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*Colby School News Issue 27:
Friday 21st April 2023*

Monday 24 th April 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 5 / 6 Football at lunchtime. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 25 th April 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Sapphire Class trip to the Castle Museum. Please bring a packed lunch. Girls' Football Club with Hannah 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 26 th April 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 3 / 4 Football at lunchtime. Design Technology Club for KS2 3 - 4.15pm. £5. Full. (After School Club available after to 5pm) Cricket Club 3.15 - 4.15pm with cricket coach £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) a few places left. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 27 th April 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Tag Rugby at lunchtime. KS2 Football Club after school 3 - 4.15pm with Ben £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) Netball Club after school 3 - 4.15pm with Mr B £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 28 th April 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 3 / 4 Football at lunchtime. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Monday 1 st May 2023	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY.





Monday 1st May: Bank Holiday Monday.

Monday 8th May: Bank Holiday Monday.

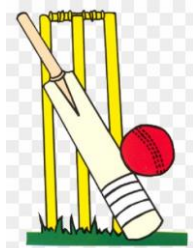
Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May: Key Stage 2 National Test Week.

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

Wednesday 21st to Fri 23rd June: Year 6 Extended Crazy Sleepover. Please note Breakfast Club will not be available on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd June due to Year 6 privacy arrangements.

Wednesday 28th to Fri 30th June: Induction days at Aylsham High School for current Yr 6 pupils.

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



Cricket Club

Colby are pleased to offer a new and exciting Cricket Club for KS2 pupils starting on Wednesday 26th April 3.15 - 4.15pm for the next 10 weeks. We have a South African Cricket specialist called Mekyle Pillay, who will be leading the sessions and delivering high quality tuition to the Colby children.

Sessions cost £5 and with this payment your child can also stay at After School club until 5pm, if they would like to.

We only have 20 spaces available, so please return your slip as quickly as possible to avoid disappointment. We ask that payment be made via Parentpay for the sessions.

Thanks, Mr B



Lego Tokens

Next week is the final week to collect tokens from newspapers for the LEGO®

Education equipment campaign. To round off the campaign there will be 8 bonus tokens in all of the newspapers involved.

Please bring in any tokens you have collected by Friday 12th May 2023.

Thank you very much.



North Walsham Valkyries Message

We are planning a fun, free session this Sunday (23rd April) to give all girls in years 5 and 6 a chance to come and experience one of our Sunday morning training sessions. Our Valkyries are a really welcoming group of girls ranging in ages from current yr6 to yr13, many of whom have come to rugby through our existing schools programme.



Amber Class Curriculum

Hello everyone! This half term Amber class will be working on the topic of 'Buildings' where we will explore lots about different types of buildings and their uses. We will look at lots of interesting buildings around the world. We have already asked the children things that they would like to learn from this topic and they came up with some amazing questions including "What is the tallest building in the world?" and "Where is the smallest house?" We can't wait to have fun exploring this topic.

In English, Reception children have been doing amazing work practising reading and writing simple words. This term we will be writing short sentences all about buildings and things which interest us. 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 explore lots of different texts and write about all of the buildings we explore. They will continue to practise their independent writing while writing facts and lists around the classroom. 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 20 both in the classroom and outside. We will also continue to look at adding numbers together in lots of fun and practical ways. Year 1 children will begin to look at multiplication and division skills before we move onto fractions later in the half term. We do this through lots of practical methods and give the children lots of time to explore their new skills within the class.

In PE, we will all be learning about Tennis. Our PE days are 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: Materials
- Art: Landscapes
- Geography: Town or country
- Life Skills: Respectful relationships
- RE: What do my senses tell me about the world of religion and belief?

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 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.

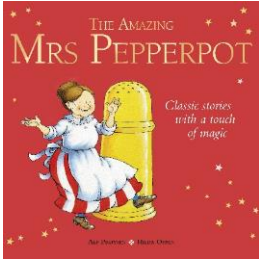
We can't wait to have lots of fun as we continue to learn and have fun.

Many thanks,

The Amber Class Team

Sapphire Class Curriculum

Welcome to the Summer Term in Sapphire Class! We look forward to being very busy, working hard and having plenty of fun!



English - We will be following and writing simple instructions as a link to our planting science work. We look forward to sharing a lovely story and meeting a magical character, Mrs. Pepperpot. We will be writing our own strange adventure stories. Year 2 children will be working hard to edit their own work for punctuation and spellings and Year 1 children will be checking that they have written in grammatically correct sentences. Spellings will continue every Friday.

We have been SO pleased with the progress that some of Sapphire children have recently made with their independent reading! They have been reading EVERY day at home and the difference is obvious! Please make time to hear even just a couple of pages of their reading books with your child daily to help them to reach their reading potential. Asking questions about the text is also important and there are ideas on Google Classroom under the READING topic.



Maths - We will be starting work on mass and capacity and Year 2s will be practising SATs style questions in preparation for May. I will also be looking at telling the time and would appreciate your help with this at home. Please help your child to learn to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes (Year 2) and to the quarter hour (Year 1). Children do not need to tell digital time until Year 3. To help us with time we have been counting in 5 lots at school and once again practising counting in 5s to 60 and back whenever you have a spare 5 minutes would be very helpful.

Geography - We look forward to our 'Magical Mapping' unit of work which will see us use simple directions to move around simple maps, as well as looking at features on maps from aerial views.



Science - I can't wait to get planting outside with the children and we will be conducting our own investigations into conditions necessary for plant growth. The children will be comparing bulbs with seeds and learning to label the parts of flowering plants. We will be measuring and recording plant growth and keeping a watchful eye on the cereal crops planted and already growing in our raised bed.

Life Skills - marriage and long term relationships. What different marriages and partnerships look like (including an age appropriate story about a same sex marriage).

Computing - With Liz we will be finding out how to create music on a computer.

PE - On Tuesdays and Fridays with Ben, the children will be learning new tennis based skills. As always, we expect long hair tied up and no jewellery be worn on these days. We will be outside for most, if not all our sessions, so jogging bottoms are a must until the warmer weather appears. Bringing a **named refillable water bottle** to school for PE days is useful for all children. PLEASE make sure that ALL clothing is clearly labelled.

Year 2 SATs - Year 2 children will be sitting their formal SATs assessments in the week beginning Monday May 15th. We approach our 'special work' in a relaxed manner and the children always enjoy exploring the brightly coloured booklets. Our children have had plenty of preparation for these assessments in school.

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

Sarah Frost



Emerald Class Curriculum

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. I enjoyed my trip to Paris and when I returned I found both the tortoises had woken up. They will be back at school with us soon!

This term Emerald Class will be learning all about Italy. We have already started researching what it is famous for, where it is and what impact it has had on the world. We will use our Italian work and link it to lots of writing. The children will be creating scripts, stories, non-fiction texts and descriptive writing. We will of course continue to focus on SPAG and spelling on a weekly basis. Our class text this term is Emil and the Detectives and we will be reading this across the next 5 weeks.

In maths we are going to continue looking at place value, decimals, fractions and partitioning as well as spending time learning about money and time. We will continue to practise our four written methods and have daily times tables to keep us sharp!

PE this term will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. The whole school is going to be playing Tennis. We have already enjoyed a great tennis session this week with the children practising their racket skills.

In Science we are going to be sowing seeds and learning all about plants. We will use these seeds for our DT project in the last half term.

Art is going to be really fun as we will be using clay to create some classic Italian sculptures! It will be fun to see the children's designs!

Alice is teaching French again this term and Mrs Towers will continue to teach music on a Wednesday.

If you have any further questions about our learning this term or any other question then please get in touch. abrown6vrq@nsix.org.uk

Mr B



Colby School Dinner Menu Summer 2023

Monday: Cheesy, tomato and meatball pasta-bake, served with salad and garlic bread. Fruit.
Tuesday: Sausage in a roll, served with salad and home-made potato wedges. Fruit.
Wednesday: Fish cakes, served with new potatoes, sweetcorn and peas. Fruit.
Thursday: Jacket potato with cheese and beans, served with salad. Fruit.
Friday: Cheese or pepperoni pizza, served with cucumber and carrot sticks. Fruit.
Vegetarian options are available for vegetarians. Alternatives are also available for children with allergies.



Ruby Class Curriculum

Welcome back. I hope you had a great Easter break. This half term we will be focusing on grammar and continuing to read the book Wonder. We will then follow this up by looking at poetry by reading Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes. This will finish with the class performing their own poetry to the class as part of a class competition. As well as this, we will continue to work hard with spellings weekly. Lots of the children have moved to a harder level this half term because they were working so hard so you may find they may need to learn them more frequently than before. Please also remember to do words from previous weeks as well when learning them.

In maths, we will finish learning about decimals and money. After this, we will look at telling the time and reading timetables. Finally we will start to look at statistics by understanding and using line graphs. We will continue to learn our times tables up to 12 x 12 and have the test weekly on a Friday.

In science, we will be looking at life cycles in mammals. We will learn about the different gestation periods of the mammals, development of the foetus, look at what happens as a child grows and do an investigation involving hand spans. We will then finish this topic by looking at puberty and what happens to our bodies as we go through puberty.

Our topic is India and we will be finding out about the similarities and differences we have with this country as well as looking at some different types of artwork that is found in India.

In PE, we will be doing tennis. Children are welcome to bring their own tennis rackets as long as they are the correct size for them. Our music will be based around the song Lean on Me by Bill Withers. With Mr Mead, they will continue to learn French and RE as well as continuing to improve their Pung Fu. With Computing this term, we will be looking at creating websites.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions on wtowers3nr3@nsix.org.uk

Wendy Towers



Headteacher Awards

Amelie (Emerald) for fantastic reading

Georgina, Bertie, Vinne and Verity (Emerald) for Easter homework

Dylan, Amber E and Harry (Emerald) for excellent attitudes to learning

Edgar (Emerald) for some beautiful writing

Harrison (Sapphire) for working hard and being kind

Dolly, Imogen, Cian and Hannah (Ruby) for fantastic Tim Peake news reports

Dolly, Ellen, Evie, Imogen, Cian and Alannah (Ruby) for fantastic Tim Peake diaries

Rita, Shelbi, Martha, Eva, Emily and Lexie (Amethyst) for singing Dona Nobis Pacem

Rita and Mariia (Amethyst) for good parachutes in science

Rita (Amethyst) for correcting Mr Mead in maths!

Cheetahs Phonics Group (Amber and Sapphire) for great work

Puppies Group (Sapphire) for not fussing in phonics

Rosie (Sapphire) for amazing maths

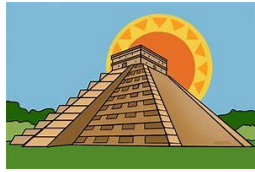
James (Sapphire) for speedy maths

Harry (Sapphire) for writing about the Sea Life Centre

Rosa and Izzy (Sapphire) for great maths

Rita, Emily and Josie (Amethyst) for solving the Easter Murder Mystery in maths

Imogen (Ruby) for fantastic French



Amethyst Class Curriculum

Hi, I hope you all had a great Easter!

Maths: In the last few schools days before the tests, the main thing the children need to practise now is accuracy and reading the question carefully. Mr. Mead will continue to work really hard with the children to maximise their chances of doing their best.

Science: We have four more lessons on forces to complete this half-term.

English: In our last few weeks before writing assessment, we are full-steam ahead with writing our absolute best work. We are writing persuasive texts, diaries, scientific descriptions and lost more. We are starting with diary writing based on our key text 'The Secret Garden'.

History: We are learning all about The Mayans.

P.E: (Thursday/Friday) We are practising our tennis skills this half-term.

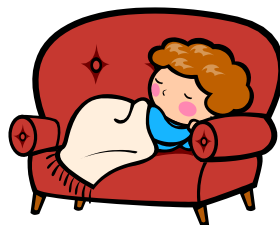
R.E: We aim to finish the units on what we can learn from the great philosophers.

French: Simon will restart French after the tests and begin with holidays and hobbies.

D.T: We are doing two cooking units this half-term. We are tasting, designing and making scones finishing on Friday 19th May with a Year 2 / Year 6 afternoon cream tea. We will be settling the cream / jam first debate and let you know the results!

Computing: Liz will teach spreadsheets.

Life Skills: We will be looking at legal and illegal harmful substances.



Year 6 Extended Sleepover £115

Year 6 are looking forward to their Extended Sleepover from Wednesday 21st June – Friday 23rd June 2023. Details about trips and arrangements will follow shortly. For your budget planning, I thought it would be helpful to let you know that the cost of the trip will be £115, everything included. Please pay a deposit of £15 by Friday 5th May 2023 – an account has been set up on Parent Pay. We want all Year 6 children to be involved in this fantastic opportunity – please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything holding you back from booking a place for your child. Any such conversations will be confidential between us.

Christine Mead