



Parent/School Termly Information

Class: Amber J & Amber S

Term: 3

Topic: Magnets and Metals

Focus subject: Science

General Information

P.E Days and times

Please note that all pupils should not be wearing earrings or studs for P.E.

*We advise that these children do not wear their earrings to school on PE days unless they can remove them themselves. **Labelled** PE Kits need to suit both indoor sessions with shorts etc and outdoor sessions with tracksuits. Trainers are recommended to ensure support and grip.*

*Amber J P.E Days: **Tuesday (pm) and Thursday (pm)***

*Amber S P.E Days: **Tuesday (pm) and Thursday (pm)***

Water Bottles & Fruit Snack

Children need to bring a fruit snack for break time and should always bring a bottle of water that they can use throughout the day.

Educational Visits

None scheduled for this term

Homework

Homework for Amber classes this term will consist of **Times Table practice, Spellings and Reading**. This enables you to become an integral part of children's development in these areas. There will be no additional homework set.

Times Tables: To be considered fluent in their times tables, children are able to answer random questions after 3 seconds. Next year, the children will be taking the national times tables test. Therefore, to aid their recall and ensure they keep reviewing all times tables, we have replaced Passports with TTRockstars. Your children's log in have been glued into the front of their reading diaries and they should be able to log on independently. We are looking for lots of short sessions each week rather than one long session. *To encourage their maintained participation, we will be setting up weekly challenges of 20 minutes to be completed at home. Children not completing this will be required to complete additional paper tests in Golden time.*

Reading: Please try to hear your child read at least 5 times a week. Just a few pages makes a **huge** difference to their progress. Children are responsible for recording reading in their reading diaries. Children need to remember to bring their reading records into school every day. This year, we are aiming for children to develop their love of reading. Therefore, we encourage them to read **any** books they enjoy. It's important they can still

discuss the stories, but we want to keep them turning those pages!

Spellings: We are now using the Spelling Shed system for our spelling lists. Each week, children will get a new spelling list based on a pattern of sounds or list of challenge words. This means the children will be able to learn a pattern of sounds rather than a mix. Also having the class on similar lists means words can be related to in lessons to explore their meanings. Spelling Shed provides daily activities to be completed in class and online games to be practiced at home. The children will be bringing home their completed spelling tests so you can also monitor their progress.

Amber J – Tested on Thursday

Amber S – Tested on Monday

Jigsaw PSHE

This term we are focusing across the school on a whole school theme 'Dreams and Goals'. The theme focuses on the children considering their short-term goals for the year and long-term goals for the future. We also discuss how goals can change and developing the right attitude to achieve anything we aim for.

'If I can dream it, if I can believe in it, if I work hard for it, anything is possible'

Key Dates

24/01 – Amber J class assembly

25/01 – Healthy Eating Day – *Dressing up in class fruit colours.*

05/02 – Safer Internet Day

14/02 – Anglo Saxon Day – *Dressing up as an Anglo Saxon!*

Safer Internet Day



ZIP IT



BLOCK IT



FLAG IT

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally on Tuesday 5th February 2019. This day aims to help inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. At The Haven, we invite you to join us by visiting your child's classroom at **2:30pm** to hear a short presentation from the class teacher, followed by the children sharing their Safer Internet Day learning with you. If you have more than one child at the school, we recommend going to the oldest pupil's afternoon, as it is easier to transfer age appropriate content from higher years to lower years than from lower to higher.

Curriculum Subjects

Literacy

This term, our focus will be to develop our writing skills through the story of “The Iron Man” by Ted Hughes. The main focus points of the term will be using speech marks correctly and using powerful adjectives and similes to enhance description in writing. Towards the end of the term, the children will be writing their own science fiction story. In addition to this, the children will undertake grammar skills activities and handwriting practice. They will also complete weekly comprehension tasks focussing on the broad skills involved with understanding and answering questions on a given text.

Mathematics

In Maths, the children will continue to develop their knowledge of place value, whilst expanding their understanding of addition and subtraction. The children will be learning to use and apply a new written method – the column method. We will also be learning about time; including telling the time, understanding am and pm and learning how many days are in each month. The problem solving focus for the term is ‘Patterns’. The children will learn a strategy of looking for patterns in the data in order to solve a problem, links between the numbers, items that may repeat etc.

Science

The children will explore forces and magnetism. They will learn that magnetism is a type of force that can act at a distance. They will discover which materials are magnetic and explore the magnetic poles, investigating attraction and repulsion.

Curriculum Subjects

Other Subjects

Art and DT

In DT, the children will be making small bags using a variety of sewing techniques.

RE

This term will focus on 'What world would Jesus want?' Discussing how we should treat each other, ourselves and the environment.

PE

The children will be learning about Badminton and Gymnastics. The fundamental skills of the sports will be the primary focuses, including developing technical ability.

Computing

This term, the children will be looking at how computers work and their internal parts alongside the components of the internet. Children will then move on to presenting their work using multimedia.

Music

This term, Mr Loveland will be teaching both Amber class the recorder. Moving on from previously taught basic notes to more complex tunes.

Other Notes

Parent Helpers

Please come and talk to us if you would like to become a parent reader. In order to come in and help you need to be DBS checked (police checked) and this can take quite a while. If you would like to help please talk to one of us and get a DBS form from the office. Thank you.

Please could you continue to check your child's book bag every day for letters and remind them to pass on completed replies to us in the morning? Thanks in advance!

Class teachers: Miss Jensen & Mr Stone

Date: