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Monday 16 th January 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 17 th January 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 5 / 6 Football at lunchtime. Girls' Football Club 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available after Football Club to 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 18 th January 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 3 / 4 Football at lunchtime. Swimming Gala at Aylsham High for selected pupils. NEW Design Technology Club for KS2 3 - 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) FULL. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 19 th January 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 6 Breakfast Book Club with Mrs Mead for Group 1 of selected pupils from 8am. Buddy Lunch Event for Amber and Sapphire Class. Tag Rugby at lunchtime. Ukelele lessons for Emerald and Ruby Class. Netball Club 3 - 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available to 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 20 th January 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 3 / 4 Football at lunchtime. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February: School closed for Spring half term.

Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April: School closed for Easter holiday.

Tuesday 18th April: Pupils return to school for Summer term.

Monday 1st May: Bank Holiday Monday.

Monday 8th May: Bank Holiday Monday.

Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May: Key Stage 2 National Test Week.

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June: School closed for Summer half term.

Friday 21st July: School breaks up for the Summer holiday.





Headteacher Awards

Ben (Sapphire) for great maths work - counting money.

Kate, James, Albert, William, Quinn, Herbie, Hugo, Olive and JP (Sapphire)
for fantastic spelling scores

Charlotte (Amber) for amazing 3D shape knowledge

Noah (Amber) for teaching the whole of Amber Class how to count to 5 in Sinhala

Leonardo (Ruby) for creating a Scratch game on the computer

Cody, Imogen, Ophelia, Adam, Violet, Eleanor, Florence, Hannah and Barnaby (Ruby)
for fantastic multiplication using the grid method

George, Bella, Ivy, Leonardo, Viv and Dolly (Ruby) for fantastic column multiplication

Rufus (Amethyst) for perfection in Maths

All Yr 1 children (Sapphire) for AMAZING addition investigations into the number 8

James (Sapphire) for being very helpful around the classroom this week

Jack, Martha, Lexie and Mariia (Amethyst) for correctly answering a tricky reading test question



Colby Kitchen Menu

The Colby Kitchen Menu for this half term is listed below. As always, there are alternative meals available for vegetarians or children with allergies.

Monday: Cheese and tomato pasta bake, garlic bread and salad. Fruit.

Tuesday: Chicken curry with rice and popadoms. Fruit.

Wednesday: Sausages, mashed potato, gravy, peas and sweetcorn. Fruit.

Thursday: Jacket potato with cheese, beans and salad. Fruit.

Friday: Fish fingers in a roll, cucumber and carrot sticks. Fruit.

Key Stage 2 Buddies will be organising their half-termly Buddy Lunch event on Thursday 19th January 2023. They will be awarding stickers and prizes for great table manners and sensible tidying up. All Amber and Sapphire children will be offered a hot lunch to sample on Thursday.



Thank you to everyone that attended the first FOCS meeting of 2023 this morning. As always the ideas for the activities/events for the remainder of the school year came flowing in and we think there is something for everyone in the coming months! Keep your eyes peeled for more information about our plans. As always if you would like to get involved with FOCS, no matter how much time or how many ideas you have, we would love to hear from you.

There will be an Easter Scavenger Hunt on the playing field on Thursday 30th March as an After School FOCS fundraising event (similar to the Christmas Fayre, all parents etc invited). Included in this will be a bake-off competition and a tombola – so please mark your diaries for this fun event! We have been talking about replacing the storage shed in the garden by the staff car park. If anyone has any contact with someone who is getting rid of a shed / cheap replacement, we would be really grateful to hear from them.

We have another plea - for second hand uniform, particularly fleeces of any size, and 6-8 or 8-10 sweatshirts / cardigans. Please bring any into school and they will be passed on to us. There will be a sale of second hand uniform – date to be confirmed.

Thank you as always.



Amber Class Spring (first half) 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. 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 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 Dance. Our PE days will be a **Monday** and a **Wednesday**. We ask children to come to school in their PE kit on PE days and they will stay in their kit all day.

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

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.

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 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



Amethyst Class Spring (first half) 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 term...

Maths: Children continue with Mr. Mead focussing on reasoning and problem solving.

Science: This term's unit of work is Earth and space.

English: Our key text this half-term is 'The Thousand Year old Boy'. 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. We are also doing diary writing and then a short story. All the children's spelling lists go live every Monday Morning at 08.50am. Like last term, they have one week before moving onto new lists the following Monday.

History: We are going to be studying the Battle of Britain. This includes the background to the war and Douglas Bader.

P.E. (Thursday): We are trying out dance with a focus on health and fitness. We're going to try out different dance styles from the 1960's to 2010's.

R.E: We are thinking about what we can learn about The World / the meaning of life from the great philosophers.

Art: We are looking at Cubism/surrealism and particularly Picasso.

Computing: Exploring variables in games.

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

Mr Frost.



Lunchtime clubs and change of footwear reminder

Lunchtime Clubs will begin next week. We're hoping to run Clubs even if the weather is a bit drizzly. Please can Key Stage 2 children bring a change of clothes, if they would like to take part in Football or Tag Rugby Clubs on drizzly days.

We're also planning to use the playing field as much as possible. Children need to bring a change of shoes / wellies every day, please. Children who don't have a change of shoes / wellies will need to remain on the playground or pathway so we don't spread mud everywhere! Thank you.

Christine Mead