

KEY VOCABULARY

invade	To enter a country and occupy it
settle	To move to and live in a new country
conquest	Gaining control of a country through force
Scandinavia	Norway, Sweden and Denmark. The countries the Vikings sailed from before settling in Britain.
hoard	A collection of valuable objects usually discovered by archaeologists.
century	A time period of one hundred years
solid	A substance that keeps its shape and is not liquid or gas.
liquid	A substance like water or oil that flows freely but has a constant volume.
gas	A substance that can move freely and is not a liquid or solid at ordinary temperatures.
reversible	A physical change that can be turned in the opposite direction.
evaporation	A change from liquid into steam or vapour.
solution	A liquid in which something is dissolved.
suspension	A liquid containing small pieces of solid material which do not dissolve.

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Welcome back to school and welcome to Year 5!

The teaching staff and children are all enjoying getting to know each other and are excited about the year ahead.

This term, PE lessons will be on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child comes dressed in their Sherwood PE tracksuit (please bring shorts too) each Tuesday.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate in contacting Mr Stanton or Mrs Holt on the playground or via the Year 5 email at

year5@sherwood.lancs.sch.uk.

KEY KNOWLEDGE

This term the children will be following the following topics:

Science – The children will be learning about Materials and their properties. We will look at how we can identify materials based on properties such as hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets.

History – We are excited to be learning all about the Vikings this half term. We will be studying their chronological place in history, their invasion and settlement in Britain, and many of the key events and people from this time period.

RE – Our topic this term is Christianity, and our key question is 'Why is it sometimes difficult to do the right thing?'

PSHE – Our topics are 'Managing online information' and 'Self image and identity'.

THIS HALF TERM WE ARE READING

In the Autumn term, the children will be immersed in various legends before writing their own based on **The Legend of Geleert**. Alongside this, we will be reading our class text – **Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo**.

As part of their homework, children should be encouraged to read each evening. The children still need to read to an adult to help with comprehension skills but can also read independently to broaden their vocabulary.

Please record the reading in the home school diary each day, and sign the diary weekly.

SPELLING FOCUS

Alongside our Words of the Week, the children will be focusing on the following rules.

rule/suffix	examples
/ough/ words	enough, cough, bough,
Words with silent letters	island, solemn, autumn, whistle, doubt
Words ending in -ible or -able	possible, edible, adorable, forgivable, reversible.
Homophones	aloud/allowed, affect/effect, herd/heard

KEY MATHS SKILLS

This half term the children will be developing their skills in the following maths units:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction (to include mental strategies).
- Statistics
- Geometry

The children will also continue to look to consolidate their Multiplication facts recall. We will start looking at the inverse and also extending their recall into decimal multiplications.