

College Town Primary School



“Be the best that you can be.”

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

December 2025

This half term, the children in Year 1 have all worked hard rehearsing the songs for the Christmas production. We are very proud of all of the children, they have been fantastic!

In English the children have enjoyed writing a ‘Guide for how to look after your dragon’ for the story ‘Dragon Post by Emily Yarlett’. They used imperative verbs, along known as ‘bossy’ words to help their writing. They then created their own ‘egg-spotters guide’ for the story, ‘The Odd Egg by Emma Gravett’. We have focused on using conjunctions and remembering to use the correct punctuation.

In Mathematics, Year 1 have been learning about addition and subtraction within 10, focusing on number bonds and fact families. They have also been sorting and classifying 2D and 3D shapes, as well as, making patterns with them.

In Topic, the children have been learning all about maps and map skills. They have learnt about physical and human features, as well as learning about what all the different symbols on a map show. After exploring the school grounds the children drew their own maps, complete with a key.

We have also enjoyed our class Christmas parties, wearing our festive jumpers, eating a delicious Christmas lunch and making our own decorations for the class hoops.

We hope you all have a restful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Kind regards, Miss Benn and Miss Holloway

Dates for the Diary:

**Term begins: Monday 5th
January 2026**

**End of Half Term: Friday
13th February 2025**

PE day: Friday

**Reading books change
on a Monday but should
be in school every day.**

**The class bear diary is
due in on Tuesday.**

Reminders

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

Next half term in Maths we will be continuing to learn about Place Value and Addition and Subtraction, extending our number range to 20.

Our English learning will be based on the following texts: The Comet and Astro Girl. We will be writing our own versions of the narrative, looking at poems, recipes and 'how to' guides. We will be continuing to learn alternative sounds in phonics and practice our reading to develop our fluency.

In the Afternoons our learning will include Science, History and RE. In Science our focus will be animals, including humans. We will learn about the five senses and how they help us in our everyday lives. Our History topic is all about the Great Fire of London. We will find out about how it started and why it spread so quickly. We will also apply some of our new knowledge about the Great Fire in our Art lessons. In RE the children will have the opportunity to understand more about Judaism.

In computing the children will be learning and practising how to log-on to the school computers. Our PE focus this half term will be gymnastics and in PSHE the children will be thinking about their Dreams and Goals.

