



“Be the best that you can be.”

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

October 2025

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 come back safe and well, 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 Forces and their effects on everyday life. We have carried out a range of different experiments to see these forces in action— some of the results were completely different to our hypotheses. We recorded our experiments scientifically.
- In History the children have studied The Stuarts – once again the children were totally engaged in all lessons and it was evident that a lot of the children had already completed this term’s homework as they shared their knowledge. Bonfire night will forever remind us of the attempt on King James’ life.

Dates for the Diary:

- Tuesday 21st & Thursday 23rd October: Parents Evening
- Friday 24th October: Flu vaccinations
- Monday 27th October- Friday 31st October 2025 - Half Term
- Monday 3rd November 2025: Inset day
- Tuesday 4th November 2025—Children return to school
- Friday 19th December 2025: Last day of term
- Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026 Christmas Holidays
- Children return on Monday 5th January 2026

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 be 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' and Sparrow Hawks will be moving on to 'Street Child'. 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 Maths, 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 Earth and Space. The children will be describing the Sun, Earth and Moon and investigating how their size and purpose differs from one another. The children will also investigate how the Earth's positioning affects the seasons and the length of day and night.

In our other foundation lessons, the children will be learning about North America in Geography; The date in Spanish; commitment in R.E and how to make burgers in DT.

