

College Town Primary School



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Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

May 2026

This term, the children in Year 1 have been so busy! We have enjoyed our DT topic where the children made their own smoothies, with firstly having to design and do tasting. Also, with our Science topic; learning all about plants and trees.

In English, the children have enjoyed reading ‘Lost and Found’ by Oliver Jeffers and ‘Yeti and the Bird’ by Nadia Shireen. We have explored how to use a variety of conjunctions and suffixes. We have written our own fact sheets about Antarctic animals and our own versions of a narrative about unlikely friendships.

In Mathematics, we finished our unit on multiplication and division where we looked at sharing and grouping and using our knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to help us. We have now started to look at fractions. We have learnt how to find a half and a quarter of shapes and different amounts and understood that a fraction is an equal part of a whole.

In Topic, the children have been learning about how explorers have changed the world. They focused on four famous explorers and compared what they had achieved and how. We also learnt about their mode of transport and how this may have changed over time.

DT this term has allowed the children to explore different fruits by tasting, the children then designed their own smoothie flavor before following all of the steps to safely create their own delicious smoothies. We learned more about what the difference is between a fruit and a vegetable, and where both fruits and vegetables grow.

We spoke about David Attenborough and his 100th birthday, the children enjoyed watching videos of him when he was younger and discovering all of the animals he has worked alongside.

Kind regards,

Miss Benn and Miss Holloway

Dates for the Diary:

Hedgehog class assembly:
Wednesday 20th May 9am

Rabbit class assembly:
Thursday 21st May 9am

Term begins: Monday 1st
June

Class photos: Wednesday 3rd
June

Phonics screening: w/b 8th
June

Sports Day: 24th June from
1:15pm

School Trip to Wisley: Friday
26th June

PTA Colour Run: Friday 10th
July

End of Term: Friday 17th July

PE day: Friday

Reading books due in every
day

Reminders

Now the weather is starting to warm up, please remember to send your child in with a water bottle. On PE days, please ensure they are wearing the correct PE uniform. 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:
www.collegetownprimary.com/ for any updates.

The next half-term we will be learning:

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In Maths we will be consolidating our knowledge of place value, but this time working with numbers to 100. We will then move on to learn about time and money.

In English our learning will centre around the books, 'Dinosaurs and all that rubbish' by Michael Foreman, and 'The Magic Bed' by John Burningham. We will enjoy making our own leaflets, instructions and describing the setting. We will also be writing our own fantasy stories, developing our skills by writing lists and describing settings.

In Science we will be visiting Wisley to support our previous learning about plants and our final topic is to investigate science through stories, where the children will be building an animal home using natural materials, grouping birds by their diet and testing materials to see how waterproof they are.

For PHSE our topic will be Economic Well-Being. As well as having a transition lesson getting us prepared for year 2.

Our Geography topic will be What's it like to live in Shanghai. We will look at maps, identify and sort human and physical features, use atlases and world maps. We will also be comparing Shanghai to our local area.

In RE, this term we will look at the core beliefs in Christianity, in particular how we are taught to care for our world.

