

# Year 4 Curriculum Overview

## Autumn term 2019

### Class 4B, 4J and 4R



This information tells you what your child will be learning this term in school. We really value your support and the help that you can give your child with their learning.

These are some of the things you can do:

#### Take them to the library

Find information from the internet on the topics they are studying

Please refer to our Home Learning Page for more ways to support your child's learning at home -

<https://www.colindale.barnet.sch.uk/learning/home-learning/>

Help your child to learn spellings and times tables

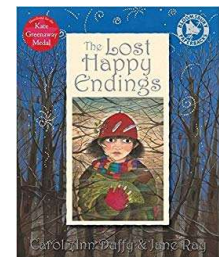
Read with your child everyday

Help them to make sure they have everything they need in school on the right day

## The curriculum

#### Our focus this term in English:

- 'The Lost Happy Ending'- descriptive fantasy story to use as a model for writing their own story.
- Newspapers and Magazines – Creating a news article about a Roman event.
- Creating their own fantasy/adventure stories for their class animations.
- Plays – Reading, writing and performing play scripts.



#### In Maths we will be learning to:

- Add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits, using the formal written methods of column addition and subtraction where appropriate.
- Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation.
- Solve addition and subtraction two step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.



#### The topic in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of term is the Romans:

- In **History** we will be learning about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain, contrasting Ancient Roman times with present day and looking at the power of the Roman army and Boudicca's rebellion.
- In **Geography** we will be locating the Roman Empire and developing our map reading skills using globes, atlases and maps.
- In **Science** we will be learning about how sound is made and received by the ear.
- In **Art** we will be developing our collage skills with a range of collage techniques such as tearing, overlapping and layering, to create images and represent textures.
- In **RE**, we will be learning about the places of worship for Christianity, Islam and Buddhism and activities that occur there.
- In **Music** we will be learning to sing with expression and use repeated patterns in rhythms.
- In **PSHCE** we will be learning about different types of relationships- e.g. friendships, family, neighbours, and developing their vocabulary to describe their emotions



- In **Spanish** we will be learning numbers to 30 and body parts
- In **computing** we will be using Scratch to learn basic coding
- In **PE** we will be developing longer, more complex dance phrases



**The topic in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of term is Lights, Camera, Action!**

- In **Science** we will be learning about electricity and how to make an electrical circuit to light a bulb, using a switch.
- In **Art/DT** we will be creating a 3D scene using plasticine, cardboard, paper and other media, including electricity
- In **Computing** we will have a visiting animation specialist using 'I stop Motion' programming with voice recordings to re-enact children's stories. Completed work will be published on You Tube
- In **Music** we will be learning to recognise and identify instruments, numbers of instruments and voices being played and create sound effects for animations.
- In **PSHCE** we will be learning about paying for goods in a range of ways and how to keep simple financial records; making choices on spending and saving.
- In **Spanish** we will be learning numbers from 31-100, dates and Christmas vocabulary.
- **RE** as above
- In **PE** we will extend dance sequences and suggest how performances can be improved



**Other information**

Swimming:  
 4B- Wednesday  
 4J-Friday  
 4R-Wednesday

PE:  
 4B-Wednesday  
 4J-Monday  
 4R-Wednesday

Please send your child's PE and swimming kits in on a Monday and they will be sent home once they are finished with.

**Class assemblies**

- 4B: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- 4J: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May
- 4R: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Trips & visitors**

Over the year we will be taking the children on a range of trips and inviting visitors into school, to enrich their experiences. The total cost will be approximately £30 for the year. When taking the children out of school we rely on parental help. We will inform you of any trips in advance and all the dates will be on the school calendar which can be accessed on the website. This term we take the children on the **8<sup>th</sup> October to Verulamium**, a Roman Museum, and later in the term we will visit **the Tate Exhibition on the 26<sup>th</sup> November** and we also have an **animation project** involving animation workshops.



We are looking forward to having a productive and enjoyable year with you and your child. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year Four team.

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