

Wells Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 and 2 - Autumn 2024

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 'Material World', 'What is History?' and 'Where We Live'.

PE Lessons

PE this term will take place on the following days:

Class 1: Tuesday (outdoor); Wednesday (indoor)

Class 2: Wednesday (indoor); Thursday (outdoor)

Class 3: Wednesday (indoor); Thursday (outdoor)

For PE your child should have (labelled):

- A plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Trainers
- Navy or Black Tracksuit for when the weather turns colder. School tracksuits are available via Scopay.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child has the appropriate, **labelled** clothing in school. Your child's PE kit can stay in school and will be sent home at the end of each half-term.

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 wear over their uniform to protect it.

Phonics

Phonics lessons will start next week and your child has been assigned to a group following assessments at the end of last term. Groups are fluid, so children may change groups after half-termly assessments or if the teacher observes that they need more challenge or support.



Computer Logins

Computer logins and passwords can be found in your child's reading record. These will give you and your child access to Google Classroom (for homework, spellings lists and occasional messages from the teachers), Oxford Owl, and Learning by Questions (LBQ). Any issues with logging in, please let your child's class teacher know or contact Mrs Rolfe via the school office.

Reading

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

- 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

Your child will also be able access the following reading resources on Oxford Owl each week:

- An e-book and quiz to support their learning in phonics. Links for these will be shared on Google Classroom next week.

If your child needs a hard copy of an Oxford Owl phonics books, please let your child's class teacher know and this can be arranged.

Your child will be given a plastic wallet to protect their reading books and reading record. Please ensure your child brings this to school **every day** as each child in Year 1 and 2 will read with an adult at least once a week. 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.

Homework

Homework is set on a weekly basis. The children will have English and Maths on alternate weeks. Next week will start with an English activity.

English (reading) - please read with your child as often as possible throughout the week, and write in their reading diary.

English Activity – set on Friday, handed in on the following Wednesday. This will be uploaded onto Google Classroom and a paper copy for this homework will be sent home with all pupils.

Maths – set on Friday and completed by the following Wednesday.

- Year 1 - A maths activity will be posted on Google Classrooms and a paper copy will be sent home with all pupils.
- Year 2 - A Learning by Questions (LBQ) online activity will be set for Year 2 pupils on Google Classroom.

Weekly Spellings – These will be set on Friday and tested on the following Friday.

Your child can submit their homework either via Google Classrooms or on the paper copy in their home learning book.

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 your child's name is clearly written on the water bottle.

Safety

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.

This term is very busy with a variety of activities on offer, so please be on the lookout for email communications 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,

Key Stage 1 Team

Mrs Rowland - Class 1

Miss Wilkinson - Class 2

Miss Luton - Class 3

Mrs Keel - Deputy Headteacher