College Town Primary School

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Year 5
Curriculum Newsletter

October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome your children to Year 5. It has been a delight to see them all coming to school, with a smile on their faces and an insatiable curiosity for learning.

This half term we have been learning about:

- Place value, addition and subtraction, prime, square and cube numbers in maths. We have also looked at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. In order for the children to be successful in these areas it is essential that they are able to recall their times tables quickly and accurately, therefore it is extremely important that the children continue to practice their times tables regularly.
- Creative and independent writing in English, has been linked to the texts: Robot Girl and The Man Who Walked Between The Towers. The children were stunned at the twist at the end of Robot girl, but thoroughly enjoyed the book. They produced some exciting and creative chapters to 'improve' the story by adding in a "missing chapter".
- In Science, we have been learning about mixtures and separation. We have carried out a range of different experiments to see these in action.
- In History the children have studied The Vikings. We considered whether the Vikings were: Raiders, traders or something else. Once again the children were totally engaged in all lessons and the children particularly enjoyed being traders and persuading others to trade with them.

Best wishes The Year 5 Team

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

Reminders

Please ensure your child is reading to you at least once a week and send your child in with their reading record every day.

Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle and their correct PE kit.

Don't forget to look at our school website and class pages for more information: www.collegetownprimary.com

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In English next half term, we will using a number of different texts to help inspire our writing. I'm sure the children will enjoy both 'Hidden Figures' and 'The Lost Thing' as much as they have enjoyed the books this term and that they will be inspired to produce well-written, creative pieces of writing.

In guided reading, we will be changing our class books. Kestrels will be reading 'Stig of The Dump' Sparrow Hawks will continue with Skandar and Merlin will be reading Outlaw. In our lessons, the children will continue to answer a range of questions focusing on the key areas of: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanations, retrieval and summarising, which will help us assess their understanding of the children's set class text.

In Math, we start the half term off by learning about fractions which will include equivalent fractions, comparing , adding and subtracting fractions. We will then conclude the term by consolidating our learning from the Autumn term.

The focus of science this half term will be properties of materials.

In our other foundation lessons, the children will be learning about Life in the Alps in Geography; portraits in Spanish; Christianity in R.E and drawing showing: depth, emotion and movement in Art.





