College Town Primary School

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Year 1
Curriculum Newsletter

October 2026

This term, the children in Year 1 have already been so busy! We have enjoyed our science topic; learning all about Seasonal changes. In English, the children have enjoyed reading about Cave Baby and Yeti and the Bird. We have been working on our writing and developing our skills in simple sentence writing by retelling the stories and describing characters.

In Mathematics, Year 1 have finished the unit place value (numbers to 10). We have completed an end of topic assessment, so please take time to look through the questions on the paper which has been sent home with your child. Also, we have sent their first paper maths homework home for you to work on together.

In History, the children have been learning about timelines and sequencing events in their own lives. We have looked at what childhood was like for people 50 years ago and finding similarities and differences to their lives now. We even interviewed Mrs Utton! Music this term has included learning some harvest songs to sing in our KS1 Harvest assembly. The children have enjoyed learning some different songs from our new scheme of learning for music too, lots of which is linked to yummy food. We used a famous artist, Paul Klee, to inspire our own self-portraits and experimented with different types of line.

The children have made a really positive start to the Year and should be proud of their learning so far.

Kind regards, Miss Benn and Mrs Millgate

Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 20th October— Parents Evening

Thursday 22nd October— Parents Evening

Monday 26th —Friday 30th October
Half term

Monday 2nd November— inset day

End of Term**—Friday 18th December**

Reading books due in every day.

The class bear diary is due back by Tuesday.

Reminders

Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle, their reading books and diary and a coat every day, especially now the weather is turning cooler. Also, make sure they wear their correct PE kits on a Friday. Please also make sure all uniform is correctly named so we can return it to the right owner.

Don't forget to look at our school website: www.collegetownprimary.com/ for any updates.

The next half-term we will be learning:

In Maths we will be continuing to learn about addition and subtraction within 10. We will then move on to learning about shape.

In English our learning will centre around the books, ‘Dragon Post’, by Emma Yarlett and ’The Odd Egg’ by Emily Gravett. We will writing a guide for how to look after a dragon, as well as an ’egg spotters’ guide for the second story.

In Science we will be exploring everyday materials and their properties.

For PHSE our topic will be ‘Connecting With Others’. We will be learning about recognising our own strengths, qualities and boundaries. Pupils will develop self-worth and confidence in expressing themselves respectfully.

Our Geography topic will be ‘What is it Like Here?’. We will develop mapping skills by locating familiar features on aerial photographs and creating simple maps.

In RE, this term we will look at how and where Christians celebrate and how this is linked to Christmas.

For PE we are lucky enough to have a coach working with us for 4 weeks on multi-sports, focussing on various ball skills. Then we will explore dance and different ways of moving.





Posing as the animals from Cave Baby.