



Year 5

This week's learning at School and Home

Monday 12th January – Friday 16th January 2026



English

Topic: Beowulf

Lesson 1: To use superlatives to create heroic dialogue.

Lesson 2: To use evidence from the text to infer meaning, explain the author's choices and summarise key events.

Lesson 3: To use figurative noun phrases to describe.

Lesson 4: To write a recount of the battle with Grendel from the viewpoint of a bard, using adventurous language.

Lesson 5: To use adverbials to write in role.

Useful Links: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn>

Key Vocabulary: superlatives, dialogue, role, evidence, inference, summarise, key events, figurative, noun phrase, abstract noun, summary, passage, recount, viewpoint, bard, expanded noun phrase, language, narrator.

Maths

Topic: Division and Fractions

Lesson 1: To use the most efficient method to solve problems with multiplication and division.

Lesson 2: To multiply a unit fraction by an integer.

Lesson 3: To multiply a non-unit fraction by an integer.

Lesson 4: To multiply mixed number fractions by an integer.

Lesson 5: To calculate a fraction of a quantity.

Useful Links: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhdwxnb>

Key Vocabulary: informal method, formal method, efficient, problem solve, remainder, unit fraction, integer, simplify, represent, non-unit, repeated addition, multiply, denominator, pictorial, mixed number.

Science

Topic: Properties of Materials

Lesson: To understand how materials can be used to insulate.

Useful Links: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/z94j2v4>

Key Vocabulary: insulator, conductor, thermal, material.

History

Topic: The Vikings

Lesson: To understand what the way of life was like for the Vikings in their homeland and reach valid conclusions about why they wanted to leave.

Useful Links: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6>

Key Vocabulary: causes, raider, settler, invader.

PSHE

Topic: Keeping Myself Safe

Lesson: To explore what a habit is.

Useful Links: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/cqvpy0867zt>

Key Vocabulary: healthy lifestyle, addiction, smoking, drugs.

General Reminders

- PE (outdoors) takes place every Tuesday. Pupils arrive in their PE kit on this day.
- PE (indoors) takes place every Thursday. Pupils arrive in their PE kit on this day.
- Reminder that earrings should not be worn on PE days, or alternatively tape should be placed on top of this at home.

Celebration names

- **Willow Class:** Max, for his fantastic role-model behaviour and the enthusiasm he has shown across all areas of learning this week.
- **Yew Class:** Lucas, for your wonderful responses and engagement during our Music lesson this week. Well done!
- **Pine Class:** Mia, for her hard work in Music this week, using technical vocabulary to describe how a piece of music linked to colours.
- **Elder Class:** Nilay, for producing a brilliantly creative and artistic mood board about Viking puppets.



Pickhurst Academy Homework Expectations Year Group 5



Subject	Frequency	Expectations for Child	Parent Support/Advice
Maths TTRS (TimesTables Rock Stars) <i>Online</i>	Daily/Weekly	Recommendation is for 10 minutes per day or one hour per week if consolidating.	Encourage independence, support if/when needed.
MyMaths <i>Online</i>	Set weekly (compulsory)	Complete assigned task which is set on a Friday. Complete by following Friday.	Encourage independence, support if/when needed.
Spellings <i>Listed on Google Classroom</i>	Set weekly (compulsory)	Daily practice, approx. 10 minutes. Practice spelling words and using them in a sentence.	Encourage, daily practice. Dictate sentences.
Reading <i>"Real Book", keep in school bag</i>	10 minutes a day (compulsory)	Take a book home from school to read for pleasure. Children should read every day either to themselves or an adult.	Please listen to your child read at least once a week and comment in the record book using the comment bank to help (see reading record book or scan the QR code).
Writing	Half termly task (set every half term, compulsory)	Complete writing task in book, approx. 30 minutes.	Encourage independence, support when needed.
Projects for foundation subjects, e.g. history, science	Half termly (optional)	Optional to complete. However, finished projects will be placed on display around the school.	Encourage independence, support when needed.

Pickhurst Academy Year 5 spellings (Spring 1)

	WC 05.01.26 Tested 09.01.26	WC 12.01.26 Tested 16.01.25	WC 19.01.26 Tested 23.01.26	WC 26.01.26 Tested 30.01.26	WC 02.02.26 Tested 06.02.26	WC 09.02.26 Tested 13.02.26
Spellings to learn at home. Spellings taught in school.	conscience convenience curiosity determined disastrous conscious correspond definite develop embarrass controversy criticise desperate dictionary environment equip especially exaggerate excellent existence	observant hesitant tolerance substance reliant observance hesitancy assistant reliance defiant expectant tolerant assistance defiance sustenance vacancy vacant infancy truancy truant	innocent decent frequency independent transparent innocence decency confident independence transparency obedient frequent confidence obedience client parent accomplishment intelligent currency agency	adorable tolerable dependable comfortable considerable applicable changeable enjoyable understandable adorably readable noticeable reasonable reliable applicably considerably tolerably moveable reliably comfortably	possible horribly visible incredibly legible possibly terrible visibly sensible legibly horrible terribly incredible sensibly forcible forcibly impossible impossibly gullible edible	doubt solemn badge ghost comb island thistle bomb knee Christmas lamb knight butcher answer honest knife sword crumb listen wrist

Thank you from the Year 5 team!