

# College Town Primary School

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## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter



February 2026

### 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

This half term in English, we started by reading ‘Kaspar, Prince of Cats’ by Michael Morpurgo. The children were fascinated by the Titanic and enjoyed doing their own research to find out more about what the Titanic was like and why it sank. We then read ‘Beowulf’ also by Michael Morpurgo, which is based on an ancient Anglo-Saxon poem. The children wrote their own kennings and then added another monster to the story.

At the start of this term, we had a visit by the Explorer Dome. The children enjoyed crawling into the dome, which was way bigger than it looked, and then seeing the planets projected on to the roof inside. They were taught about the constellations, as well as, shown how to find various constellations in the night sky.

This half term in Maths, we began the term with multiplication and division with greater numbers. We learnt how to do long multiplication and once again the children’s time table knowledge played a crucial role in their learning. Later on in the term, we moved onto learning about fractions and decimals.

In Science, we learnt about properties and changes of materials. We have been learning about materials and how changes can be made to them. We conducted several experiments to explore reversible and irreversible changes. The children made hypothesis and then made notes about their findings.

In History, we have enjoyed learning all about Crime and Punishment. The children were amazed at the different forms of punishment and were shocked that the people believed in the reliability of trial by ordeal.

### 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 coat every day.

Please ensure your child is completing their MyMaths homework each week.

Don’t forget to look at our school website and class pages for more information: [www.collegetownprimary.com](http://www.collegetownprimary.com)

## Spring 2

In English next half term, we will be reading 'The Odyssey' by Gillian Cross. We will use it as a stimulus to write: speeches (proclamation, persuasive, soliloquy), dialogue, missing scenes, postcards and adverts.

In Maths, we will be learning about perimeter, area and statistics and applying our knowledge to reasoning and problem solving questions. We will continue to practice our four-operations and times tables.

The focus of Science will be living things. This will involve children investigating life cycles and different types of reproduction in animals and plants. The children will be comparing local plants and animals to plants around the world.

In our other foundation lessons, the children will be learning about: Pets in Spanish; Tennis in PE; Christianity in R.E and making items with clay in Art.

