

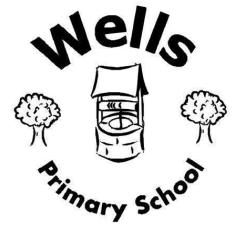
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Year 1 and 2 - Autumn 2023

Welcome to the autumn term at Wells Primary School! We hope you all enjoyed your summer break and that you are looking forward to the new school year ahead.

The children have quickly settled back into the new term and will soon be exploring new topics such as 'Animal Safari', 'The Local Area within the UK and Wider World' and 'How Am I Making History?'

PE Lessons

PE this term will take place on the following days:

Class 1: Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (outdoor)

Class 2: Tuesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)

Class 3: Tuesday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor)

The children should wear a plain white t-shirt, black shorts, and jogging bottoms/sweatshirt when the weather turns colder. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child has the appropriate, **labelled** clothing in school, both for indoor and outdoor lessons. We strongly recommend that pupils are provided with trainers for all outside PE lessons as plimsolls have very little grip or support.

Art Lessons

Each week, the children will have an art lesson which occasionally involves using paint. Despite the paints being suitable for schools, we are aware that certain colours are very difficult to wash out of clothing. We would therefore kindly request that an old shirt or T-shirt is provided for your child to go over their uniform to protect it.

Reading

To help develop independence and a love for reading, each child will be given three books to take home every week:

- A book at an appropriate level to support their learning of phonic sounds
- A phase book to supplement and develop their reading skills, such as comprehension skills and inference
- A book of your child's choice from the class reading area for you to share and enjoy together

The children will also be assigned an e-book and quiz on Oxford Owl each week so that they can access the book they are reading in their phonics lessons.



Each child in Year 1 and 2 will read with an adult at least once a week, so it is vital that they bring their reading record to school **every day**. We also encourage children to take their reading books and reading record home every day. The record is used as a means of communicating your child's progress in reading and we welcome your comments too; you or your child can make a note of any reading that you do together.

Computer Logins

Computer logins and passwords will be stuck into the front of your child's reading record next week. These will give you and your child access to Google Classroom (for homework, spellings lists and occasional messages from the teachers), Oxford Owl, Busy Things and SumDog (for educational activities and games). Any issues with logging in, please let your child's class teacher know or contact Mrs Rolfe via the school office.

Homework

Homework is set on a weekly basis. It will be set online as follows:

English – set on Wednesday, handed in on the following Monday.

Spellings – set on Wednesday and tested on the following Monday.

Maths – set on Wednesday and handed in on the following Monday.

If you would like paper copies of the homework, please let the class teacher know and these will be sent home with your child each Wednesday.

Fruit and Water

Every day at school we have a ten minute fruit break. Fruit is provided by the school, but you are welcome to provide fruit for your child if you prefer. Please ensure it comes into school in a labelled, sealed container. Children should bring in their own refillable water bottle to school each day. Please ensure their name is clearly written on it.

We would like to remind you that we are a nut-free school; please refrain from giving your child any products containing nuts in their packed lunches. We also ask that children do not bring in food from home to share with others due to many children within the school having food allergies.

The autumn term is very busy with a variety of activities on offer, so be on the lookout for email communications and the school's website informing you of events taking place.

We are confident that your child will have a happy, productive and enjoyable term. However, should you wish to discuss any aspects of your child's experiences at Wells, please do not hesitate to pop in and speak to us or make an appointment through the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support. We look forward to working with you throughout the term.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Dalchow, Miss Luton and Miss Law - **Key Stage 1 Team**