

College Town Primary School



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Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half-term has been eventful! With the weather turning cold, we have enjoyed learning to dance and embraced the Christmas.

- In Maths, we finished our first unit of fractions which the children found challenging, but their perseverance and determination was pleasing to see. We have started our second multiplication and division unit and will continue with this after the holiday.
- In English, we have enjoyed learning about NACA and NASA. The children produced their badge at the start of every lesson to show that they were trainee members of NASA and could be trusted with “insider information.” The unit concluded with the children writing very informative fact files about NASAs Hidden Figures.
- In Science, children have been learning about Earth and Space. We have learnt about our Solar System; the rotation of the Earth causing day and night; and are looking forward to the visit by the planetarium next term.
- In Geography, children have learnt about North America – they found 23 countries on a map and explored their capital cities including the official languages, population and area. They looked at the various climate and time zones.
- In PE, the children we started the term with a visit from a dance teacher who taught us a street dance routine. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and it provided a positive starting point to the rest of our dance lessons.
- With Christmas around the corner we have been practicing and are ready to perform our Christmas Carols.

Dates for the Diary:

- Children return on Monday 5th January 2026
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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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Next half term in English we will be reading *Kaspar*, *Prince of Cats* and *Beowulf*, both by Michael Morpurgo, where we will be writing: Letters of advice, diaries, dialogue, character and setting descriptions, action scenes, obituaries.

In Maths, we will be continuing with multiplication and division. The first half will focus on securing the methods for multiplying four digit numbers by 1-, 2 and 3 digits and dividing 4 digit numbers by 1-digit. Please ensure that the children are practicing their times tables regularly as this will make this unit easier for them. We will then return to fractions before covering percentages and decimals.

In Guided Reading, Merlin will continue reading 'Skandar and the Unicorn Thief', Kestrels will be reading 'Tuck Everlasting'. 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. We will also be continuing with our popular fluency lessons in order to further develop the children's fluency and expression when reading.

Our Foundation Subject topics are:

- Science - Properties and their changes
- Art - Street art
- Computing - Programming
- History - Crime and punishment in different time periods of history
- R.E. - Christianity: How is the Bible interpreted by different Christians?

