

College Town Primary School



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Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

May 2026

What a busy half term this has been! The children have been working really hard and we are very impressed with their learning and their attitude too school, as well as, to their friends and teachers.

English

Writing: In English, the children have read some exciting new texts, including ‘Freedom Bird’ by Jerdine Nolen. This has led to the children creating short narrative poems and a bibliography. After this, we read ‘Children of the Benin Kingdom’ by Dina Orji. Children then wrote non-chronological reports as the writing outcome. They have been working on their handwriting and this is evident in the neat presentation of their work.

Maths

This half term in Maths, we began the term with shape, looking at angles and how to use a protractor. Then, we moved on to position and direction, learning how to translate and reflect shapes on a grid with co-ordinates. We have just finished decimals, this involved adding and subtracting decimals within 1. It is wonderful to see the children tackling all maths tasks with enthusiasm and determination.

Topic

This term in History, we have been learning about the Ancient Greeks and the impact they have had on life today. The children have learnt about Greek society and the development of democracy. We compared democracy in England today with the democracy in Sparta and Athens.

Science

This term in Science, we have been learning about properties of materials. We had a lot of fun experimenting to see the hardness of various objects around the class. We also used a light meter to see how the light varied in various places in the classroom. The highlights were the experiments to see how heat was conducted in various metals and to use various materials to see which would be the best insulators for our hot drinks.

PE

In PE, we started off with two weeks of swimming lessons. These were enjoyed by all the children and it was a pleasure to hand out the certificates that the children had earned. After that, we turned our hand to cricket. The children learnt to bat and bowl and enjoyed the game of continuous cricket to practice their skills. Next term, we will start practicing for Sports Day—the lines are already painted and some children have already started to use them during playtime.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and get lots of rest!

Dates for the diary:

- **Monday 1st June**— term begins
- **Wednesday 3rd June**—class photos
- **Thursday 11th June**—trip to Englefield
- **Monday 22nd June**—Sparrowhawk class trumpet assembly 9.15am
- **Thursday 25th June**—Sports Day 1.15pm
- **Monday 29th June**— Kestrel class trumpet assembly 9.15am
- **Thursday 9th July**— Taster Day at Sandhurst School
- **Friday 10th July**— PTA Colour Run
- **Friday 17th July**— End of Term

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 correct PE kit. Wearing sunscreen is strongly

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

Next term, Year 5 will be learning...

Next half term in Maths, we will be learning about 'negative numbers, conversions and volume. We will also be doing some consolidation to ensure that the children feel confident with the concepts taught this year. We encourage the children to complete their MyMaths homework in order to consolidate what they learn in class.

In English, the children will be reading 'High Rise Mystery' by Sharna Jackson. This exciting adventure story will engage the children and encourage them to write extended stories focusing on: Character & setting descriptions, police & newspaper report, dialogue and persuasive letters. We will finish the year with 'The Whale' by Ethan and Vita Murrow.

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 practicing for sports day and working on our fitness.

We are looking forward to our visit to Englefield Estate in June hopefully we will have some lovely weather to add to the excitement of the day.

Summer 2 is sure to be another busy and exciting term and we are looking forward to our last term with your children in Year 5!

