

College Town Primary School



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Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

December 2025

It has been another very busy and exciting half term for Year 4! We have been busy learning songs for our carol concert and also understanding what life was like for a Roman. While some of the exciting facts were awe inspiring, some others left our young learners befuddled!

We have also enjoyed learning all about how we hear and how sound travels as part of our science this half term. We did lots of exciting experiments including making our own paper telephones.

In English, we have been doing some report writing focusing on the Windrush Generation and linking it to the book ‘Granny came here on The Empire Windrush’ by Patrice Laurence. We finished the term by writing a narrative based on Lauren O’Hara’s visually compelling book ‘Frindleswylde’.

This half term in Mathematics, we have been recapping, learning and consolidating our knowledge on times tables. We have also been working on our multiplication skills including multiplying a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number, problem solving and finding patterns and connections between different tables to help us remember them.

In art, we have been learning about and creating our own mosaics in the style and patterns the Ancient Romans would have used. We used the colours that would have been available then.

Dates for the diary:

5th January: Return to school

Reminders

Please ensure that your child brings in their reading book and record every day and try to read at home and sign the record at least 3 times a week.

Year 4 PE sessions will be on Tuesday. Children will need to continue to come to school in their PE kits, children **WILL NOT** be changing at school. As it gets colder, please ensure your child has black jogging bottoms, a PE top and a black hooded top.

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

This term we will be learning.....

In the first half of the Spring term, we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons and the Vikings. We look forward to learning all about what life was like then.

In English, we will be reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes in which children will explore the devices of thrill and suspense leading to a mystery narrative by the end of the unit. We will then be reading 'Weslandia' by Paul Fleischman. We will base our non-chronological report on this book.

Our Science focus for the half term will be - States of matter. We will be looking at comparing and grouping materials depending on whether they are solid, liquid or gas. We will also investigate how materials change state when they are heated or cooled.

In Maths, we will be learning more about multiplication and division by focusing on the formal methods of calculating. We will then move on to finding the perimeter of shapes and lastly, start the topic on fractions.

We are practising times tables everyday in school.

We encourage children to learn their timetables at home and use Timetables Rockstars and to use the Multiplication Check at: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Regular revision and practice of times tables is key to learning and using them for quick calculations in maths.