



# Fleet Primary School

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## Year 5 Topic Letter – Summer Term 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families had a restful and fun Easter break. Our topic this term is 'Raiders and Invaders'. In this history-based topic, we will be studying the life and times of the Vikings.

First, we will become 'Viking Voyagers', learning about when and where the Vikings lived, why they decided to voyage to other countries and how they did so. We will learn about their impressive longships and imagine what it would have been like to travel on the turbulent North Sea, leading to us writing poems describing this. We'll also create some stormy sea collages depicting the voyage.

We will then become 'Raiders and Invaders', learning about famous Viking raids on England: how they attacked, the weapons they used and the impact of this on England. In particular, we'll learn about the raid at Lindisfarne and write in-role letters and a newspaper report on the event. However, it's not all blood and gore – we'll study how and where the Vikings settled in England and what their lifestyle was like. This will include studying Viking artefacts and learning about Viking longhouses, food, clothing, trades and religion. We will compare this with the Anglo-Saxon way of life. The epic poem Beowulf will be a key text, giving us an insight in to life at that time, Anglo-Saxon myth writing and inspiring us in our writing. After this, we will learn about King Alfred the Great's impact on the Vikings, the Battle of Hastings and the decline of Viking rule as well as their lasting impact.

Our first science focus this term is 'Living things and their habitats' – exploring the life cycles of plants, mammals, birds, insects and amphibians. Then, we will look at 'Animals including humans' – learning about the changes in the human body from birth to old age, including puberty. Puberty is taught sensitively in line with the Science and P.S.H.E. curriculum.

In maths, we will follow the National Curriculum, focusing on the objectives below. Along with securing calculation skills, the development of reasoning and problem-solving skills will be embedded into lessons. By the beginning of Year 5, **children are expected to know all multiplication and related division facts up to 12 x 12**. We work on these in school, but if your child is unsure on them, please support them to practise these facts at home too to ensure they can access the Year 5 curriculum. Times Tables Rock stars is a great resource to support this.

Summer term Maths objectives:

- Measure – area
- Decimal place value up to 3 decimal places
- Decimal-percentage-fraction equivalence
- 4 operations including scaling, ratio, multi-step problems, measure)
- Geometry – angles
- Geometry – position and direction
- Fractions as numbers – adding, subtracting and multiplying
- Statistics

The children will continue to learn brass this term. Please encourage them to practise regularly at home and they must remember their instrument and music folder every Thursday. We'll also have twice weekly P.E. sessions, on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child is dressed in suitable clothing on those days to enable them to fully participate in a vital part of the curriculum.

Your child should bring their reading diary and a suitable reading book into school every day and take it home every evening so they can read at home and record it in their diary. They should be reading for around 15 minutes at home every day and there will be a weekly task set for them to complete in their reading diary.

They should also be completing a 10 minute session on Times Tables Rock Stars at least 4 times a week (log in details same as for Mathematics. Please ask if you need them).

Home learning will be set every Friday and due in the following Thursday. It will usually cover a maths objective reflecting that week's learning. Your child should be able to complete their home learning independently.

**Here are some suggestions of activities and resources to support your child's learning at home:**

- Practice key maths skills, spelling, grammar and punctuation using [www.discoveryeducation.com](http://www.discoveryeducation.com). Go to 'log in' in the top right-hand corner, select 'espresso' and log in with the details: **Username: student21013; password: fleetp**. From the home page you can navigate to a range of activities under the 'Key Stage 2' tab.
- Use [www.mathletics.com](http://www.mathletics.com) to access activities and explanatory videos of all areas of the maths curriculum. Their log in details are stuck in the front cover of their Home Learning Journals. Also, Times Table Rock Stars: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school>
- Ensure your child is reading every day and that they read a range of genres. Discuss the characters, plots and language used in their books. Reading does really support writing and help to expand their vocabulary and range of ideas.
- Test your child on their spellings (found in their home learning journals) a few times every week and go over previously learnt ones regularly. If you notice your child struggling with particular words, focus on practising these too.

If you would like to discuss anything with me, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school email [admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk). Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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