

Broke Hall Primary School

Year 4 Newsletter Summer 2026

This term our geography unit is titled *Reduce, Reuse and Recycle*. We will learn about our carbon footprints and look at ways in which we can contribute towards a more sustainable environment. During the second half of the term, our learning will turn to *The Tudors* where we will discover what Ipswich was like during Tudor times and learn some fascinating facts about Ipswich, such as how *Wolsey Street* got its name and where some of the oldest buildings in Ipswich are located. Our science topic this term is *electricity*, which will see us explore how electrical circuits work and where our electricity comes from. We will have a chance to build circuits of our own and learn how switches can control the flow of electrical current.

Multiplication Check

This term the children will complete the *National Multiplication Table Check (MTC)*. There will be lots of opportunities for them to practise their times tables in school but any additional support from home would be gratefully received. We continue to encourage the children to engage with *Times Table Rock Stars*; we would suggest they pay particular attention to the *Sound Check* mode, which emulates the format of MTC, making it an ideal practice tool.

Reading at Home

Reading is a vital part of your child's learning so it is important that they read regularly at home, as well as in school. We ask for the children to read at least 4 times each week and for this to be recorded in their *Reading Records*.

Music

In music the children will continue to learn how to play the ukulele. They will have a music lesson each week (on Tuesday) so it is important that they remember to bring their instrument into school.



Whole Class Reading

4C are reading *Viking Voyagers*, 4LR are reading *Peter Pan* and 4SR are reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Each class will explore their book through various activities including art, drama and role play as well as listening to the teacher read and echo reading. We are sure that the children will thoroughly enjoy their books this term.

P.E.

P.E. will now take place on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit, with their usual school jumper. They can also bring a different pair of trainers to change into, as we will be using the field for some of our learning in PE. If your child has earrings, we ask that they either take them out at home or bring microporous tape (or similar) to cover them.

Lackford Lakes

As part of our learning in science, we will be visiting *Lackford Lakes* nature reserve in June to study habitats. Further information on this trip will follow in due course.