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Y1 Class Information Autumn Term 2026 Mrs Mytton

Welcome to the new school year. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday.

We've had a great start to the new year. The children are settling in well and we've had plenty of smiles and not many tears! 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 or phone the office to make an appointment. Or speak to myself or Miss Muggleton at the end of the day.

The Big Question - Our 'Big Question' this term is "Where is the Past in the Present?"
We will be endeavouring to explore 2 key concepts through this question. These are:

- Change
- Community

Curriculum – for the first half term we will be focusing on The Gingerbread Man in English. There will be lots of opportunity for speaking and listening and story telling. Our history studies will start with us looking at our own families. The past is often a tricky concept for young children so we shall begin by creating a personal and family timeline, and think about our Grandparents, and their childhoods. Please send me a photograph of a Grandparent for the children to share. If there is any difficulty with this, then please speak to me. In science our foci will be forces and magnets and every day materials.

PE – Our timetabled PE slot this half term is Monday afternoon and will be taught by the wonderful Callum. Your children will need to come to school on a Monday 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 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. I will also set an assignment on **EdShed** to support with learning the week's spellings so it would be very helpful if you could teach your child to memorise their login and password independently (if they don't already know it 😊). If you have any queries about how to approach a particular task, or how to access Teams or 'Edshed', then please let me know and I will be happy to help. The children will complete a spelling test on their given spelling words every FRIDAY morning.

IMPORTANT – Passwords for Teams, EdShed and Purplemash were sent home in bookbags, and a few have been handed to an adult at the end of the day. Personally I dislike bits of paper so I usually photograph everything for safe keeping! If your passwords get lost, and I do understand that these things happen, then please contact me and I shall send them to you via email.

Reading – the children will have plenty of reading opportunities throughout the week and will read at least 3 times a week in the form of guided group reading. It is also vitally important that your child reads at home as part of their daily homework. Your child has already brought home a book they have chosen to share at home. These are "borrow" books and are not their class reading book they are classed as "reading for pleasure" books.

So that we can keep track of who has which book, we have issued Reading Records. Please do not write messages to us in Reading Records as we will not be monitoring them for messages.

The best way to get hold of me quickly is either by emailing Mrs Darby or by emailing me directly.

If you have any problems accessing the online books, please drop me an email and I will forward it to Mrs Yassini to sort out! 😊 The most important thing is that your child reads regularly and LOVES reading! If you wish to share any news about your child's reading at home with me, Please email me! 😊

Many thanks for your support. I look forward to a busy and exciting term with your children. Please feel free to talk to me about how your child has settled any time after school when I see the class out at the end of the day.

Best Wishes,

Michelle Mytton