

# Getting Ready for School 2021



Hello and welcome to the Foundation Stage at Welton St. Mary's Church of England Primary Academy.

It is such an exciting, and sometimes apprehensive time, when your little one starts school. Hopefully, this will give you some useful information prior to starting school. Please remember that we are available to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. We endeavour to make your child's transition to school as smooth as possible.

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## Our School Rules

Be kind, be safe, be responsible

## Our School Values



Trust



Responsibility



Respect



Peace



Love and  
Friendship



Forgiveness

# Preparing your Child for School



Here are some ideas of things you can do to prepare your child for starting school!

## Develop their independence by supporting them to-

- Get dressed independently
- Put on their socks and shoes correctly
- Zip up their coat
- Use a knife and fork correctly
- Open containers & packets
- Try different healthy food
- Use the toilet independently



## Develop their communication & language skills-

- Support their social skills
- Introduce new vocabulary
- Encourage them to listen and respond to instructions
- Practise sharing and taking turns
- Develop their understanding of rhyming and think about initial sounds in words
- Singing songs– it is important for children to sing nursery rhymes!

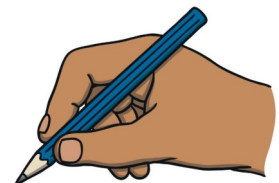


## Reading-

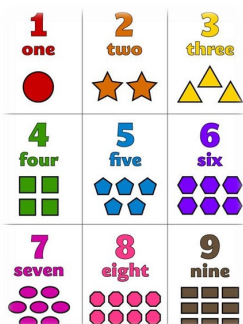
- We want every child to love books and enjoy reading. Please share lots of stories with your child and encourage them to join in when they can!
- Read fairytales together– the children will need to know fairytales so please give them a little head start by allowing them to become familiar with these

## Writing-

- Support your child to recognise and attempt to write their name
- Teach your child how to hold a pencil correctly
- Develop their fine motor skills– playdough, threading, using tweezers and objects



## Maths-



- Counting verbally from 0-10 and backwards
- Number recognition– visually recognising numbers to 10 in a random order.
- Counting objects with careful 1:1 correspondence
- Recognising 2D shapes

**Please check out these following links-**

Supporting your child's language and literacy skills-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z6bt7nb>

7 top tips for starting primary school-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmnft39>

Hungry Little Minds.

Tips and activity ideas-

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/£3>

