 and it would be really beneficial for your child to practise these at home as well as at school. There are plenty of ways that they can do this and Mr Brown has put these on Google Classroom.

In science, we will be looking at forces. We will be learning about the different forces including gravity, air resistance and water resistance. We will also look at how gears, levers and pulleys work.

Our art and topic fits in with our literacy topic of Ancient Greece. We will start by learning all about the ancient gods and goddesses. We will then find out about the different states of Ancient Greece and learn about what period of time they were about. We will find out who Alexander the Great was and the impact he had on this period of time. We will also look at how the Olympic games started and about the story of Troy. We will also look at Greek vases and make our own out of clay.

For PE this term we will be playing football and having a focus on teamwork and leadership skills. Our lessons will be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. Mr Brown will take the lessons on a Tuesday and I will lead the lessons on a Wednesday. The Ruby year 5s will be going swimming on a Wednesday instead of a PE lesson (more information on this to follow).

In our music lessons, we will be continuing to learn to play the recorder. Please could your children bring in their recorders for Tuesday lessons. We do have a small collection of recorders that they can borrow at school if they forget or do not have one of their own. If you want to buy one and are not sure which one to get then please contact me.

On a Thursday afternoon, Ruby class is taught by Mr Mead and he will teach them RE and French. This term in RE, they will be learning about Hinduism and in French they will be revising school and everyday objects.

On a Friday afternoon, the class is split in half and taught computing with Mrs Moulton and art with Mr Mead. In computing, they will be learning all about the internet and how it works.

KS2 Music, in Emerald and Ruby this term, we will be learning how to play the recorder. We do have some recorders available in school but it would be great if your child had their own. They are available to buy online for about £6. Any questions about which one to buy please contact me on

wtowers3nr3@nsix.org.uk

I often use Google Classroom to put on ideas for homework or any useful information so do take a look at the Ruby Class page. If there are any queries please feel free to contact me on my email

wtowers3nr3@nsix.org.uk

Mrs Towers

Amethyst Class Curriculum

Welcome new Year Sixes and parents new to Amethyst! I absolutely can't wait to get back to all the brilliant things we do at Colby that makes us so unique like leadership and buddies particularly. I would like to share with you all the topics and areas we will be covering this half term.

Maths:

In Year Six, as across the whole school, we are now linking our teaching to the White Rose maths scheme. As such, Amethyst will be spending two weeks on place value followed by addition, subtraction, multiplication and then division just before half term.

Science:

This half term we are covering changes in materials. We will look at dissolving, burning and filtering.

English:

Our key text this half term is the excellent book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. Deserts and heat feature pretty much throughout so it links to our geography work. This text will allow us to write discussions around character development, comparing books to film and finally a story with more than one time line. We then move onto non-fiction reports all about deserts.

Geography:

We are going to study deserts around the world looking at wildlife and climate whilst exploring similarities and differences.

P.E: (Tuesday and Thursday)

We are developing football skills in the first half term. The focus is also on team-work and leadership.

R.E:

Amethyst will be covering Buddhism in the first half of this term.

French:

Mr Mead will continue with KS2 French.

Life Skills:

We always promote leadership possibilities in the Autumn term. The children will be encouraged to take on meaningful positions of responsibility and also to take part in mini Pung Fu (punctuation) teams so they can develop punctuation across the whole school. The other focus is with online safety.

Art:

We start with some technical drawing and work on perspective before looking at ways of creating depth in landscape pictures using watercolours.

IT:

Liz spends several lessons this half-term helping out the life skills topics by enabling children to stay safe online.

We will be regularly watching Newsround and discussing issues that might relate to us.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Frost



Universal Free School Meals

Reception children in Amber class should have received an application form for Universal Free School Meals last term. Thank you to everyone who has already returned the form. If you haven't had a chance to complete and return it yet, please do so as soon as possible. Completing the form does not mean your child has to have a hot meal every day but it will entitle you to book a free meal if you want to. Children in Reception will be invited to order hot meals from Monday 19th September (the order form will come out next week) – we want them to have time to settle into school life before they start their hot dinners because having a packed lunch gives them more time to eat and play initially. Reception parents are entitled to ask for a free packed lunch – please ask Mrs Mead or email the school office, if you would like us to make a packed lunch for your child.



It's been a lovely first week back. Children have settled into classes beautifully and are having lots of fun. Our new Reception pupils are doing brilliantly – they are learning so many new things every day. Please don't worry if your child has had the occasional wobble – this is entirely natural at the start of term. It is difficult for you if your child is upset but please be reassured that they are fine once they are in the school building. You are always welcome to contact the school office if you are worried during the day. We want new families to enjoy the start of this exciting school adventure – that means the adults too, so never be afraid to ask if we can help in any way.



Please find attached our Ofsted Report, following our inspection last term. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we did.



Week beginning 26th September: Parent interview week. Times to be arranged.

Wednesday 28th September: Amber & Sapphire Harvest Festival assembly at 9.15am.

Monday 3rd October: KS1 Multi Skills PE event hosted at Colby 1 – 2.30pm.

Monday 10th October: Cross Country at Beeston Hall 1 – 4pm (Yrs 3,4,5,6 pupils).

Monday 17th October: Flu vaccinations – whole school.

Monday 24th Oct – Friday 28th October: School closed for half term.

Monday 31st October: Pupils return to school.

Monday 31st October: Yrs 3 & 4 Multi skills PE event at Colby School 1 – 2.30pm.

Monday 31st October: Yrs 3 & 4 Multi Skills PE event hosted at Colby 1 – 2.30pm.

Tuesday 8th November: Yrs 3 & 4 selected pupils - Football at Beeston Hall 9.30 – 12.30.

Friday 11th November: Remembrance Assembly led by KS2.

Tuesday 15th November: Yrs 4 - 6 Non Club Football event hosted at Colby 10am – 1pm.

Friday 2nd December:

FOCS Christmas Fayre starting at 3pm (provision date when there are no England World Cup matches!).

Wednesday 7th December: KS1 Nativity performances 9.30am and 1.30pm.

Thursday 8th December: KS1 Nativity performances 9.30am and 1.30pm.

Wednesday 14th December: Father Christmas Fun Run.

Monday 19th December to Tuesday 3rd January 2023: School closed for Christmas holidays.

Wednesday 4th January 2023: Pupils return to school for Spring term.



A very warm welcome back to school from FOCS, and welcome to our new pupils! The start of a new school year is an excellent time to get involved with FOCS; be it as a committee member, volunteer, or occasional bringer of ideas to meetings. We welcome anyone who can support us in any capacity, especially as we decide how funds will be spent this school year!

Our AGM has a provisional date of Friday 14th October at 9am, where our current Chair Jo Brown will formally step down. If you are interested in filling this position, getting involved, or have any questions please email zoesianescott@hotmail.co.uk or find Zoe (Poppy and Rosa's mum) before or after school where you'll also catch me juggling a baby (not literally, impressive as that would be)

Many thanks to everyone who supported us last year, it was a wonderfully successful year and we look forward to doing it all again this year!

FOCS WhatsApp Group Contact numbers

Following on from the success of the class WhatsApp Groups last year, we are pleased to let you know that the following parents have agreed to be the class co-ordinators for WhatsApp. Messages can be sent through these class groups. Thank you very much.

Amber Class: Zoe (Poppy and Rosa's mum) 07546 492669
Sapphire Class: Hannah (Olive's mum) 07584 051577
Emerald Class: Becky (Teddy and Hugo's mum) 07860 944118
Ruby Class: Sophia (Ophelia and Bertie's mum) 07585 209871
Amethyst Class: To be arranged.

Christine Mead