# Autumn 2 2026 – Year 5 Birch Newsletter




Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome back to a new half-term here at Weston Turville School. We hope you had a restful half-term 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. Leading up to Christmas.



Our topic for the half-term is going to be the Vikings, which is an excellent continuation of the work that we were doing on the Anglo-Saxons. This is going to be an absolutely fantastic history topic and we're going to have lots of fun with it. I'm also pleased to announce that on the 3rd December we will be having a Viking day, visitors will come in and do a selection of workshops with the children all about the Vikings. Get those Viking costumes ready!

In English we are reading The Saga of Erik the Viking, a great book with a great selection of Viking tales. 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 few weeks doing multiplication and division and then we'll round the half-term off with some fractions going into Christmas! 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 gymnastics and some Viking dance.

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. Spelling dictations will take place on Fridays. I'm also setting weekly MathShed quizzes on particularly prickly topics from the week to help bolster understanding.

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

Video Production

**RE** – Does God communicate with man?

**PSHE** – Money!

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

**PE** – Viking Dance

Gymnastics

**The Vicious Vikings & Crazy Changes**

**DT** – Making Viking Longships

**History –** The Vikings, reputation, invaders or settlers?

**English**

The Saga of Erik the Viking.

Diary writing, writing our own Saga.

**French** – Classroom instructions, sports and opinions