



Autumn 1 2026 - Year 5 Birch Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome back to a new and exciting year at Weston Turville School. We hope you are all well and managed to have a relaxing summer break. We are really looking forward to the term ahead and the exciting new things we will all be learning.

Our topic for the first half term is 'The Angry Anglo-Saxons'. In History we will study who the Saxons were, where they came from, why they invaded and the impact they had. We will use an enquiry approach trying to find evidence to answer historical questions. Our RE topic will be exploring the role of Sacred Texts in different faiths. In art we will create collages in the style of Matisse and in computing we will be looking at on-line safety and internet searching. Science is all about classifying and changing materials with lots of scientific enquiry. The topic web will show how the topics link across the curriculum.

In English we will look at the magic and mystery associated with myths and legends taking Michael Morpurgo's 'Beowulf' as our text. Whole class guided reading will take place each day and the text will be used as a stimulus for writing in different contexts.



In maths we will spend the first half term concentrating on place value and number operations, assessing where the children are and targeting any gaps including plenty of mental maths and multiplication tables practice! We are using White Rose Maths, which gives plenty of opportunities for mastery, fluency and reasoning. PE will be on Monday and Wednesday and the children will need to come in in PE kits on these days. We will be working on hockey skills and gymnastics.

Homework will be set on a **Friday** and needs to be returned by the following **Wednesday**. Spellings for the week will be set on **Friday** and will be available on SpellingShed for practicing at home. Spelling dictations will take place on Fridays. 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

On line safety
Searching online

RE - Do Muslims need the Qur'an? The importance of Sacred Texts.

PSHE - Myself and my relationships – beginning and belonging.

Science - Materials and changes. Solids, liquids, gases, insulators and conductors. Separating by sieving, filtering and evaporation. Properties of materials.

PE - Invasion games – hockey skills

Yoga

The Angry Anglo-Saxons and Majestic Materials

History - Anglo-Saxon invasion, settlement, lifestyle, Sutton Hoo and law and order.

Art – Collage inspired by Matisse

English

Myths and Legends – Beowulf
Newspaper article writing
Narrative writing.

French – Classroom instructions, sports and opinions