

College Town Primary School



“Be the best that you can be.”

Reception Curriculum Newsletter

May 2026

This half term our topic has been ‘Growing and Changing’. We have been looking at how animals and humans grow and change. We have had the opportunity to grow and care for our own sunflower seeds. We have been watching on daily basis how caterpillars have made a chrysalis before turning into butterflies. We loved learning about Stick Insects and different types of plants.

In English we have been working really hard on our letter formation and writing simple sentences. We have been using our phonics to help us. We have enjoyed learning stories about growing, our favourite being ‘The Tiny Seed’.

In Maths, we have been working with numbers up to 20. We have been counting forwards to 20 and backwards from 20. We have learnt how to build numbers to 20 using numicon to help us. We have ended the half term by looking at shape, we have been able to select, manipulate and rotate different shapes to make some fantastic shape pictures!

In our topic learning, we walked to St. George’s Church and learnt about the different features of a church. It was a tiring walk, but was very interesting.

Mrs Millgate, Mrs Faircloth and Miss Dyer



Dates for the diary:

Class photos: Wednesday
3rd June

Dragonfly Forest School starts week beginning 9th
June

Ladybird Forest School starts week beginning 23rd
June

Sports Day: Wednesday
24th June 10.15am

School Trip: Thursday 25th
June (more information to follow)

PTA Colour Run: Friday
10th July

Moving on afternoon:
Thursday 2nd July

End of term: Friday 17th
July

Reminders

As the weather continues to change, please provide a coat as well as a sun hat for your child as we go out in all weathers. Your child should bring a named water bottle to school every day so that they can stay hydrated. Thank you.

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

This term we will be learning.....

Our topic next half term is **Animals**. During this topic we will be looking at different animal groups and their habitats. We are very lucky to be going on a school trip to Beale Park to consolidate this learning.

In Literacy we will be continuing to be writing simple phrases. Each week we will write a sentence relating to the animal group we have been learning that week. The children have been working really hard with their writing so we are excited to see it develop further next half term. We will also be reading different stories each week relating to animals!

In Maths we will be developing our understanding of number. We will be exploring the concept of sharing and grouping before moving onto our unit 'visualise, map and build' where the children will be learning different map skills using positional language to help them. We will end the half term by looking at making connections where we will explore patterns and relationships.

Forest Schools will continue for each class. Please refer to the email sent regarding your child's day. They will be able to wear their forest school clothes into school on this day. Please also provide wellies for them to change into.

PE will continue to be on Friday's, please ensure your child is wearing black joggers, a white t-shirt, black jumper/hoodie and all black trainers.

