



# Fleet Primary School

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## Year 4 Topic Letter – Autumn Term 2025

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September 2025

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fun and relaxing summer.

I'm excited to introduce our new topic this term: **"Romans, Rebels and Gruesome Gladiators"**. This history-based topic will explore the expansion of the Roman Empire, its arrival in Britain and the legacy it left behind.

### **English**

To bring our topic to life, we will be using two engaging texts. We'll begin in 60 CE with *Queen of Darkness*, a fictional retelling of Boudicca's rebellion against the Romans. Through this text, the children will write in a range of genres, including diary entries, persuasive speeches, poetry, and a biography. Later in the term, we will explore Roman mystery stories and the children will have the chance to create their own. We will end the term by reading *Vita and the Gladiator*, during which the children will write a script for a scene, debate the morals of gladiator fighting, develop a balanced argument, and create their own myths inspired by Roman culture.

### **History**

In history, we will focus on the impact of the Roman Empire on Britain. We'll explore what Britain was like before the Romans, how the Roman army supported the Empire's expansion, how and why Britain became part of the Empire, and what daily life in Roman Britain was like.

### **Maths**

In maths, we'll follow the National Curriculum. This term's key areas include: place value, addition and subtraction, measurement, and multiplication and division.

By the end of the year, it's important that your child has a secure understanding of all times tables up to  $12 \times 12$ . This not only helps them solve more complex problems but also builds their confidence.

### **Science**

We'll begin the term with a unit on sound, investigating how sound travels, pitch, and volume. After half term, we'll move on to states of matter, learning about solids, liquids, and gases through practical investigations and experiments.

### **Art and D.T.**

Our art and D.T. lessons will link closely with both our English and history learning. Some of our projects include: painting portraits of Boudicca, designing and making Roman chariots, making ceramics and baking bread.

### **R.E.**

In R.E. this term, we will be learning about **Christianity**, with a focus on the importance of the **Bible** and **Easter**.

## **PE**

This half term, PE will take place on Mondays. After half term, it will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure your child comes to school in suitable PE kit: shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms, a t-shirt, and trainers.

Swimming will start this term. Year 4 have their first session on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of October and will swim every afternoon for two weeks at Kentish Town Baths. More information will be sent in a separate letter.

## **Music**

This year, the children have the fantastic opportunity to begin trumpet and trombone lessons. Each child will be lent an instrument for the next two years and can take it home to practise. Just 15 minutes of daily practice can lead to great progress and allows the class to learn more complex and exciting pieces.

## **Home learning**

- Maths homework will usually be set on **Mathletics** and needs to be completed online.
- Times Table Rockstars for 5 minutes 4 times a week
- Weekly spelling list
- Children are expected to read for around **15 minutes daily** and record what they have read in the back of their reading diary, ready for it to be signed in school.

Homework is due **each Friday morning**.

Please ensure your child brings their **reading book and reading diary** to school every day in a **book bag**.

## **Important Dates**

30<sup>th</sup> of September: Keats Community Library Visit  
6-17<sup>th</sup> of October: Swimming at Kentish Town Pool  
24<sup>th</sup> of October: Class Assembly  
11<sup>th</sup> of November: Keats Community Library Visit  
19<sup>th</sup> of November: KS2 Open Morning  
CLC date TBC  
British museum date TBC

In addition to this topic letter, you will receive a '*Topic Snapshot*'. This snapshot should be a useful guide 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 content and vocabulary.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,  
Asha Sale