

# **Broke Hall Primary School**

## **Year 4 Newsletter Autumn 2023**

The children have all made a positive start to Year 4 and we are looking forward to a great year together. This term our history and geography learning is linked to Anglo-Saxons. As part of our learning, we will be visiting West Stow Anglo-Saxon village (details to follow in a separate letter). Along with the historical content, this theme will also cover aspects of geography, English and design and technology. Our science focus during this half term is states of matter. We will be learning about the properties of materials and looking at changes in state. We will also be learning about sound in the second half of the term, considering how sounds are made, how we hear and how sounds can be changed.

### **English**

We will be looking at writing adventure stories, persuasive writing and compiling newspaper reports linked to our history focus.

### **Trips**

We will be visiting West Stow this term. More details to follow soon.



### **Maths**

We will be looking at place value, strategies for calculating addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and the application of these in relation to problem solving. Each week your child will be tested on the multiplication tables we have been learning in class. Please encourage your child to practise these by using Times Tables Rockstars.



### **Art**

A reminder that children should have an old shirt or an art apron to keep in school for art activities. This needs to be named.

### **P.E. and Games**

P.E. and Games will take place on a Tuesday (outdoors) and a Thursday (indoors). Please ensure your child brings in a named P.E. kit on these days and some warm kit for outside. We also ask that earrings are not worn on these days. If earrings do need to be worn then the children need to bring in tape to cover them.

### **Homework**

Homework is an important part of your child's learning. They will also receive a piece of homework every two weeks. These will be set on a Tuesday and handed in on a Monday.

These homework tasks will be related to our learning in either English, Maths or our foundation subject learning. (Log in details for Times Tables Rockstars and Accelerated Reader are in your child's reading record).



### **Reading**

Please encourage your child to read at least 5 times a week and record this in their reading record. This will be checked once a week. This can be recorded by an adult or by the child themselves. At least 3 entries per week should be signed by an adult.

### **Well-being week**

From the 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September we celebrated well-being week in school. During this week, the children have had the opportunity to reflect upon both their physical and mental health. Why not ask them to share their highlights from this week with you?

### **Presentation**

As a whole school we are working to improve the presentation of work. Please encourage this in your child's homework tasks.