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*The Week Ahead*

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. No Dodgeball Club (Active Norfolk) today – starts again tomorrow. Parent Interviews 3.15 - 6pm. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Reception and Year 1 Dance and Yoga Club from 8.30am before school in Amber Class (Active Norfolk). Dodgeball Club (Active Norfolk) for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. Yr1 & Yr2 girls to The Nest in Norwich all day for Girls' Football Event. <b>Leaving at 8.50am prompt.</b> Back by the end of the school day. Please send children with a packed lunch. KS1 and KS2 Choir (combined) with Mrs Towers from 8.30am before school (no charge). Parent Interviews 3.15 - 6pm. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 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 (Active Norfolk). Dodgeball Club (Active Norfolk) for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. Parent Interviews 3.15 - 6pm. KS1 Football Club (girls and boys) with Ben 3 - 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. WORLD BOOK DAY. Children invited to wear a book based costume. £1 donation for new books for the library. Mrs Mead's Breakfast Book Club for selected pupils at 8am. Dodgeball Club (Active Norfolk) for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. KS2 Football Club after school 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) <b>PLEASE BRING WATERPROOF COATS / WARM PE KIT.</b> KS2 Netball Club after school 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Dodgeball Club (Active Norfolk) for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** School closes at 3pm for Easter break. No After School Club today.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April:** School reopens for Summer Term.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April:** Internet Safety / Life Skills parent session at 9am in the school hall. All welcome.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May:** School closed for May Bank Holiday.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May:** National Tests for Year 6 pupils.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Reception pupils Vision and Hearing Screening.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May:** School closed for Summer Half Term.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** School reopens for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Summer Term.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** School closes at 3pm for Summer holidays. No After School Club today.



## Amber Class Curriculum

It's another exciting topic in Amber Class this half term. We will be learning all about growth and change. The children have decided they would like to learn about the following things:

- How the weather changes.
- How trees grow.
- How humans grow.
- How the days of the week change.
- How animals change and grow.
- How flowers and grass grow and change.
- The lifecycle of a frog.
- The lifecycle of a butterfly.
- What animals and humans need to grow.

In English we will find out about baby animals and how we change as we grow. We will collect ideas for beginnings, middles and ends of stories and use a class story as a basis for writing our own. We will also compare fictional and factual texts and learn what fiction and non-fiction means. We currently have a Garden Centre set up in the classroom that the children have enjoyed playing with and have explored writing lists and labels - who knows what our Garden Centre will become next week! We will be planting seeds and also growing our own bean plant. Year 1 children will also be keeping their own bean plant diary to see the changes of the bean as it grows.

In Maths, Reception children will be learning about height and length and measuring objects using non-standard units of measure; Beginning to understand the concept of time; Comparing numbers to 10; Learning about number bonds to 10; 3D shapes and patterns.

Year 1 children will be learning about place value of numbers to 50; Counting in 2's and 5's; Comparing length and height; Measuring length; Beginning to understand and measure weight, mass and capacity.

The whole class will be spending lots of time outside as usual and are looking forward to finding things that grow and change in the garden. We will also be doing lots of fun Easter activities and learning about the Easter story. We're all very excited for our new topic, it's going to be a fun one!  
The Amber Class Team

## Sapphire Class Curriculum

This half term sees us start off with a science focus on finding out about what plants need to grow well and we will learn to label the different parts of a flowering plant. We will spend time sowing seeds and potting them on to grow outside in our raised bed. We look forward to learning to identify common types of plant found locally.



In English we will be sharing several poems by the award-winning poet laureate, Carol Ann Duffy. Children will be creating their own poetic verses and discussing and learning some favourite simple poems. We will be practising using our voices in different ways: whispering, work voices, presenting, singing, exclaiming and questioning. We will be looking at different types of sentences as well as learning to put adverbs into our writing. The story, Slug Needs a Hug will provide stimulus for independent story writing and a non-fiction piece too. We will continue our daily phonics sessions and children may move around groups in response to recent assessment. In handwriting we will be encouraging all Year 2s to start to join at least 2 letters in every word as we have learnt most of our main joins. Spellings continue every Friday. Please do support your child to learn and practise them at home as they are so proud when they do well.

Maths sees us working more on 3d shape, identifying their properties (sides, vertices, line of symmetry, right angles) as well as continuing our work on division and multiplication (mainly within the 2,3,5 and 10 times tables for Year 2s). Year 1s will be working on place value up to 50. We will all also be looking at mass, capacity and temperature.

Our RE focus will look at a different religion and the children will be able to see how Hindus have different views about the idea of 'God'.



We will have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays and will be learning early hockey skills as well as developing our teamwork and leadership skills. We will also enjoy practising throwing and catching skills, in readiness for handball. **Please ensure that everyone has a warm pair of jogging pants and a sweatshirt as we may be outside for PE.**

In our Life Skills lessons we will be using the Pantosaurus song and message to support our learning on child protection. The NSPCC have produced this series of lessons for our age group and the children really enjoy the fun approach with a serious message. We will also be looking at how families can look different, including an age appropriate story with characters in a same sex relationship.

Mrs. Moulton will be teaching us for computing and will be introducing the children to quizzes.

We will continue to lend Mabel and Malcom, our sock monkeys to children at the weekends and if you have any special events you would like them to accompany you to, please ask for them! The children are always so excited to share their photos and adventures with the class.



Miss Buttifant will be with us this half term and will continue to work closely with Mrs. Frost to plan and deliver exciting lessons to Sapphire Class. She has become a very important member of our class and the children work very well with her.

- If children wish to practise their maths at home, 'Hit the Button' is a super online game which covers doubles, halves and number bonds as well as times tables. Sapphire children should focus on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, progressing to 3s, 4s and 8s.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

- For writing practice, there are a variety of fun simple games on sentence construction and word type.

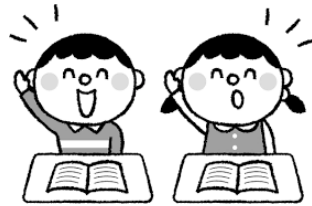
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrqqtfr>

On a final note, **PLEASE can everyone have a NAMED pair of wellies/old trainers kept in school for outdoor play.** Children then change into school shoes inside. This ensures that we do not trail mud throughout the school as well as enjoying puddle splashing when we can!



As always, if you have any questions please ask!

Sapphire Team



### **Emerald Class Curriculum**

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a relaxing half term.

We have a jam packed mini half term coming up with lots of fun and interesting things happening!

In English we are focusing on basic SPAG skills and story writing as well as continuing our Tutankhamun and Woof texts.

In Maths we are continuing fractions then looking at decimals before moving on to measuring. We will as ever be focusing on our times tables and our four written methods.

In P.E. we are starting a new unit of Hockey but also beginning Handball which is new to the curriculum this year. The children already seem super excited about it. We will have an after school club to give them all extra opportunities to practise! The Colby Value will be 'Creativity' this term, with children thinking about how to create and improve activities.

In Science we are undertaking several investigations and thinking about how to question and think critically and fairly about science.

Ms Everett will continue to teach R.E on Thursdays, Alice will be switching back to French this term and Mrs Moulton will continue to teach Computing.

In Art, we have already begun to work on side portraits, with the children very excited about our final piece and how we can link it with our Egypt topic. We have switched to Geography for the rest of this term and will be looking at countries that we know and where they are in relation to the whole world. We will be looking at key words such as Hemisphere and Lines of Latitude.

As ever please encourage children to read at home at least 4 times each week and keep on top of spellings and tables practice.

Any questions, please let me know.

Mr B



## **Ruby Class Curriculum**

This half term Ruby Class will be continuing with our film project. We will be writing a narrative, more scriptwriting and a diary as our genres of writing. We will also continue to film our projects ready for our film premiere next term. We will also continue to learn our spellings weekly. Please encourage your child to learn the words. If they forget their spelling books or are away on Monday, they are accessible on Google Classroom and Spelling Shed.

Please can you make sure that your children are learning these weekly as well as reading daily. Please can I remind you to sign your child's reading records when they have read at home. The children can enter the details about what they have read but we would like an adult to sign each time they know they have read.

In maths, we will finish learning about ordering decimals and understanding what percentages are. After this we will be learning about perimeter and area then finally ending the term learning about graphs and tables in statistics. We will also continue to improve the speed of our times tables with the times tables tests on a Friday morning. I have been very impressed so far with the children this year but regular practice will keep these tables in their heads. We will also be continuing to improve our calculation methods. It would benefit your child if you could give them addition, subtraction, multiplication (up to 4 x 2 digits) and division (Up to 4 digits) questions at home. Please send them with any work they have done and I can reward them appropriately.

Our geography topic this term is rivers. We will be learning about some major rivers in the UK and world as well as finding about the different features of a river. We will also find out about erosion and deposition on our rivers and what this means. This will lead to them learning about oxbow lakes too.

In science we will be learning about food and digestion. This will include looking at the different teeth we have, how food is digested and what the different parts of our digestive system do.

Music this term will continue to be learning the recorder.

In PE, they will continue to have lessons with Mr Brown and Ben. This term they are learning a new sport called handball as well as hockey.

Design and technology will be with Mr Frost and they will be looking at spices and creating some of their own spices.

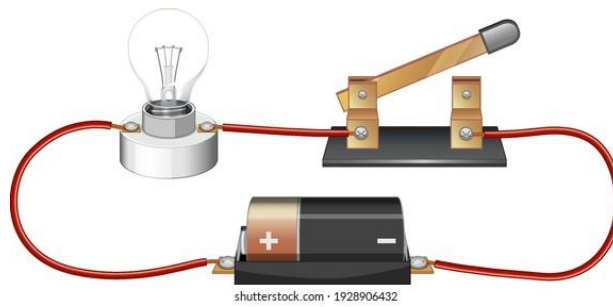
In computing, they will be learning about audio and video editing. They will be able to use some of the videos they have taken for our film project and see how they can improve them.

In French with Mr Mead, they will learn vocabulary relating to the world.

In RE, they will be learning about the Jewish Passover.

Mrs Towers





## Amethyst Class Curriculum

Hi, I hope you all had a great break.

I'd like to share with you what the children are learning this half-term:

**Maths:** Obviously, with the National Tests coming up, the children will get lots of practice answering word problems and gain better strategies for unpicking longer questions whilst revising all of KS2 concepts. We are particularly looking at ratio and proportion.

**Science:** Our science is exploring electricity and we will be practising creating circuits that could power our cars in D.T

**English:** We have two of our six final pieces of writing completed and we will be looking to add two more. Firstly, a scientific description of a creature followed by a newspaper report. We will also be analysing the poem 'The Jabberwocky'.

**Geography:** In geography, we are exploring mapping by looking at atlases, coordinates, and looking at how physical features are represented on maps.

**P.E: (Wednesday/Friday)** P.E is handball on a Wednesday afternoon and Hockey on a Friday afternoon. Children need to be ready to do outdoor sport on Friday. They will need warm clothes and a pair of trainers solely for outdoors or studded boots/astros as it gets slippery. If they have their own hockey sticks they are welcome to bring them in. Mouth guards and shin pads would be useful, but not compulsory.

**R.E:** We will be exploring how belief in Islam has impacted on art through history.

**D.T:** D.T is really exciting this half-term. The children will each make a motorized car with wood and circuits. We will aim to finish them early in the next half-term as this one is so short. We will eventually race them and have prizes!

**Computing:** Liz will be looking at selection in quizzes / variables in games / sensing Microbits.

**Music:** Mrs Towers will be teaching song composition to Amethyst and will build on what they remember so far.

**Life Skills:** Topics to covered this half-term include: Care in the sun and dangers of over exposure, sleep, and personal hygiene.

Mr Frost



### **P.E and Sport at Colby**

With the weather beginning to improve children will be spending more and more time outside for PE lessons, lunch clubs and other opportunities for being active. Please remind children that all the available clubs are on a timetable next to my classroom. Ben, Hannah, Alice and Sophia all run daily activities which anyone can join with. It is essential that children always have the correct kit in school so they can take advantage of these fun opportunities.

With the success of football and Netball clubs on Thursday after school, we are hard pushed for space indoors with the current numbers. Ben will aim to continue to do football in wet weather unless the field is frozen or waterlogged. Please ensure children come appropriately dressed to keep themselves dry and warm for the duration of Football Club. Pendle is a great website for sportswear that is both of good quality and good value. I recommend looking into base-layer shirts and trousers to go under football kits. Please have a look into the Pendle website for sports clothing as they often have great deals on stock as well as the ability to personalise clothing at a good price.

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

If you have any special interests in Sport and would like to help or be involved in any way then please get in touch.

Keep your eye out for our PE newsletter and some parent and children events coming up soon.  
Mr B



### **Netball Tournament**

Congratulations to all the girls who took part in the Netball tournament at Beeston Hall School. We won 4 out of our 6 games with all the girls performing well and improving as the afternoon went on. We finished 3rd overall against some really strong teams.

A special mention to Erin, who in her first tournament, was top scorer! Well done.

Thanks to Dolly's dad and Amelie's mum who drove. We couldn't send teams to every event without our fantastic parents!

Netball Club runs on Tuesday lunchtime with Alice and Thursday after school with Mr B.



## Headteacher Awards

**Lev (Emerald)** for great writing  
**Lev and Scarlett (Emerald)** for fantastic maths  
**Albert, Reuben, Bertie, Dylan, Harris, Barney, James and Georgina (Emerald)**  
for being great mini maths teachers  
**Lev, Frankie and Rita (Emerald)** for super Geography  
**Rosie (Emerald)** for a great answer in English about adverbial phrases  
**Scarlett, Frankie and Eva (Emerald)** for excellent maths  
**Lucas (Emerald)** for a fantastic morning's work  
**Izzy, Flint, William and Harrison (Emerald)** for good STEP in work in PE  
**Violet, Florence and Dolly (Amethyst)** for singing in smaller groups  
**Dolly (Amethyst)** for realising "appearance" was missing  
**Izzy (Amethyst)** for making Mr Frost laugh!  
**Hannah (Amethyst)** for amazing artwork  
**Solomiia and Raff (Ruby)** for passing the Gold times tables challenge  
**Teddy (Ruby)** for passing the European times tables challenge  
**Solomiia, Alannah, Amber E, Imogen, Raff, Cody, Ellen, Bea, Anna, Nina, Max, Erin, Stanley, Otto and Amelie (Ruby)**  
for super scene writing  
**Bea, Barnaby, Ines, Ivy x2, Amber C, Matthew and Max (Ruby)** for fantastic Ocean work  
**George, Amber C, Solomiia, Ellen, Max, Barnaby, Matthew, Evie, Otto, Stanley and Alfie (Ruby)**  
for converting fractions to decimals, and vice versa  
**Blake (Ruby)** for fantastic fractions of quantities  
**Imogen (Ruby)** for converting mixed numbers to decimals  
**Stanley, Imogen, George and Anna (Ruby)** for great sound explanations  
**Erin and Barnaby (Ruby)** for great answers about animals hearing  
**Milo (Sapphire)** for being lovely to someone who had hurt themselves  
**All Amber Year 1s** for beautiful independent writing  
**All reception children** for fantastic writing in phonics  
**Stanley (Amber)** for working really hard  
**Kit (Amber)** for sharing his knowledge about metamorphosis  
**Verity (Sapphire)** for independent 'blurb' writing  
**Emily (Sapphire)** for fantastic Maths  
**Verity and Felix (Sapphire)** for confident times tables  
**All of Sapphire class** for amazing computing in 3s  
**Libby (Sapphire)** for perfect phonics  
**Quinn (Sapphire)** for knowing the spelling and meaning of 'pulchritudinous'!  
**All of Sapphire** for amazing alliteration in English and poems





### Regional Indoor Athletics

Congratulations to both Leonardo and Ophelia (Amethyst) who were representing Norfolk in their respective U11 squads last Saturday at the Athletics Sports Hall regional final. They competed against four other counties; Cambridge, Suffolk, Essex, and Hertfordshire - this is the highest level of competition for their age. Both the U11 boys and girls teams won taking the Championship Titles!

Norfolk actually won in both U13 boys and girls and U15 boys too. As you can imagine the atmosphere was completely electric and it was a great event to be part of.

We are very proud of them both.



### Colby Kitchen Menu

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Macaroni Cheese</b> - served with salad. Followed by a choice of fruit.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Sausage &amp; Mash</b> - served with carrots, broccoli & gravy. Followed by a choice of fruit.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Breaded Fish</b> - served with new potatoes, sweetcorn and peas. Followed by a choice of fruit.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans</b> - served with salad. Followed by a choice of fruit.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Cheese Pizza</b> - served with cucumber and carrot sticks. Followed by a choice of fruit.



### **Parent Interviews Next Week**

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with you next week. Please arrive at Colby School just before your appointment time, entering through the main gate by the flagpole.

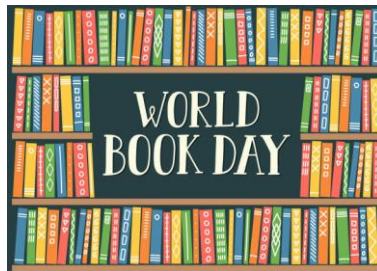
Amber Class parents should wait for their appointment in the Amber Annexe, entering through the green door near the main gate. Miss Moore / Miss Covell will collect you from there when they are ready for your appointment.

Parents with children in Sapphire, Emerald and Ruby should come into school through the main gate and enter the main building through the pupil entrance (straight ahead of the main gate). Please wait outside your child's classroom and their teacher will collect you when they are ready.

Amethyst Parent Interviews will take place in the Amethyst Mobile. If the weather is poor, please feel free to wait in the library.

If you are unable to make your appointment, please telephone the school office.

We look forward to talking to you about how well your child is doing at Colby School.



### **World Book Day**

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and children are very welcome to come to school dressed in book themed costumes – anything warm and comfortable goes! Please do not go to lots of trouble. Costumes can be very simple - onesies or football kits make easy costumes, if children already have them, for example. This is not a compulsory event, so if your child doesn't fancy dressing up that is absolutely fine.

We ask that children make a voluntary contribution of £1 to buy additional books for the library. However, children are welcome to come in costumes even if you would prefer not to pay £1 – we understand money can be tight and want this to be an event that everyone can enjoy.

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

*Christine Mead*