



## Summer 2 2026 - Year 5 Birch Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, what a scorcher of a half term that was! I hope you had an enjoyable week and had a chance to enjoy the sunshine safely. I'm really looking forward to what we're looking at over the next seven weeks. As ever, we've got some really awesome stuff lined up for this half-term.

Our topic for the half-term is going to be Venturing Forth. We're going to be focusing on *Kensuke's Kingdom* in English. We'll keep going with our prosody practice, but this is an excellent book for our comprehension as well. It is overall an absolutely fantastic book and I'm certain the we're all going to enjoy reading it. In Geography we'll be looking at the practical skills of map reading. PSHE will start with a few weeks of looking at drugs, and then we'll move onto puberty around week 4. If you have any contributions or questions about these topics then please feel free to email me.

In maths we will be looking at position and direction (great for our Geography), then decimals, and negative numbers. 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 rounders.

Homework will be set on a **Friday** and should 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 -  
Programming

RE - What is best for our  
world?

PSHE - Drugs and Medicine,  
Puberty

Science -  
Lifecycles of plants  
and animals

PE - Athletics  
& Rounders

Venturing  
Forth

Art - Japanese  
art

Geography -  
Mapwork

English -  
Kensuke's Kingdom by  
Michael Morpurgo  
Comprehension and prosody  
practice

French - School  
subjects,  
preferences,  
transport