



ELTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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“LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU”

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Y2 Class Information Spring Term 2026 Mrs Steenkamp

Welcome back to the ‘Spring Term’ and a very happy new year to you all! I hope you had a very enjoyable Christmas and managed to remain a healthy household. The weather doesn’t feel particularly ‘Spring-like’ though does it?! However, if this term flies by like the last term did, then the actual Spring will be upon us before we know it! 😊

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 **Is the world fair for everyone?**

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

- Equality
- Diversity

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 – I am hoping to be back in class (in some capacity) very soon. So shortly, (as previously in the school year), I will be with the class for the whole week, largely supported by Mrs Yassini. In the meantime, the class will continue to be taught by Miss Hook, Mrs Arnold and Mrs Yassini.

Visits – Look out, look out! There’s a tiger about! We are in the process of booking a hands-on and fun-packed trip to Peterborough Museum for a themed day based on the book ‘The Tiger who came to Tea’. We will be attending with Year one and EYFS and more details will be with you very shortly!

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 every Thursday, starting this week (9th January 2026). 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 set an assignment on edshed to support with learning the weekly spellings.

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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