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Colby School News Issue 1 – Friday 8th September 2023



It's been a lovely first few days back. Children have settled into classes beautifully and are having lots of fun. Our new Reception pupils are doing brilliantly – they are learning so many new things every day. Please don't worry if your Reception child has had the occasional wobble – this is entirely natural at the start of term. It is difficult for you if your child is upset but please be reassured that they are fine once they are in the school building. You are always welcome to contact the school office if you are worried during the day. We want all new families to enjoy the start of this exciting school adventure – that means the adults too, so never be afraid to ask if we can help in any way. Older children can take a little time to settle into new routines too. Please let us know if your child needs some extra support.

The Week Ahead

Monday 11 th September 2023	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 12 th September 2023	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 13 th September 2023	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. Girls Football Club with Hannah 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm). After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 14 th September 2023	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. After School club until 5pm. £5. KS2 Football Club after school 3 – 4.15pm with Ben £5. (After School Club available after until 5pm.)
Friday 15 th September 2023	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October 2023: School closed for Autumn half term.

Monday 30th October 2023: School reopens for 2nd half of the Autumn term.

Thursday 21st December 2023 – Wednesday 3rd January 2024: School closed for the Christmas holiday.

Thursday 4th January 2024: School reopens for Spring term.

Colby School Art Work on display



An amazing collection of Colby School artwork was displayed at Suffield Festival of Arts and Crafts at Suffield Church on the 29th and 30th July. A big well done to Amber C (Ruby Class) whose picture won the most votes for the best piece of artwork on the display!
Alice



Spare clothes for Amber Class pupils

Dear Amber Class Parents,

If you haven't already, please send your child in with a spare change of clothes and spare carrier bag to keep on their peg.

Thank you.

The Amber Class Team

PS. Please could you also return your Tapestry permission letter, if you haven't already done so – we are looking forward to sharing lots of lovely photos with you.



Headteacher Awards

Hugo and Milo (Sapphire) for amazing clearing up without being asked

Felix (Amber) for fantastic road safety knowledge

Cian (Amethyst) for great reading



**UNITED BENEFICE OF KING'S BECK
HARVEST CELEBRATIONS**

Saturday 16th September

Fete at Banningham (NR11 7DY) 10.00am to 3.00pm
To be opened by Revd. David
Stalls, games, vintage machinery, open church & refreshments



Children's Competition (Under 12's)
Bring along a mini garden on a plate or tray between
10.00am and 11.00am.
A prize for the best, to be judged before the end of the fete.

Sunday 17th September

A **Service** of thanksgiving for Harvest
10.00am at Banningham Church (non-Eucharist)
With guest speaker
Followed by lunch in the Community Hall

To book lunch (no charge) or any questions
Email heathermcewenchurch@gmail.com 01692 407345



Contacting us

Our school office is manned from 8.50am – 3pm every school day. There are often staff about after 3pm but if no-one is available to answer the telephone you can leave a message on our answer 'phone – we'll get back to you as soon as possible.
We are available on the playground gate every day if you want to talk to us. Never worry that your questions are too small or silly! If you find it more convenient to contact us by email you can contact Mrs Smith or Mrs Green regarding office enquiries on office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk or myself on head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk



Universal Free School Meals

Reception children in Amber class should have received an application form for Universal Free School Meals last term. Thank you to everyone who has already returned the form. If you haven't had a chance to complete and return it yet, please do so as soon as possible. Completing the form does not mean your child has to have a hot meal every day but it will entitle you to book a free meal if you want to. Children in Reception will be invited to order hot meals from Monday 18th September – we want them to have time to settle into school life before they start their hot dinners because having a packed lunch gives them more time to eat and play initially. Reception parents are entitled to ask for a free packed lunch – please ask Mrs Mead or email the school office, if you would like us to make a packed lunch for your child.



Nut Free Zone

We politely request that children do not bring nuts of any sort to school, including food items made from nuts such as peanut butter. This helps ensure we can keep children with severe allergies to nut products safe. Your support is appreciated. Thank you.



Egg Free Zone

We politely request that children avoid having egg in their sandwiches and snacks. We have children with severe egg allergies and it would really help if we didn't have egg in school. If this causes you a great problem because your child does not like other sandwich fillers, please speak to Mrs Mead. However, it would be much easier if we simply had no egg, so if this is possible it would be much appreciated. Thank you.



Girls' Football Club

KS2 girls are invited to Girls' Footy Club on Wednesdays from 3 - 4.15. Hannah will be coaching the session who also runs the girls' team at Aylsham Football Club. She is fantastic and I know the girls will have an amazing time. The cost is the same as a normal After School Club and girls can stay until 5pm afterwards if they want to go to After School Club. They will need football boots if it is wet and all must have shin pads. Thanks. Mr B



Colby Curriculum

Class curriculum information is printed below. It will give you information about the subject areas your child will be studying this half term. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions about what your child is learning at school.



Amber Class Autumn 1 Curriculum

This half term Amber Class are going to be thinking about ourselves as we help our new Reception children settle in, and later on in the half term we will explore the topic of 'Journeys'.

We will be getting to know each other by talking about our families and our personal likes and dislikes. Later on we will find out how to keep safe on journeys and think about the sorts of clothes we might need in cold weather.

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. Year 1 pupils will expand their recognition of common irregular words in the environment around them. We are going to have lots of fun sharing and comparing fantasy and reality stories and looking at shape poems. Year 1 pupils will become familiar with key stories and be able to retell them.

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, then 20 both in the classroom and outside. Year 1 children will build on their learning by learning to read and write numbers from 1-20 in numerals and begin counting accurately up to and across to 100.

We will be immersing ourselves in our learning through our play. We will be asking the children what they want to learn about within their topic and then creating learning opportunities which utilise those interests. During our first week we have already become very confident with the different things to play with and explored different areas of the school so who knows where our learning will take us for the rest of the half term – it's all very exciting!

We will have two outdoor learning mornings per week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please bring in wellies in preparation for colder and wetter weather that you are happy for your child to keep at school. We like to go outside whatever the weather, so please send your child to school appropriately dressed. Our PE days are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, please send your child to school in their PE kit as they will stay in it all day. PE lessons will start the week commencing the 11th of September.

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 member of the Amber Class Team. 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.

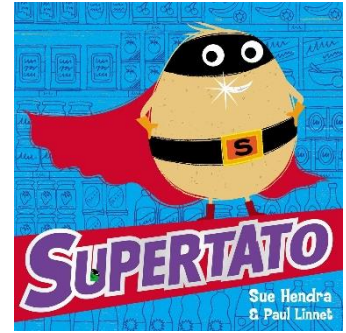
Let's have fun!

The Amber Class Team

Sapphire Class Autumn 1 Curriculum

Welcome back all Sapphire children! An ENORMOUS thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts that I received. They were all so thoughtful and I was overwhelmed by your kindness. This term we have wonderful things planned for Sapphire children and I look forward to getting stuck into learning straight away!

In **English** we will be enjoying sharing some superhero texts including *Superworm* by Julia Donaldson and *Supertato* by Sue Hendra. We will be writing about our own 'super powers' and creating simple sentences with full stops and capital letters with Year 1s and more complex sentences with a variety of conjunctions for Year 2s. We will be describing characters as well as writing simple letters. Year 2s will be starting to join their letters if they are ready and Year 1s will focus on ensuring letters are correctly orientated and sitting on the line. There are handwriting practise sheets on Google Classroom.



Spellings will be given out on Fridays and the children work on these words within class so should be familiar with them. Children will have a short spelling test every Friday morning and all spelling lists will be posted in our Google Classroom page.

All children have home access to Spelling Shed and will be given details of how to log on in the next few days. We will stick the details in the front of the children's reading record book.

Reading – we expect every child in Sapphire to read at home every day. It needs to only be for 5 minutes and could just be two or three pages of their reading book. We will hear children read at school as often as we can and will sometimes work with them in groups to focus on specific reading skills. It really does make a difference to the amount of progress children make with their reading if they are heard at home regularly.

In **Maths** we will be looking at place value within 100 (Yr2s) and up to 30 (Yr1s). We will be counting on and back from 100 and in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s. Children will be partitioning 2 digit numbers into tens and ones and will use practical apparatus to help them to do this. Your support with the children at home with reinforcing early place value is appreciated and does help to embed early knowledge.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/place-value-basketball>

<https://au.splashlearn.com/place-value-games-for-year-1>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8sfr82>



Geography will see us finding out about the Polar Regions. We will be looking at Antarctica and the Arctic and locating them on a world map. It will be interesting to discover which animals are found in each region and what life is like for people there.

In **Science** we will be exploring the seasons. What signs of autumn will we find outside? In our outdoor learning session we will be making warm homes for animals to hibernate in. We will be getting messy as we create bird feeders ready for the birds in winter. We will be measuring rainfall and recording our results.

In **DT** children will be designing and making their own vehicle for one of our colour monsters. They will have to include axels, wheels and a chassis on their moving vehicle. We look forward to some awesome creations!

Mrs. Moulton will be working with Sapphire children on **Computing** and will be looking at 'technology around us.' The children will also be accessing a simple program that supports them with learning how to type on a keyboard. If you want to help your child practise this, please click on the following link:

<https://www.dancemattypingguide.com/dance-mat-typing-level-1/stage-1/>

In our **Life Skills** sessions, we will be thinking about what makes a good friendship. We will also be enjoying the Colour Monsters story by Anna Llenas and thinking about how we can express our feelings and emotions, whilst respecting other people.

Sapphire Class will have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays and will be developing their football and rugby skills. As always, we expect long hair tied up and no jewellery be worn on these days. Children should come into school wearing their PE uniform on these days. As the weather gets wetter we will be using the hall for PE too and all children will need a pair of plimsolls to wear.



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.

This half term we look forward to joining with Amber Class to present our Harvest Festival assembly to you! We will soon be practising our Harvest songs! More details on dates to come soon!



We have three pet mice in Sapphire Class and we enjoy watching them and taking care of them. Children get the chance to handle them regularly too. Our new stick insects are now fully grown and can produce eggs so if any of you would like some, please let me know and I can put some aside!



A busy, hardworking and fun filled few weeks ahead of us! As always, if you have any questions you know where I am!

Sarah Frost



Emerald Class Autumn 1 Curriculum

Hey everyone, welcome back! Emerald Class is looking spick and span, Clark and Torteldhino are looking well rested and ready to see some friendly faces!

All the children have settled in well this week and we have lots of fun. Our topic this term is Rainforests. We will learn about the climate, location and animals that live in a rainforest. We will also link some of our D.T and art whilst exploring some chalk pastel techniques and making healthy snack bars. We will also be learning about habitats and animals in Science.

In maths we will spend most of the term focusing on times tables and place value as well as some written addition and subtraction.

In P.E we will be celebrating the Rugby World Cup and playing lots of tag rugby whilst at the end of term we will be switching to football and teamwork and leadership. We have lots planned as well as House Cups, lunch competitions and after school clubs. P.E days are Monday and Wednesdays so please send children in with the correct kit, especially when the weather is wet or cold. We will always try to get outside!

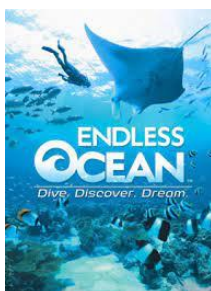
My PPA is on a Thursday and Alice will be teaching Life Skills / French and Mrs Moulton teaches Computing. Mrs Towers teaches music on a Monday which will be great fun and it's a great chance to spend some time with her before moving to Ruby Class.

I am really excited about this year, the class has settled well and we are hoping for a fun and positive start to the term. If you have any questions then please feel free to email me or find me on the playground. I will send out further info regarding spellings and times tables in the next week or so.

The children have had a great leadership discussion this week. It might be nice to have a chat about what they might like to be involved in this year. Have a great weekend.

Come on England!

Mr B abrown6vrq@nsix.org.uk



Ruby Class Autumn 1 Curriculum

Welcome back, I hope you had a wonderful summer break. It has been lovely seeing your children's happy faces this week and they have been telling us all about their fantastic holidays.

Over this half term in literacy, we will be using the Wii game "Endless Ocean" as inspiration for our written work. We will start with focusing on punctuation and grammar. We will be looking at the different word classes including nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs. After this we will learning about how to improve our descriptive writing and how we can improve our sentences. After this we will be producing some writing about plastic pollution in the oceans around the world. The children will be coming home every Monday with spellings to learn for the following Monday. Every week I will post the new spellings on Google Classroom as well as the children bringing a paper copy home. The children can continue to learn these spellings using Spelling Shed as well as any other way they wish to choose to learn them. If children still have their old reading records from last year, please could they come in with them. If they have finished them or need a new one we will give them one next week. It would be great if you could still continue to listen to your child read out aloud a couple of times a week but most of the children will probably be independent readers by now and want to read on their own. I expect the children to be responsible for entering what they have read in their reading books by year 5 but it is always great to see comments from parents in their books too. If you could sign their book at least once a week to acknowledge that they have been reading this would be great.

In maths, we will start the year of learning about the place value of numbers up to 1 000 000. This will include comparing and ordering numbers, rounding numbers and counting forwards and

backwards in powers of 10. After that we will be learning how to add and subtract larger numbers. Knowing their times tables up to 12 x 12 makes the year 5 curriculum more accessible to the children. Please can you continue to help them learn or retain their knowledge of the tables. On a weekly basis, we will be doing the Olympic Times Tables Challenge. This week we have found out where the children are. Please do not be alarmed if your child comes home and is having to start on a lower test than where they finished last year. If they have not been learning them regularly over the holiday, then they may need to refresh their knowledge.

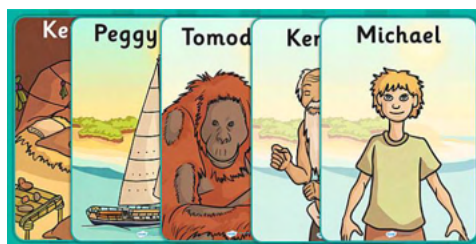
In science, we will be learning about the different states of matter and learning about the water cycle. This will fit into our main topic of oceans in geography. We will first find out about the water around the UK and then will find out more about the different oceans around the world. This topic will also be our inspiration for our artwork this half term. We will be using pencils and step by step drawing to create our own animals found in the ocean. We will then create an ocean animal picture using inspiration from Georges Seurat. We will produce a final piece of artwork that will be a collage using different techniques.

Mr Brown and Ben will take PE this term. This will be on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. Please can the children come in their PE kit. They will be learning about the core value of leadership and will be improving their skills and knowledge of football and rugby.

The children will continue to be taught computing with Mrs Moulton (Liz). This term they will have lessons about keeping safe online and learning about how information is shared online. Also, we have the Norfolk Music Service coming into school to teach the children ukulele lessons for 10 weeks starting on Thursday 14th September. If your child has their own ukulele then they are welcome to bring them in to use in these lessons.

This week we have been discussing leadership roles around the school and we will be encouraging the children to take on extra responsibilities.

If you have any questions or need to contact me, then feel free to email me. My address is wtowers3nr3@nsix.org.uk



Amethyst Class Autumn 1 Curriculum

Hi, I hope you all had a great summer! The children have settled in very quickly. I'd like to share with you what the children are learning this term.

Maths: Simon will be teaching all the maths this year and follow the usual Year 6 curriculum.

Science: We are exploring humans, the heart and health.

English: Our key text this half-term is 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. We will use it to create persuasive speeches, stories and lots of reading responses.

All the children's spelling lists go live every Monday morning at 8.50A.M. These will be up and running in a week or so.

Geography: We are spending slightly longer on this unit. We are investigating many aspects of the North Sea: Physical processes and human processes. We will also visit two beaches early next month to practise our field work skills.

P.E: (Wednesday/Friday): I am teaching tag rugby on Wednesday and Ben is teaching football on Friday.

R.E: We are thinking about what kind of leader Jesus was whilst linking into the children's own leadership roles.

French: Simon is teaching about celebrating Birthdays and learning to express their emotions.

Art: We are creating North Sea creature sculptures out of clay and also a clay relief tile.

Computing: Liz will be focussing on online safety.

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

Mr Gavin Frost



Menu choice for this half term Yum yum!

MONDAY	Pasta bolognese, garlic bread. Fruit.
TUESDAY	Hotdog in a roll, salad and homemade potato wedges. Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Fish fingers, new potatoes, sweetcorn and peas. Fruit
THURSDAY	Jacket potato, cheese, beans and salad. Fruit.
FRIDAY	Cheese pizza, cucumber and carrot sticks. Fruit



Out of School Success

Congratulations to **Verity** (Emerald) for achieving "Honours" in Primary Modern Jazz, awarded by the British Theatre Dance Association. Well done!

Christine Mead

P.E Newsletter

Colby
School



Sports Success

Last year was a fantastic year for Colby Sport. We had an incredible amount of success from our Year 6 girls in netball and football, as well as school success with dodgeball and tennis. Colby also became the first small school to win the large schools rugby cup! I really hope we can provide lots of sporting highlights again this year. As always if you have any questions or thoughts about P.E and sport at school or the local area then please don't hesitate to contact me. Mr B



Netball
Champs!

SPORTS CUP

Congratulations to Phoenix for

winning both the Sports Cup but also the Sports House Trophy for tennis and football at the end of the term. Can anyone steal back the trophy this term when the Houses collide in a Rugby Championship?



Our Colby Tennis legends won their area competition and travelled to the UEA for the County Finals! Amazing spirit and skills shown by all!

For updates and photos of all things Colby Sport and P.E please follow us on twitter. Pictures and future events posted regularly!



We are lucky to have lots of amazing parents who are kind enough to donate their spare time to transport children to sport events. It means that children like these amazing athletes have the extra opportunities to compete and win against other children in the local area.

What's coming up?



September '23— We are going to be playing a lot of rugby and football this term, as well as thinking about our leadership and teamwork skills. We have the **Rugby World Cup** about to start so we will be participating in house competitions at lunchtimes!



AYLSHAM

U12 GIRLS TEAM EXPANDING

Starting Year 6 or
7 in September

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Email Hannah for more info:
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Youngs Park, Aylsham