

KEY VOCABULARY

invade	To enter by force in order to conquer.
settlement	A group of people living together in a village, town, city.
Anglo-Saxon	A group of people from Northern Europe who settled in England during the 5 th century.
vibrate	To shake rapidly.
sound wave	A wave of pressure transmitted through the air and any material to make a sound.
ear	The organ of hearing.
pitch	How high or low a sound is.
loch	A Scottish lake.
submersible	a small submarine for exploration
hoax	deliberately trying to trick or deceive
fake	not real
skeptic	Someone that does not believe something.

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Welcome back to school – it is wonderful to see the children so ready for learning with huge smiles on their faces! The children have responded brilliantly to our new routines.

P.E

P.E sessions will take place on Fridays, therefore the children will need to arrive in school in their school tracksuit, with their white Sherwood t-shirt and blue shorts underneath. Please ensure all items of clothing be named.

Homework

Instructions for homework activities will continue to be uploaded to our school website every Friday (to be completed by Wednesday the following week). There will be a variety of tasks, some of which will be completed on-line and others in their homework books, or CGP Maths and Grammar books. Clear instructions will be included in the weekly homework plan on the school website.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Billington, or Miss Terrell, alternatively you can email us at year4@sherwood.lancs.sch.uk.

KEY KNOWLEDGE

In Science, Year 4 will be learning about Sound. They will explore sounds and what is vibrating to make the sound.

In History, the children will explore what happened in Britain after the Romans had left. They will learn about the invasion and settlement of the Anglo-Saxons and Scots in Britain, and what it was like to live in an Anglo-Saxon village.

For full details, please see the Year 4 Curriculum booklet on the school website [please click here](#).

THIS HALF TERM WE ARE READING

This half term, Year 4 will be writing a magazine article about the Loch Ness Monster, and then reading *The Treasure of the Loch Ness Monster* as a model for an adventure story. We will also be reading a selection of magazine articles and adverts to discover their features.

We encourage you to read regularly with your child and sign the home school diary. We encourage the children to discuss, re-read for fluency and explore the new vocabulary before changing the book.

SPELLING FOCUS

rule	examples
Words ending 'sure'	treasure pleasure measure
Homophones	peace/ piece there/their/they're where/were/we're
Apostrophes for contractions & plural possession	won't, aren't, she'll children's, boys'

KEY MATHS SKILLS

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

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- 2D shape
- Length & perimeter
- Statistics

The focus on times tables knowledge in Year 4 will be a high priority and children will receive weekly multiplication activities. Children will receive a range of homework based on the learning taking place within the classroom.