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Y2 Class Information Autumn Term 2026 Mrs Steenkamp

Welcome back to a new term and a new school year! I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday. After just a few days, it feels like we have always been together and the children have settled in very well - I am really enjoying getting to know your children – they certainly are a lovely bunch!
I know I have met many of you before and may have taught your older children, but it was lovely to meet more of you last Tuesday at our annual 'meet the teacher' event. Thank you for coming! If you didn't make it, I hope this this letter will cover most of what we chatted about anyway. 😊

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 "Where is the past in the present?"
We will be endeavouring to explore 2 key concepts through this question. These are:

- Change
- Community

CURRICULUM – the first half term will be based on a Geography theme and includes map work and exploring our local area. In terms of History, the past is often a tricky concept for young children to grasp, so we will be trying to 'fire up' (excuse the pun!) their imaginations by looking at the story of Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot. In Science the children will be learning about 'animals, including humans'. 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 will be teaching the class for 5 days a week, apart from a Thursday afternoon when the children have PE with Callum. The amazing Mrs Yassini will support us in the mornings and Miss Muggleton will support for a few sessions in the afternoons.

VISITS – We will be having a visit this term with an exciting historical and Christmassy slant! Further details will be with you soon.

PE – Our timetabled PE slot this half term is Thursday afternoon and will be taught by the wonderful 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 be setting weekly homework 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 complete a spelling test on their given spelling words every FRIDAY morning (the week after the homework is set). Every week I will also set an assignment on EdShed to support with the children's spelling homework. (If you wish to use it!)

After chatting to parents at the 'meet the teacher' event, the overwhelming consensus was that homework would be best sent home on paper in bookbags. I hope you are all happy with this arrangement. If this is not suitable, please get in touch and I can make alternative arrangements with you. Homework will commence until Thursday 17th September, with the first spelling test on the following Friday (25th September)

LOGINS - In your child's book bag last Thursday, you should have found a small envelope containing logins for TEAMS, Edshed, Purple Mash and Collins Big Cat (I haven't introduced this yet!) If you have any problems with logins, please email me.

READING – This term, your child will participate in at least 2 sets of 3 daily detailed guided reading sessions over a 2 week period (exact timetable still to be finalised.) These sessions will cover word reading, prososdy 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 will shortly be bringing a 'real' reading book home (once I have had the opportunity to listen to them all read on a 1:1 basis) Once it has been read once or twice at home, I would like the children to take responsibilty for changing their own reading book (readily available in the classroom).

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 schoolbooks 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 forward it to Mrs Yassini to sort out! Also,If you wish to share any news about your child's reading at home with me, please get in touch! 😊

ELTON ENRICH - Year 2 will be starting their enrich journey this Friday afternoon! For the first half term, they will have the pleasure of Mr Shaw's company as they build lego models and program them to 'move' using 'Lego WeDo'. After half term, they will be dancing with Mrs Swales so will need to wear their PE kits on a Friday afternoon. I'll put a reminder on the homework letter closer to the time!

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,

Jo Steenkamp