



# Fleet Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to back to school! I hope you enjoyed the summer holiday. I am so looking forward to working with this class, seeing them overcome challenges and flourish at the top of the school.

Our first topic this year is 'City of Stars' a performing arts-based topic taking us back in time and across our wonderful city of London. We have so many exciting things to learn about and the children are already very engaged, particularly in the idea of learning about many of the aspects of showmanship!

To kick off our new Topic, alongside our normal topic letter we will also be sending home a 'Topic snapshot'. This snapshot should be a useful introduction to the key learning throughout this term. It would be great if you could discuss the key facts with your child and help them to become familiar with the vocabulary etc. You could keep it on the fridge to refer back to their learning throughout this term!

Our 'City of Stars' topic combines elements of History and Geography with the performing arts such as Dance, Drama and Art, in a really exciting way. We will be delving back in time to Shakespearian London and exploring historical landmarks in our city. We will learn about similarities and differences in how people were entertained back then, compared to now. We will find out about key figures who have influenced entertainment throughout history and create our own healthy movie snacks in DT. We will be inviting some professionals from the creative arts industry to come and talk to us about their careers.

In English, we are starting our topic with 'Old Possum's book of Practical Cats', combining elements of music and drama with our poetic writing. This will be followed by writing time travel stories based on 'King of Shadows' by Susan George. We will be learning about Shakespearian tales, leading on to our own play script writing, giving the reader an insight into the characters through stage directions, later this term. We will explore themes, setting, character and events through drama and role play. We will be learning how to research key figures and develop our non-fiction writing through biographies and autobiographies.

In Maths, we will continue to follow the National Mathematics Framework, building on understanding of written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, so that the children can solve problems using larger numbers and multiple steps. We will be continuing developing our reasoning in mathematics this term, proving our answers and applying knowledge in different contexts. We will continue to revise and cement our times tables, playing games and carrying out regular speed tests.

This term the children will be creating various art, linking with our Science and our theatrical topic. We will explore known shadow artists and how they create their pieces and then create our own. We will

also be exploring using different medium to make artworks linked with our topic, such as set design and costume design.

In Science we will be looking at Electricity and Light. We will explore different types of circuits and the use of different voltages. The children will be applying their knowledge to electrical investigations and designing, building and evaluating their own miniature shadow theatres, with a puppet display to perform play scripts they will have written.

In Music this term, the children will be learning songs that relate to our 'City of Stars' topic. They will be developing their composition skills creating soundtracks. In computing lessons the children will be working on film music and podcasts. This will be supported by a trip to the CLC.

In Religious Education we will be exploring the Bible, as part of our work on Christianity. We will be finding out the key messages, why it is important to people and how different people use the Bible in their lives. In P.S.H.E we will be thinking about what makes a good friend and citizen, then moving on to explore the importance of positive body image.

In P.E. children will be doing games with their coach.

Home learning will be ongoing in year 6. Please do support your child to remember and to complete their home learning on Seesaw and Mathletics. I will set home learning on Fridays and it will need to be completed by the following Thursday evening. The children are still expected to read at home, a minimum of 3 times per week. This should be acknowledged by signing in reading diaries.

Year 6 will have great adult support this term too. I will be teaching Monday –Wednesday plus Friday afternoons. Holly Kingham will be teaching Thursdays and Friday mornings. During the mornings, Jo and Lara will be in class, whilst Shae and Mimosa will be with us in the afternoons.

## Some important dates

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September- Class meeting @6.30pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Year 6 class tea

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Half term begins

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Secondary School applications close today

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Visit to Gospel Oak Methodist Church

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Cinema Trip to Vue Islington

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Trip to Wilton's Music Hall

I will keep you updated as early as possible with dates for trips.

If you would like to discuss anything with me, please do not hesitate to contact me or come in for an informal chat after school. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Lynley Benbetka and the Year 6 team

