



# ELTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Y1 St Francis Class Information

Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and to the Spring term. I'm so pleased to be back with my class, and parents, again. I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas holiday, and found some time to relax during all the festivities. In spite of my absence, Year 1 had a great finish to last term – making progress and being part of the Year 1 team.

I've tried to cover most of the significant things below, but if there is anything I've missed, or if you would like to talk to me about something specific, please email me [mmytton@elton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:mmytton@elton.cambs.sch.uk) or phone the office to make an appointment. We are fortunate to have the continued support of Miss Muggleton all day and every day in class. Next week we shall also be joined by a student teacher, Miss Howland, until the end of the Spring term. Miss Howland has completed a placement successfully at another school and she will be in our class four days each week. Initially she will work with groups, then do some teaching under my supervision.

**The Big Question:** The 'Big Question' for the whole school this term is "What is the worth of water?", and we shall be endeavouring to explore 2 key concepts through this question, which are **stewardship** and **adversity**. We will be covering a broad curriculum which will include looking at the development of houses in different periods of history and in geography, answering the question "What is a city?"

**Visits:** Years, 1, 2 and EYFS will have a visit from Kids County who visit schools and deliver Breakfast week, which will be a hands-on cooking and eating experience. Please look out for an email with further details.

**PE:** Our timetabled PE slot this half term is timetabled for Friday morning and will be taught by Callum. Please remember that earrings should be removed or taped and long hair should be tied back, in accordance with the school uniform policy.

**Homework:** A mental maths task and spellings will be set on Microsoft **TEAMS** every Thursday beginning 9.1.25, and should be returned by the following Wednesday. I put a spelling assignment on EdShed weekly.

We will do a spelling "quiz" on Thursday afternoon. There are usually 2 or 3 groups for spellings so please don't worry if your child's spellings are different to friends' spellings. You will only be able to access your child's group's homework on Teams.

Please try to do 5 minutes of maths and spelling every day rather than 30 minutes all in one go – "a little and often" is by far the best way to commit things to long-term memory. If you have any queries about how to approach a particular task, please let me know and I will be happy to help.

**Teams, Purple Mash and EdShed:** Teams is an online platform we use for home learning, and Purple Mash and EdShed are education websites which we use in school to support and motivate learning across the curriculum. I appreciate that logins get mislaid, so please contact me if you need a reminder of them. You won't be alone!

**Reading:** Children continue to do guided reading with an adult three times a week in school. I will put the book children have been reading in school online each week (this could be Thursday or Friday). Children can bring

home a reading for pleasure book every week. Please return these to school so that other children can borrow them.

Many thanks for your support. Miss Muggleton and I are looking forward to another busy and exciting term with your children. My apologies if the class routine was out of sync on occasion last half term.

Thank you for your support.

If you have any worries or concerns then please get in touch straight away.

Kind regards

**Michelle Mytton**