

College Town Primary School

“Be the best that you can be.”

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter



March 2026

In English this half term, we used a well known text to help inspire our writing. The text was -The Odyssey by Gillian Cross. Most of the children enjoyed the trials and challenges that were part of Odysseus' great Odyssey. We are looking forward to reading their final piece where they write their own Odyssey including their own monster and challenge.

In Maths, we initially learned about perimeter and area, we then covered statistics. The children read graphs, tables and two-way tables. We applied our knowledge to reasoning and problem-solving questions, using our knowledge to explain our working out.

The focus of Science was living things. This involved children investigating life cycles and different types of reproduction in animals and plants. The children also considered why plants grow in the environments that they do: how they are suited for their habitat.

In our other foundation lessons, the children learned about South Africa in Geography. We compared physical and human features in England and South Africa. We have been doing pets in Spanish, with the children confidently telling us what pets they have at home in Spanish. We will be finishing the term by making Greek style bowls out of clay in DT.

Dates for the Diary:

Friday 27th March

Last day of term
finish time 1.15pm

Swimming lessons

Monday 13th April—

Friday 24th April

Friday 24th April:

Homework sent out

Week commencing

Monday 18th May

Walk to School Week

Wednesday 3rd June

Class photos

Thursday 11th June

Trip to Englefield (further information to follow)

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 especially as the weather gets warmer. 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 and class pages for more information: www.collegetownprimary.com

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Next half term in Maths, we will be learning about 'shape' and 'position and direction' and then finally starting the topic of 'decimals'. We encourage the children to complete their MyMaths homework in order to consolidate what they learn in class.

In English, the children will get the opportunity to read some exciting new texts, including 'Freedom Bird' by Jerdine Nolen. This will lead to the children reading and writing narrative and non-narrative poems. After this, we will be reading 'Children of the Benin Kingdom' by Dina Orji, which we will use to write eye-witness reports, diaries and survival guides.

In Guided Reading lessons, the children will continue to answer a range of questions focusing on the key areas of: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanations, retrieval and summarizing.

PE will be swimming (in the first two weeks) in which children will aim towards being able to swim 25m unassisted. We will then learn about and play cricket for the rest of the term.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term!



