

College Town Primary School



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Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

February 2026

We have had a very busy and exciting half-term in Year 3, packed with learning and new experiences!

Our journey began with a trip back in time to the Stone Age, where we explored what life was like during this fascinating period. We then progressed to learning about the Bronze and Iron Ages. To deepen our understanding, the children created their own Stone Age-inspired artwork, where they developed their sketching skills and experimented with charcoal.

In Science, we investigated rocks and soils. The children began by identifying and grouping different types of rocks before becoming paleontologists themselves! They had a wonderful time learning about fossils and how they are formed.

Our English lessons have been equally engaging. We read two fantastic books, *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* and *The Barnabus Project*. The children thoroughly enjoyed the variety of texts available and have developed their comprehension and writing skills through these engaging stories.

In Maths, our focus has been on multiplication and division. This topic has reinforced how important it is for children to continue practising their times tables at home. We encourage you to support your child in their learning by asking them quick-fire multiplication questions and encouraging them to use *Times Table Rockstars* regularly. We then moved on to cover Length and Perimeter, where we explored different units of measure and applied this practically by measuring objects around the classroom.

Top Tips for parents:

- Encourage your child to be reading at least 3 times a week. It is important you are hearing your child read and supporting their comprehension skills.
- Practice basic Maths skill such as telling the time, measurement and times tables.
- Children to practice typing on the computer, learning where the different keys are and how to change to caps lock.

Dates for the diary:

- **Monday 16th—Friday 20th February**
Half term
- **Monday 23rd February**
School starts
- **Friday 27th February**
Homework sent home
- **Thursday 5th March**
World Book Day
(information to follow)
- **Monday 16th—Thursday 19th March**
Book Fair (information to follow)
- **Friday 20th March**
Red Nose Day
(information to follow)
- **Friday 20th March**
Homework due back
- **Thursday 26th March**
Rocksteady concerts
- **Friday 27th March**
Last day of term
- **Monday 13th April**
First day of term

Reminders

Reading books and reading records should be in school every day. The children visit the library on a Friday afternoon and their books need to be with them each week to ensure they can be returned properly. Please make sure clothes are clearly named.

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

Photos from our learning this term



Next Term, we will learning about the United Kingdom for our Geography topic so it would be really useful if you could talk to your child about places that they have visited in the United Kingdom. Which parts of the United Kingdom have they visited? What differences are there between different parts of the United Kingdom. Science will focus on Forces. We will carry out experiments and think about different types of forces.

Our writing will be based on two books—'The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish' and 'The Zebra's Great Escape'. The theme of both books are hope, resilience, confidence and caution. We will be writing reports as well as a writing a narrative about a great escape. The books are always engaging and thought provoking and the children's writing reflects this. In Maths, we will be revisiting fractions, mass and capacity. The Term will end with an assessment of the children's learning this Spring Term.

Please support us by completing home-learning (especially Mymaths and Bug Club comprehension tasks). Regular use of the Rockstars programme will really support your child with all of their learning. By the end of Year 3, they should have a fast and fluent recall of times tables facts for the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables at the very least.