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Y2 Class Information

Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the ‘Spring Term’ and a very happy new year to you all! I actually think using the word ‘spring’ is a touch optimistic though; it should really be called ‘bleak, grey, freezing, wet, miserable, winter term’ but I’m not sure that would be allowed! However, if this term flies by like the last term did, then the actual Spring will be upon us before we know it! 😊

I hope you had a very enjoyable Christmas and managed to remain a healthy household (unlike my household!) It feels like it was a long time ago now though doesn’t it? Thank you all so much for your wonderful cards and gifts; it was very kind and thoughtful of you and much appreciated. THANK YOU!

As always, I have tried to pre-empt any questions you may have in the information outlined below, but as always, if there is anything I’ve missed, or if you would like to talk to me about something specific, please email me on jsteenkamp@elton.cambs.sch.uk or feel free to ‘grab’ me outside at the end of the day.

The Big Question - Our ‘Big Question’ this term is **What is the Worth of Water?**

We will be endeavouring to explore 2 key concepts through this question. These are:

- **Stewardship**
- **Adversity**

Curriculum - This term, we have lots to look forward to with a jam packed curriculum! In History, during the first half term, the children will be learning all about The Great Fire of London. After half term, the children will ‘travel’ a little further afield; on a Geography Safari in fact! In Science, we will investigate ‘Materials and their Properties’ and in DT, fitting in nicely with our work on The Great Fire of London, we will be baking bread products. In Art, we will be exploring sculpture and making safari themed animal clay tiles – phew!

If you have any artefacts, skills or experiences that you feel would enhance our ‘Big Question’ then please get in touch; we’d love to hear from you!

Staffing – As well as myself, year 2 will be supported in the mornings and Tuesday afternoons by Mrs Logan. Mrs Yassini also supports for a session in the afternoon on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Visits – on **Wednesday 22nd January**, EYFS, year 1 and year 2 have been lucky enough to secure a visit from the Kids County who will deliver ‘breakfast week.’ During this visit every child will experience cooking their own special breakfast, learn about the journey our breakfast takes from farm to fork through a wide range of activities:

- Make delicious pancakes and learn about the ingredients used

- Enjoy practical sessions in sausage making , learn about consumer choice and taste a variety of sausages (all dietary requirements will be catered for.)
- Understand the inputs and outputs of a square metre of a farmers field
- Meet a local farmer and his tractor and find out the important role that they play in producing our breakfast.

PE – Our timetabled PE slot this half term continues to be on a Thursday afternoon and will be taught by the brilliant Callum. Your children will need to come to school on a Thursday in their full PE kit. Children should also come to school in their PE kit on the days when they attend a sports club after school. Please remember that earrings should be removed or taped and long hair should be tied back, in accordance with the school uniform policy.

Homework – I will continue to set weekly homework on your child’s TEAMS account every Thursday, starting this week (9th January 2025). This will detail the mental maths and spelling tasks for the week. These tasks should be undertaken daily for 5 minutes per subject. This term, the children will continue to complete a spelling test on their given spelling words every FRIDAY morning.

Reading - The children in year 2 are currently participating in a detailed guided reading session 3 times over a 2 week period. As in Year 1, the three sessions cover word reading, prosody and comprehension. The books that are used in these sessions are also set on the children’s BIG CAT account, so please login and read them at home too! As well as this, the children are encouraged to take home a ‘reading for pleasure’ book to share with you. I am also aware that some of the children read books from home. I am more than happy with this, so please don’t feel the pressure to read school books if you have a suitable selection at home. The most important thing is that your child reads regularly and LOVES reading! If you have any problems accessing the online books, please drop me an email and I will try to rectify any issues as soon as possible. If you wish to share any news about your child’s reading at home with me, Please get in touch! 😊

Many thanks for your support. I look forward to a busy and exciting Spring Term with your children. Please feel free to email me if you have any other queries about life and learning in Year 2!

Best wishes,

Jo Steenkamp