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The Week Ahead

Monday 10th - Friday 14th June:

Year 1 Phonics Tests and Key Stage 1 (Year 2) National Test Assessment Week

Year 4 Multiplication Check Week

Monday 10 th June 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Dodgeball Club before school. Year 3 and Year 4 Mini Tennis at Cromer for selected pupils. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 11 th June 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Reception and Year 1 Dance and Yoga Club from 8.30am before school in Amber Class. KS1 and KS2 Choir (combined) with Mrs Towers from 8.30am before school. Dental check for Reception pupils from 9.45am. KS2 Handball Club 3 – 4.15 with Ben £5 (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 12 th June 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Reception and Year 1 Dance and Yoga Club with Miss Covell from 8.30am before school in Amber Class. KS1 and KS2 Girls' Football Club with Hannah B 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) KS1 Boys' Football Club with Ben 3 - 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 13 th June 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Dodgeball Club for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. KS2 Gardening Club with Mrs Frost 3 - 4.15pm £5 - a few spaces left. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) KS2 Football Club after school 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) PLEASE BRING WATERPROOF COATS / WARM PE KIT. KS2 Netball Club with Mr B 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 18th June:** New Reception Induction Morning for parents in the Hall 9.15am.
- Wednesday 19th June – Friday 21st June:** Year 6 Extended Crazy Sleepover. NO BREAKFAST CLUB AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY 20th JUNE AND FRIDAY 21st JUNE DUE TO YEAR 6 SLEEPOVER.
- Monday 24th June:** KS1 athletics event at Holt Primary School for selected pupils.
- Tuesday 25th June:** Emerald trip to Hickling Broad (rescheduled from 7th May).
- Wednesday 26th June:** Ruby Class trip to the Royal Norfolk Show.
- Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th June:** Year 6 pupils' Induction Days at Aylsham High School.
- Thursday 27th June and Friday 28th June:** Reception Pupils' Induction mornings. Your child will be invited to attend one session.
- Tuesday 2nd July:** Amber Class trip to ROARR Dinosaur Park.
- Wednesday 3rd July:** Sapphire Class visit to Stranger's Hall, Norwich.
- Thursday 4th July:** Meet your new class / teacher morning.
- Friday 5th July from 6.00pm:** Key Stage 2 Crazy Sleepover! More details to follow.
- Monday 8th – Friday 12th July:** Sport Week.
- Tuesday 9th July:** KS2 (Emerald, Ruby and Amethyst) Traditional Sports afternoon – families welcome.
- Wednesday 10th July:** Amber and Sapphire Tradition Sports afternoon – families invited.
- Friday 12th July:** FOCS Summer Fayre from 3pm.
- Friday 19th July:** Year 6 Leavers' Assembly. 9.15pm start.
- Friday 19th July:** School closes at 3pm for Summer holidays. No After School Club today.



Headteacher Awards

- Barnaby S and Izzy (Emerald)** for genius answers to questions in RE!
Eva (Emerald) for beautiful handwriting
Lucas (Emerald) for achieving 10/10 in his spellings
Hudson (Emerald) for marvellous art
- Mia, Oscar, Charlie S, Archie T, Stanley and Giles (Amber)** for fantastic Phonics
Oscar (Amber) for impressive use of great vocabulary
Charlie S (Amber) for great attitude to learning
- Anna, Evie, George, Raff, Ivy, Nina, Matthew, Adam, Solomiia, Bonnie, Blake, Barnaby, Cody, Alfie, Ellen, Otto, Teddy and Stanley (Ruby)**
for fantastic information texts
- Teddy, Stanley, Amber E, Barnaby, Ellen, Anna, Nina, George, Ivy, Evie, Imogen, Harriet and Erin (Ruby)**
for super story writing
- Verity (Emerald)** for awesome running in a 5k Bubble Run – well done!
Bella and Leo (Amethyst) for great suggestions in geography
- Oliver (Amethyst)** for discovering that a double binary number just needs a zero on the end!
Sofia (Amethyst) for getting 'Greater depth' on a newspaper report



Colby Kitchen

Thank you to parents in Amber and Sapphire Class who have returned the Colby Kitchen Parent Survey. We have appreciated your comments, ideas and suggestions. Based on your responses, we will be following the **two-week rotation menu** shared on the Parent Survey and listed below for the rest of term. Children have enjoyed their meals this week. We have used your suggestions and children feedback to make some further changes to the Week 1 menu moving forward, including more vegetables (instead of salad) with some meals and the addition of salsa to the chicken wrap – please see changes below. We will review the Week 2 menu next week and will let you know about any refinements in the next newsletter.

(Week 2) Monday 10 th June 2024, Monday 24 th June 2024, Monday 8 th July 2024	Chicken and sweetcorn pasta bake with salad.
(Week 2) Tuesday 11 th June 2024, Tuesday 25 th June 2024, Tuesday 9 th July 2024	Chilli served with a wholemeal wrap, vegetables and salad.
(Week 2) Wednesday 12 th June, Wednesday 26 th June 2024, Wednesday 10 th July 2024	Shredded BBQ chicken served with vegetables and savoury rice.
(Week 2) Thursday 13 th June 2024, Thursday 27 th June 2024, Thursday 11 th July 2024	Jacket Potato with cheese, beans, tuna / salmon and salad (cucumber, tomatoes, lettuce, beetroot). <i>Children are all served a jacket potato and salad. Then they are asked whether they would like cheese, beans, tuna / salmon (one item, some items or all items – their choice). They are also asked how they would like their chosen food combination arranged - beans on the side or on top of the cheese etc. Some parents commented that their child didn't like everything being served on their plate – we only did that for the first weeks of the Autumn term, when children were settling in and it was a quicker way to serve them. Since October, we have served our jacket potatoes canteen style and children have definitely preferred this.</i>
(Week 2) Friday 14 th June 2024, Friday 28 th June 2024, Friday 12 th July 2024	Omega 3 fish fingers served in a bread roll with cucumber, carrots, peppers and humus.

(Week 1) Monday 17 th June 2024, Monday 1 st July 2024, Monday 15 th July 2024	Tuna and sweetcorn pasta bake in a tomato mascarpone sauce served with broccoli, carrots and salad.
(Week 1) Tuesday 18 th June 2024, Tuesday 2 nd July 2024, Tuesday 16 th July 2024	Meatballs in tomato sauce inside a sub roll with potato wedges with carrots, peppers and cucumber.
(Week 1) Wednesday 19 th June, Wednesday 3 rd July 2024, Wednesday 17 th July 2024	Chicken and salsa in a wholemeal wrap served with vegetable cous cous, sweetcorn and peas.
(Week 1) Thursday 20 th June 2024, Thursday 4 th July 2024, Thursday 18 th July 2024	Jacket Potato with cheese, beans, chicken and salad (cucumber, tomatoes, lettuce, beetroot).
(Week 1) Friday 21 st June 2024, Friday 5 th July 2024, Friday 19 th July 2024	Cheese Pizza and Pepperoni Pizza, served with salad (cucumber sticks, carrot sticks and pepper sticks) and humus.



Packed lunches for trips

Parents of children in Amber Class and Sapphire Class are very welcome to order packed lunches for their children to take on school trips this term, if they would like to. Please email the school office a week before the trip, to allow us enough time to order food – for Amber Class, please email by 5pm on Tuesday 25th June 2024 and for Sapphire Class, please email by 5pm on Wednesday 26th June 2024. Thank you. The same applies for children in Key Stage 2 who are entitled to free meals – please let us know a week before your trip and we will provide a packed lunch accordingly.



Amber Class Curriculum Summer Term

Our final topic for the school year is one of our favourites – Castles! We are going to be learning about all things to do with castles. The children are really excited about their new topic and have asked to learn about the following things:

- Who lived and worked in castles?
- Where were the prisoners kept in the castle?
- How big are castles around the world?
- Who lives in castles now?
- What were the toilets like in a castle?
- How long did castles take to build?
- How deep are the moats?

In English we will, act out and retell castle stories; create character profiles for kings & princesses; write own versions of a castle story and compare traditional tales. Children will explore information books about castles and identify features. They will write captions, letters and a class information book about castles. There will be lots of writing opportunities available within the children's play, for example, writing and posting letters to the 'King'!

In maths, children in Reception will be exploring doubles of numbers and sharing and grouping. They will be learning about even and odd numbers, spatial reasoning, and comparing and ordering. They will also practise subitising, sorting and matching objects and the composition of numbers. Year 1 children will also be re-visiting the above maths topics but will also be learning about how to describe the turns of shapes, describing position and using terms such as 'left' and 'right' and partitioning numbers. They will also be comparing numbers, ordering numbers and practising one more and one less of numbers. They will practise recognising and counting coins and notes as well as learning about time.

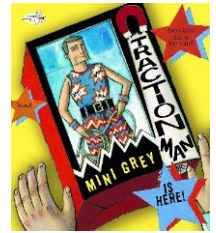
As always, we will be in the garden every week and doing lots of outdoor learning. Children will have the chance to engage in lots of different craft activities such as crown making and building their own castle from cardboard boxes. We are going to have a castle party at the end of the topic and will give more details about this closer to the time. We also have our exciting school trip to Roarr! It's going to be a really lovely and exciting half term! Let's make sure our last half term together as Amber Class 2023-2024 is one for the children to remember!

Many thanks,

The Amber Class Team

Sapphire Class Curriculum Summer Term

In **English** we will be enjoying sharing Traction Man stories by Mini Grey. We will be writing adventure stories for this superhero and inventing new friends to help him on his missions. We will continue our focus on forming and orientating our letters to ensure that our handwriting is as neat as it can be. We will be assessing children's progress in phonics and revisiting sounds to sure up learning. Spellings will still happen every Friday.



In **Maths** we will be looking at place value within 100 and also practising methods for our 4 operations. Your continued support with the children at home with reinforcing addition and subtraction skills is appreciated and does help to embed early knowledge.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/addition/robot-addition>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/chopper-squad>

For Year 2s, being confident in creating number families is a vital skill and can be practised here:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/number-facts/number-fact-families>

In **History** we will be looking at 'Old Toys' and finding out what toys our grandparents played with as well as looking at a selection of toys from the 1950s. Children will be doing a little research at home to ask grandparents or an older family member/friend. We have our trip later on in July to look forward to!



In computing we will working on simple programming with Mrs. Moulton.

Miss Buttifant will be working with us in DT to create our seaside themed dioramas! We look forward to using levers and sliders to add an element of movement in our scenes!

Sapphire Class will have **PE** on Tuesdays and Fridays with and will be enjoying athletics with a focus on leadership qualities and skills. As always, we expect long hair tied up and no jewellery be worn on these days.

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.

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

Sarah Frost



Maths Times Tables Check

Our lovely Year 4's will be having their end of year Multiplication Check next week. They have been practising hard all week and are more than ready. The test has 25 questions and the children have 6 seconds for each question. The tests are completed online.

It would be lovely if they could spend some time practising over the weekend. Just a few minutes each day would be really helpful!

If you would like any more information about this test then please ask myself or email the office.

Thanks, Mr B



Emerald Class Curriculum Summer Term

Welcome back everyone! Our final half term of the year!

The children have come back and are already straight back into the swing of things and have produced some beautiful art and writing this week.

In maths we have been learning to tell the time and then using this to help work out how long activities take. Any help with time telling at home would be much appreciated, especially asking your child to think about the time on analogue clocks and digital clocks. We will also be doing lots of written methods practise, shape, statistics and preparing for our end of year reasoning tests.

In English we are going to be researching the Norfolk Broads and creating some newspapers and Information texts. We will also write some poetry and finish the Midnight Fox.

In History and Geography we will continue to learn about the Broads, learn how to draw maps and use maps to orient ourselves. We will think about how the Broads are used and how that has changed over time as well as looking at the environmental impact and finally go on our long awaited Broads trip to see plants and wildlife that we have been learning about.

In PE our Colby Value is 'Personal' and we will be looking at how we learn as individuals as well as learning new Athletic skills in preparation for Sports Week.

In Art we will continue to develop our Painting and drawing skills whilst also beginning our Samuel Thomas final piece.

In DT we will finish our boats and design some amazing sails whilst in Science we will learn about plants.

Alice will continue teaching French as well as learning some Russian numbers with the help of William and Lev.

Ms Everett will be teaching RE on Thursday mornings. She will also be covering some Life Skills later in the term where she will look at how children learn.

We have our Broads trip coming up which we are all excited about, lots of PE and lots of fun art and DT. The children have been really excited with our Broads theme and we are all learning well in class. It has been a lovely first week back.

If you have any questions please get in touch.

Thanks
Mr B



Ruby Class Curriculum Summer Term

This will be another busy half term for Ruby Class. We have our class trip to the Norfolk Show to perform the songs we are learning to play on the recorder and we also have our film premiere evening as well (date to be confirmed).

In literacy, we will be looking at some basic punctuation skills that the class are still finding challenging to do in their writing. We will also be improving our grammar and handwriting as well as focusing on reading comprehension skills. In preparation for our film premiere, we will also be producing our programmes for the night.

In maths, we have started by looking at decimal addition and subtraction as well as decimal sequences. We will then look at negative numbers and measurements.

In science, we are learning about classification of living things and looking at how we use classification keys and creating our own. We will also be going on an invertebrate hunt around the school grounds and seeing if we can identify the creatures we find.

In history, we will be continuing to look at the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings era. We will find out where they came from and when they came to England. We will look at well-known Anglo Saxon and Viking Kings and their impact on the history of Britain.

In music, we will be learning the music to the songs for the Norfolk show.

They will be having Mr Frost for DT this term and they will be using textiles and sewing to create a pencil case. With Mrs Moulton, they will be learning about vector drawing.

In PE they will improving their athletics abilities with Mr Brown and Ben as well as looking at personal improvement.

In RE, they are studying the influence of Christianity on music.

In French, they will be looking at French vocabulary for the world time, holidays and hobbies.

Wow! What a fun filled packed half term this will be!

Mrs T



Amethyst Class Curriculum Summer Term

Hi, I hope you all had a great half-term.

There is so much happening this half-term. Between move up days, the Crazy Sleepover and sports, the children will be very busy indeed!

Maths: We continue to follow the National Curriculum for maths, but we will build in lots of leadership time for maths development and also game creation, putting into practice all the skills the children have learned. Simon will once again be leading on this.

Science: We continue to look at looking after our planet and then move onto light.

English: Our key text this half-term is “Cogheart”, the exciting, Victorian fantasy book by Peter Bunzl. We will use it to inspire some diary writing. Geography will also take up some of our English time.

Geography: It’s all about our changing oceans and climate change.

P.E: (Wednesday/Friday) Can children make sure they bring in trainers **every day** this half-term. There is a lot of athletics to get through in preparation for the competitive Sports Day. There will be lots of opportunities to develop leadership skills and work on personal development targets.

R.E: We have some more ‘purpose of life lessons’ to work through.

French: Simon will be leading lessons to prepare children with basic French for Year Seven.

Art: To compliment last half-term’s work on the Peasants’ revolt, we will look at how to create medieval style manuscripts with pen and ink, and brush.

Computing: we will be exploring variables in games.

Life Skills: This half-term we cover changing bodies, healthy relationships and sex education.

Music: Mrs. Towers will be teaching this.

Do let me know if you have any questions relating to the work this half-term.
Mr Frost



Samuel Thomas Art Competition

Emerald Class were lucky enough to welcome Samuel Thomas for an art visit last half term.

We are holding an art competition where we would like you to create some artwork that has some of his features. You can be as creative as you like or try to recreate some of his beautiful art. You can paint or colour in any way you like but remember that his artwork is very colourful!

Below are the things that we would like you to try and show in your art:

- Sun burst
- Clouds
- Birds
- Water
- Reflection
- Silhouettes
- Tree

We will judge the competition in a few weeks' time and reminders will go out on the newsletter neared the closing date. We will have three top prizes of some art work from Samuel Thomas from his lessons with Emerald Class this week and everyone who enters will receive 10 House Points, a HTA and an extra special art lesson with Maddy and Alice!

A link to his gallery can be found below along with some pictures of his art.

<https://www.samuelthomasart.co.uk/>



More Headteacher awards

All Eco Club members for super organisation of World Ocean Day activities

Libby, Leo and Charlotte (Sapphire) for fabulous reading aloud to the class

Quinn and Seb S (Sapphire) for careful DT work

Emily and Phoebe (Sapphire) for explaining to the class how they arrived at their answer in maths

Sebastian B, Jaxson, Olive, Leo, Emily, Verity, Isobel, Herbie, Oliver and Lily (Sapphire)
for superb subtraction in maths

Alfie (Amber) for fantastic writing in phonics

Etta, Arthur and Freddie (Amber) for being super helpful under the shelter

Georgina, Jacob C and Barney (Emerald) for great Tables scores this week

Albert, Verity, Georgina, Reuben, Jacob C and Izzy (Emerald) for wonderful writing

Lucas (Emerald) for working really hard



Coach of the Year Award

Congratulations to Hannah B who has won the Coach of the Year Award. This is a fantastic achievement and we are all very proud of her fantastic efforts. Hannah runs Girls' Football at Aylsham Football Club and is responsible for several junior teams as well as playing for the women's 77's team.

If you are interested in playing football or would like to ask about junior girls or boys' football please come and speak to Hannah B or Mr B

Well done Hannah – you are a Star!



Football Match

Colby Comets hosted Aldborough in their first game of the season on Thursday afternoon. The team began well and took an early lead when George skipped through the away team's defence and poked the ball home. Oliver captained the side brilliantly from defence and was organising his side well. George scored two more to complete his hat trick before Barnaby scored a lovely individual goal. Reuben finished off a sweeping team move to net himself a Birthday goal before Rufus made a stunning point blank save to deny Aldborough a goal before half time. The second period began with more of the same with the Comets adding regular goals through and they ran out comfortable 10-1 winners.

Aldborough then asked for a rematch, so several of the training squad, who had shown great team spirit to prepare the Comets before the match, replaced our Year 6 superstars. The new 'mini' Comets performed brilliantly for half an hour and earned a respectable 1-1 draw.

Well done to all involved, we all had a lovely afternoon!

Mr B

Christine Mead