

YEAR 6 ENGLISH



Spellings

- Please check your child's Spelling Shed each week for words that they must learn. Each week the class will complete 8 games on Spelling Shed which looks at a new spelling rule. These spellings will then be applied in their writing.

Reading

- Reading at least 4 times weekly on Reading Plus as part of homework expectations. We encourage children to read a variety of texts which are appropriately challenging for them. Any completed Reading Plus online text counts as 1 read towards the reading challenge and can be monitored by school. Independent reads from novels etc can be recorded in the Reading Record, with page numbers and a comment from parents or the child.

Writing

- Year 6 will be writing information texts, as well as fiction, myths and legends and persuasive letters. We will be improving our writing by learning how to use different tenses, link ideas in extended writing and using dialogue to advance the action in our narratives. You can support your child by encouraging them to complete their fortnightly SPAG.com homework.

- ❖ By Year 6, it is very important that your child knows their **times tables** up to 12x12 with rapid recall, as well as the related division facts. If your child still needs to practice their tables, quick tests at home as well as interactive websites such as Times Table Rock Stars will help them.
- ❖ This half term, we will be focusing on applying **place value** for numbers up to 10 million (including comparing, ordering and rounding) and on using efficient written methods for **addition, subtraction, multiplication and division**. Ask your child to show each method taught in class and support them with the arithmetic homework if needed.
- ❖ Later in the term, our focus will be on **fractions**: fractions of numbers; equivalence and simplifying fractions; and adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. A useful website to link to fun fraction games is <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/fractions-and-decimals>

Maths



Computing

This term Year 6 will be learning about being safe online and learning to code at a higher level than we have in previous years.

In **History**, we will be studying Ancient Greece and the legacy which remains in modern times from this civilisation e.g building styles, the Olympic Games, democracy.

Our **Geography** topic this term is China. We will be using atlas skills and researching aspects of climate, population, land use, government and daily life.

In **Science** this term, we will be looking at electricity - using the correct symbols to draw series and parallel circuits, real-life applications and using switches and sensors. We will also be investigating diet. We will look at the scientist William Harvey, our circulatory system and the effects of diet, drugs and exercise on our bodies.

Our **RE** curriculum this year looks at Islam.

Year 6 will look at how the religious traditions seen in Islam compare to all the other religions studied across KS2.



Topic

The New RHE Curriculum

This term we have introduced the new RHE curriculum to the children. The previous PSHE curriculum was 20 years old and had become outdated, not included many things that are so relevant to the children's lives today. The new RHE curriculum has a huge focus on mental health and wellbeing, focusing on the real world as well as the virtual world. It has been designed to challenge stereotypes, allow children to believe that they can do anything they wish to as well as having a focus on money. We believe this change in the PSHE curriculum to be extremely beneficial for the children but know that it will make the children think and possibly come home with many questions. Each class will give parent's a heads up before they cover the RHE topic of the half term, sending home the planning to parents, allowing parents to know what it happening in school and be prepared for any questions the children may come home with.

Homework

A lot of the homework set for class this year will be online via Seesaw or other websites/apps. However, if you are experiencing online difficulties, please let Miss Baker or Mrs Crowder know so that we can provide paper copies.

It is strongly suggested that homework is not left until the night before so that any technical difficulties can be supported. Homework not completed on time will be expected to be attempted in your child's own time in school.

Homework this term for Y6 is as follows:

Reading Plus - 4 reads and 2 vocabulary games (two reads count towards the reading challenge) due Friday

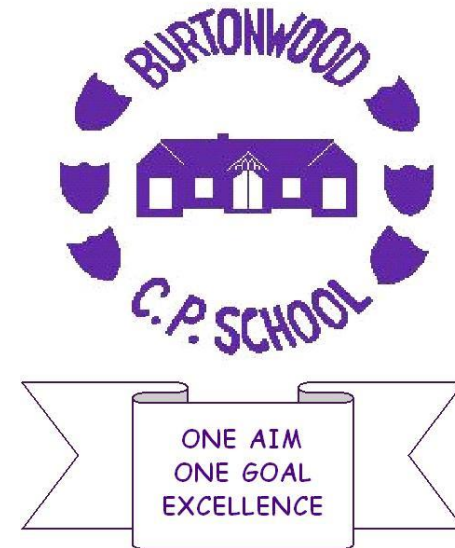
Spelling Shed - 8 games due each Friday.

Maths arithmetic practice- Set weekly on Friday and due on the following week (this will be on paper).

Reading Challenge!

Reading is probably the most important skill that your child will learn. Please encourage your child to read daily from different types of book (or e-books). Even if your child is a confident reader, listening to them read and discussing the text helps them develop fluency and a wider reading vocabulary.

Reading Plus reads will contribute to their Reading Challenge progress. Proof of reading at home can be written into your child's reading record this year and will count towards their individual rewards. For every 10 home reads, your child can choose from a list of treats in class!



Helping Your Child at Home A Guide for Parents

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