

Year 4 Curriculum Overview

Spring term 2019

Class 4J, 4M & 4R



This leaflet tells you what your child will be learning this term. We really value 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 regularly so they have a wider choice of books to read and look out for books about this term's topic

Find information from the internet about the topic we are learning

Help your child to practise all their times tables regularly

Help your child to learn spellings given to them.

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home every day for 15 – 20 minutes, and try to come to *Everyone Reads* every Friday to share a book with them.

Support them to be independent and make sure they have everything they need in school on the right day e.g. their PE and swimming kits, homework.

The curriculum:

ENGLISH

We will be reading and writing a range of Viking stories and texts such as:

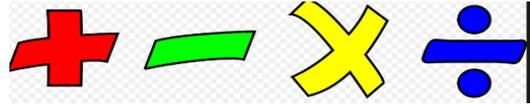
- Versions of Beowulf, a Viking saga;
- Saxon Kennings
- Explanation texts on mythical Norse creatures
- Norse stories of God and Goddesses and their powers
- Writing letters of persuasion



We will be continuing with the *No Nonsense* Spelling Programme. Spellings are sent every two weeks. Children will be practising spelling patterns and will be tested on these fortnightly.

There will be regular handwriting sessions, following the school's handwriting policy.

MATHS:



These are the objectives we will be covering this term:

- Place value
- Multiplication and division- problem solving
- Times tables up to 12x12 (and the division facts);
- Fractions- recognise and show common equivalent fractions;
- Counting up and down in tenths and hundredths, including decimals in money;

TOPIC – Raiders

We will be learning about Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, including:

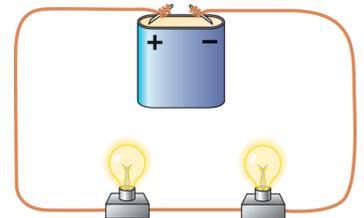
Topic (History, Geography, Art and Design and Technology):

- Viking Raids and invasion;
- Alfred the Great, first King of England;
- Anglo Saxons law and justice;
- Designing, making and evaluating different types of chariots used by the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons;
- Naming and locating counties and cities of the United Kingdom;
- Geographical regions and their characteristics such as hills, mountains, coasts and rivers;
- How the land has been used during this time and how this has changed;
- Using maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries.



Science:

- Learning about electricity, circuits and light;
- Living things in their habitat;
- Exploring classification and keys.



PSHCE:

- Health and wellbeing, the environment and attitudes to substances such as drugs, alcohol and tobacco

RE:

- Islam
- Buddhism



PE:

- Gymnastics;

Spanish:

- Geography vocabulary in Spanish (describing flags, names of different countries and nationalities.)



Music:

- Ukulele in the second half term.

Other information:

PE & Swimming:

Each class will continue to have 1 session of PE and 1 session of swimming per week:

Swimming:

4R- Friday

4M-Wednesday

4J-Wednesday

PE:

4R-Monday

4M-Wednesday

4J-Wednesday

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

Please ensure that your child reads every day. Also, please check your child's book bag daily for letters and information from school and the school website <https://www.colindale.barnet.sch.uk/>

English, Maths and Topic homework will be given out every Thursday and collected in on Tuesday.

Assemblies:

4J: Friday 5th April

4M: Friday 29th March

4R: Friday 3rd May

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

Mr Jesani, Miss Mohamed Miss Robinson or Mrs Averbrook, Assistant Head for Years 3 & 4.