

## Helping your Child to Read

Daily reading is the most important activity you can do with your child. Little and often is the best approach and the most beneficial to helping your child become an independent reader.

Allow time for your child to try and problem solve independently

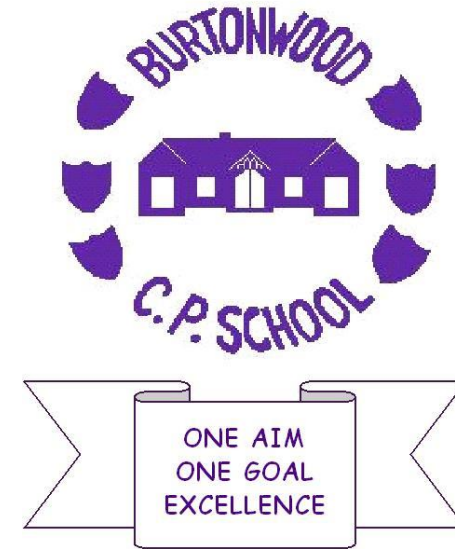
If help is needed encourage your child to:

- Sound out unknown words
- Look at picture clues
- Use context clues- what would make sense?
- Skip over the word and continue reading until the end of the sentence. Go back to the beginning of the sentence and start again. What would make sense?
- Chunk words e.g. somewhere is some +where, jumping is jump +ing.
- Practise key words.
- If a child still seems stuck- tell them it!

It is important that a child rereads a sentence and a book to develop fluency and comprehension skills. Remember to ask lots of questions too about key events/ information and characters. Encourage your child to reread to find answers.

Ask inferential question too- read between the lines to draw tentative conclusions which are based on, but go beyond, the information given in the text.

Discuss unfamiliar words and their meanings.



## Helping Your Child at Home A Guide for Parents

### Year 2

# English

## Reading

- It is important to read at home every day. We encourage children to read their reading books twice, once to practise decoding words and the second time to practise for fluency and accuracy. When your child has read ask them lots of questions to develop their understanding of the text and the feelings/actions of characters.
- Visit <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase5Menu.htm> for online games or search for phase 5 phonics games online

## Writing

- We are currently working on using 2A sentences. See the class website for an example.
- We are teaching children to use connectives such as because, and, but and so to link ideas in their sentences.
- We are regularly practising handwriting, using the correct letter formation and size. Please check the school website to find out how we teach children to form their letters.

# E-safety eaware®

We are assessing the children's safety knowledge this half term using the eAWARE website and delivering lessons based on the results of each class.

You can find videos to use at home at

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNm1OR\\_UAcYUwj2DWhdsg9A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNm1OR_UAcYUwj2DWhdsg9A)

or download the eAWARE app with advice for parents. These are continually updated with new information and videos.

- Check the learning platform for maths games online.
- Visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/numeracy/> for fun games to play.
- Count forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s and then use repetition to learn the 2x, 5x and 10x tables.
- Help your child to be able to add and subtract all numbers to 20 by putting the larger number in their head and counting on/back.
- Make sure your child can say 1 more/less than any 2 digit number quickly. E.g. what comes before and after 27
- Practice number bonds to 10 and 20 e.g.  $7+3=10$ ,  $16+4=20$  etc

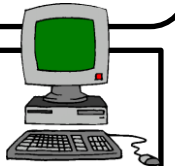
maths

We are learning about the location of Salford/Manchester. Have a look at old photographs of Salford/Manchester on the internet and identify important landmarks such as the Manchester Ship canal and famous buildings. During Science we will be looking at living things and their habitats. Encourage your child to name and identify different animals and different types of habitats. They might explore habits within their local area. Look at the school website for lots of different science games.

## Topic and Science



## Times Tables Rock Stars



Quick and accurate recall of times tables is imperative in mathematics. Times Tables Rockstars is an exciting program which is available through [www.trockstars.com](http://www.trockstars.com) or by downloading the app. Children from Year 2 to 6 have usernames and passwords to access this site. Children enjoy using this in school and should be using it regularly at home to practise their times tables through completing the games. Children can earn points for taking part which they can use in the avatar shop. The quicker and more accurate they become the better their status becomes.