



What I should already know:

Our school is called **Weston Turville Church of England School**, and is in a place called **Weston Turville**.

Weston Turville is a **village** located near the **town** of **Aylesbury**, which is the **county town** (capital) of the English **county** of **Buckinghamshire**.

Key skills used/ practised:

Locating Buckinghamshire, Aylesbury and Weston Turville on a map of England.

Locating and labelling Weston Turville School and key locations in the village on a map of the village.

Historical research and comparison of life in the period studied with life today

Debating skills: taking part in debates on whether female teachers should give up work when they marry, and whether people have the right to be conscientious objectors

By the end of this unit I will know these main facts:

WW1 (the First World War, or World War One) was a big war that took place between **1914 and 1918**, between Britain and France (mainly on one side) and Germany on the other side. Many people were killed and injured in the fighting.

Key Vocabulary:

soldier - a person who works for the Army

conflict - a war or fight

trench - a deep, long hole dug in the ground for soldiers to hide, eat and sleep in

battle - a fight between two armies

war zone - an area where a war is fought

Front - the front of the area where one army is attacking the other

campaign - an organised military attack

Many battles in WW1 used **trenches** for the soldiers to hide in between periods of fighting. Two of the most famous battles of the war were the **The Somme**, which was named after the nearby river Somme, near the French town of Peronne (1916) and **Passchendaele** (named after the nearby village) in Belgium (1917)

Many men from Weston Turville fought in WW1, and some of them died in it. Our school's four Houses are named after four of the brave men who died in WW1:

William Ingram - a Sergeant in the Australian army (killed in action on 6 August 1915)

John Kirtland - a Lieutenant in the British Army, East Surrey Regiment (killed in action on 12 March 1915). He had been a teacher at Weston Turville School before the war.

Harry Langstone (possibly spelled Langston) - a private in the British Army, King's Shropshire Light Infantry (died of wounds sustained in action, 2 October 1918).

Wilfred Rickard - a Sapper in the British Army, Royal Engineers (killed in action on 17 February 1916). The name "**Sapper**" comes from the French word for dig, as Sappers help to dig and build things for the Army.

Armed Forces - the military workers who defend and fight for their country, normally organised into the **Army** (land force), the **Navy** (sea force) and **Air Force** (flying force)

conscript - someone who is called on by the Government to fight for the armed forces

Allies - a group of countries who worked together (mainly consisting of **Great Britain, France and Russia**)

Central Forces - the other countries who got together to fight the Allies (mainly **Germany, Austria/ Hungary and Italy** - though Italy switched sides to join the Allies in 1915)

census - a survey done by the Government once every ten years, to find out information about the people living in each village or town

scholar - school pupil

school master - male school teacher

school mistress - female school teacher

agriculture - farming

industry - the type of businesses/ jobs in an area

employment - a person's job

land use - what the land in an area is used for, e.g. farming or building houses

reservoir - a man-made lake to supply water to an area

church - a place of Christian worship

vicar - a person who is in charge of a local Church

parish - the area and people looked after by a vicar

christening - a ceremony where a person (usually a baby or young child) is welcomed into the Christian religion and their Christian name is announced

marriage - a legal (and often religious) union between two adults, normally celebrated in a church or Register Office

single - not married

graveyard - a special place where dead people are buried in deep holes called graves, with each person's grave marked by a special stone with their name and dates of birth and death on it

St Mary the Virgin is the name of the village church of Weston Turville. It was built in the thirteenth century (1200s), but added to and changed a lot in later years. Most local people from the time period studied were **christened** and/ or **married** at this church, and many of them were buried in its **graveyard** once they died. However, **soldiers** who died in WW1 were usually buried near where they died (so the men mentioned above were buried in France and Belgium).

School mistresses had to be single. Once a lady married, she had to give up being a school teacher.

School children helped the War effort by doing jobs for their mothers, working in the school vegetable garden, feeding the chickens and even buying "War Bonds" with their pocket money.

Weston Turville Reservoir was created in 1797 to supply water to the Grand Union canal. Now it is home to lots of bird species, including

Useful websites:

St Mary the Virgin Church, Weston Turville: <https://www.stmaryswt.org/about-st-marys/our-church-history/>

Weston Turville Historical Society:
<https://www.wthsoc.org.uk/home>

Canal and River Trust, Weston Turville Reservoir page:
<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/places-to-visit/weston-turville-reservoir>

Google Earth Weston Turville page:
https://earth.google.com/web/search/Weston+Turville/@51.79204681,-0.76651209,98.60436039a,3339.46708328d,35y,0h,0t,0r/data=CnkaTxJJCiQweDQ4NzY1ODdkZjY1OTBkNDc6MHg3MmUyMzA5MWQ5OTMwNWMZ2D0enzXISUAhTZzc71AU6L8qD1dlc3RvbiBUdXJ2aWxsZRgBIAEiJgokCdsyyb9byQvAEVvxdUo_EULAGQi276fQgxFAIcAYeyXSUV7A

BBC Bitesize:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqhyb9q/articles/z7gdpg8>

Map/ photos of area:



ATLANTIC OCEAN

UNITED KINGDOM

London

Ypres

Somme

Meuse-Argonne

Paris

Verdun

FRANCE

SWITZ.

Po River

SPAIN

PORTUGAL

Ebro River

Tagus River

Lisbon

NORWAY

SWEDEN

Jutland

DENMARK

North Sea

Baltic Sea

Elbe River

GERMANY

NETH.

Belgium

LUX.

Danube River

Vienna

Budapest

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Belgrade

SERBIA

MONTENEGRO

ALBANIA

GREECE

Athens

Dardanelles (Gallipoli)

ROMANIA

BULGARIA

Constantinople

OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Black Sea

Mediterranean Sea

Dnieper River

Volga River

Petrograd

Tannenberg

Berlin

0 200 400 miles

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1. John Kirtland; Lieutenant, killed in action 12th March, 1915
2. Andy Clark; Private, killed in action 19th July, 1916
3. Fred Axtell; Gunner, killed in action 3rd November, 1917
4. Jack Atkins; Private; killed in action 9th October, 1914
5. Percy Chamberlin; Private ASC, died of pneumonia 11th June, 1915
6. Edward Axtell; Corporal, killed in action 16th March, 1917
7. Wilfred Rickard; Sapper, killed in action 17th February, 1916
8. James Weedon; Private, Bucks Battalion TA, survived
9. Sidney Bishop; Sergeant, Bucks Battalion TA, survived



Start/ end of unit quiz

Each question is worth 1 mark	Start of unit	End of unit		Start of unit	End of unit
1. What does WW1 stand for?	Place an x in one box:	Place an x in one box:	4. Spain was neutral during WW1	Write T for true or F for false	Write T for true or F for false
World Wide One			True or False?		
We want one			5. Passchendaele was a famous WW1 battle in which country?	Place an x in one box:	Place an x in one box:
World War One			Great Britain		
2. Weston Turville is in the county of...	Place an x in one box:	Place an x in one box:	Belgium		
Berkshire			France		
Buckinghamshire			6. Select two types of people who could be school teachers at the time of WW1	Place an x in 2 boxes:	Place an x in 2 boxes:
Oxfordshire			Married women		
3. The Central Powers included:	Place an x in one box:	Place an x in one box:	Married men		
USA, France and Denmark			Unmarried women		
Italy, Spain and France			Children under 8 years old		
Germany, Turkey & Austria-Hungary			Anyone		

	Start of unit	End of Unit		Start of unit	End of Unit
7. Which school House is named after a man who served as a Lieutenant in the British Army in WW1?	Place an x in one box:	Place an x in one box:	9. Weston Turville Reservoir was built in:	Place an x in one box:	Place an x in one box:
John Kirtland			1975		
William Ingram			1981		
Wilfred Rickard			1891		
Harry Langstone			1797		
8. Select 2 jobs children did to help with the War effort:	Place an x in 2 boxes:	Place an x in 2 boxes:	10. The village church of Weston Turville is called:	Place an x in one box:	Place an x in one box:
Writing stories			St Millie's		
Feeding the chickens			St Michael's		
Working in the school vegetable garden			St Mary the Virgin		
Spying on the enemy			St Mark the Meek		
Total score at start of unit:			Total score at end of unit:		
/10			/10		