

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