



ELTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back

We hope you all had a nice Easter and are glad to return. I hope that the children are rested, full of chocolate and ready to start again!

Our Big Question.

Our big question this term is **Where will you go?** We will be aiming to get enthusiastic about space and space travel and will design our very own planet. We will think about the beauty of the earth and think about how we can use this as inspiration to create our own planet. We will design rockets to get us to our new there, homes to live in and think about how we will feed the population. We will consider how to build a community, what rules we will have and who will be in charge. We will be using two books by Oliver Jeffries to support our learning: Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth and What We'll Build: Notes for our future together. In addition to these books, we will be reading The Marvellous Moon Map by Teresa Heapy and David Litchfield.

In maths, most of us will be building numbers beyond 10 and considering counting patterns over 10. We will continue to use 2D and 3D shapes to build with and will be talking about the names and using mathematical language to talk about the properties of these shapes. We will also use everyday language in the measurement of length, height and capacity. In terms of measuring we will be planting sunflowers and seeing how tall we can grow these.

PE

PE will continue to (usually) be on Thursday mornings. Amongst other things, the children will experience an introduction to athletics during this term and will be given the chance to learn and practise their events for Sports Day.

Reading and Homework

We will continue sending home the tricky words, sounds and decodable words we are learning in class along with suggested activities. If there is an activity that your child enjoys, for example, bingo then please use this rather than the suggested activity. I will send out the homework via TEAMS on Thursday for completion by the following Wednesday. You can find information about phonics on the Little Wandle website here: [For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](http://Forparents|LettersandSounds(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk))

I hope you are successfully accessing your electronic bookshelf. Accessing this will allow you to read the book at home that your child is reading at school. Every two weeks another book will be added. The bookshelf will include all the books we have read so far in school. If there are any problems accessing the system, please let me know.

Sunshine!

Fingers crossed we see lots of sunshine this term. If we do, it means that children will need to be protected with a cap and sunscreen. On sunny days please ensure your child comes to school in sun cream. Ideally, we ask that you cover your child in high-factor, long-lasting cream. However, if not please bring a named bottle of cream to school and ensure that they are able to at least apply the cream to arms and legs leaving us with

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only faces to deal with, we will give them the opportunity to apply cream before lunch. Please also let your child know that they must not share their cream with any other child. Please ensure any caps/hats from home are named. We have some spare caps and therefore, should you forget, we may be able to provide them with a hat.

Please continue to ensure that your child brings only water in their water bottles. The children have free access to their bottles all day and we encourage them to drink throughout the day. If you have any concerns about fluid in-take please let one of us know.

Requests

As usual, we will be grateful for donations of tubes and boxes for our junk modelling. 'Pop bottles' would be a special request this term, we would like to use them to send some mice to space! Egg boxes of all sizes would be helpful too. We would also like to renew our bug house, would be grateful if you could let us have any old stones, bamboo sticks or scrap wood that are getting in your way at home.

Into year 1

We will be 'withdrawing' a lot of our help for activities such as reminding children to take books out of bags, changing shoes, taking jumpers on and off, doing up zips and using cutlery at lunch. This is in preparation for year 1 where they will be expected to complete these activities quickly and independently. If they are unable to complete these activities, we will talk through what they need to do to encourage them to acquire the skills they need. Please encourage your child to complete these activities independently at home too.

We'd like children to start coming into school independently this term in preparation for Year 1, so, please 'leave' children at the bottom of the path next to the school or if late the front door. Please let us know if you need any support with this. I am outside school every day (except Thursday) should you need to pass on any messages.

As questions / queries, you can call the school office or email me lbeasley@elton.cambs.sch.uk and we can arrange a chat.

The EYFS team