



ELTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Year 2 Class Information Summer Term 2025 Mrs Steenkamp

Welcome to the summer term! It was so nice to have some lovely weather over the Easter holidays for a change wasn't it!

The first 3 weeks back have flown by and the children have settled back in brilliantly. The children worked really hard on the class assembly for the first 2 weeks of the term. Thank you so much for your support with this. I'm sure you will agree it was worth all of the effort.....the children made me very proud!

We really do have a lot to look forward to this term and it promises to be jam-packed with fun events and exciting learning opportunities, including our annual May Day dancing event in only 2 weeks time!

As per usual, 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 catch me outside at the end of the day.

The Big Question - Our 'Big Question' this term is **“Where shall we go?”** with the main focus being 'Elton Experiments and Experiences'.

We will be exploring 2 key concepts through the big question and these are:

- Beauty
- Opportunity

Curriculum – We have plenty to look forward to in terms of the subjects that the children will be studying this term. In Geography, we will be learning about weather around the world and weather patterns in the UK. After half term we will find out about the amazing Victorian heroine Grace Darling. We are currently learning about plants in science and investigating the best conditions for a plant to grow. We will also be growing a runner bean and sunflower plant so leave a little space in your garden!

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 – I continue to teach the class for 5 days a week, apart from a Thursday afternoon when the children have PE with Callum. Faye Logan supports the class in the mornings and Mrs Yassini joins us for an afternoon slot on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Visits – Dust off your buckets and spades! Sunny Hunny here we come! We are booked to visit Hunstanton on **Monday 14th July**. We will be visiting the Sea life centre, eating ice cream and playing on the beach! More details will be with you soon in a separate letter.

PE – As I have already mentioned, 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. 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. Every week I will also set an assignment on EdShed to support with the children's spelling homework.

Reading - All children will be reading on a daily basis in class in the form of a whole class reading session. We usually have a reading theme for the week and read a variety of texts based on this theme. Then we discuss and answer questions on the text focusing on a selection of VIPERS questions; Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explain, Retrieve and Sequence.

It is also vitally important that your child reads at home as part of their daily homework. Your child has access to a wide range of school books to take home and they should be changing their books on a regular basis. As well as this, the children can also 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!



Many thanks for your continued support – it really is much appreciated. I look forward to a busy and exciting summer term with your children!

Jo Steenkamp