



## Summer 1 2026 - Year 5 Birch Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term here at Weston Turville School. We hope you had an enjoyable time over the Easter break and are ready for some great learning. We are really looking forward to the term ahead and the exciting new things we will all be learning. As ever, we've got some really awesome stuff lined up for this half-term.

Our topics for the half-term are going to be Different Places and Lifecycles. We're going to be focusing on *Journey to Jo'burg* in English. We'll keep going with our prosody practice, but this is an excellent book for our comprehension as well. In Geography we'll be looking at the physical and human geography of the Chilterns, a great chance to investigate where we live.

In maths we will finish off our decimals and percentages for the first few of weeks before venturing into perimeter and area, and statistics. We are using White Rose Maths, which gives plenty of opportunities for mastery, fluency and reasoning. **Our PE days are remaining what they were last half term;** they will be on **Monday** and **Thursday** and the children will need to come in in PE kits on these days. We will be working on athletics and tennis.

Homework will be set on a **Friday** and needs to be returned by the following **Friday**. Spellings for the week will be set on **Friday** and will be available on SpellingShed for practicing at home and testing the following Friday. Guided spelling sessions will take place during the week to help the children learn the words and meanings.

I hope you find the above information clear. If you have any queries, please feel free to email me or make an appointment at the office.

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**Computing –**  
Vector Graphics

**RE –** Are you inspired?

**PSHE –** What jobs would we like?

**Science –** Lifecycles of  
plants and animals

**PE –** Athletics &  
Tennis

**Different Places and  
Lifecycles**

**Art –** William  
Morris – Press Prints

**Geography –** The  
physical and human  
geography of the  
Chilterns

**English –**  
*Journey to Jo'Burg* by Beverley Naidoo  
Comprehension and prosody practice

**French –** School  
subjects, preferences,  
transport