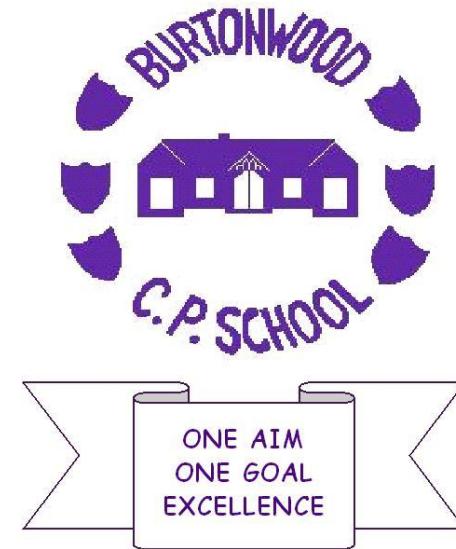


Homework

- Your child will receive a piece of homework every 2 weeks. This will usually be handed out on a Friday and is due back into school the Friday after. This could be in the form of grammar work on www.spag.com or maths on www.mathletics.com. They will also be expected to complete two reading on Reading Plus by each Friday morning. This will be checked at 8.30am and should be done ahead of this time. Each week they will be given spellings that will be tested each Tuesday and new spellings will be sent home on the same day.
- Times tables are an on-going homework. Your child will be working towards a times table which they need to practice at home ready for regular times tables tests.
- Your child will be expected to read a minimum of four times a week, 2 of which should be on Reading +. The other two need to be written into their planner and signed.
- Homework is expected to be in the same standard of presentation as in class and completed in blue or black pen. Homework not completed on time will be expected to be attempted in your child's own time in school.

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). Listen to them read to help them decode words and develop fluency, and ask questions to ensure they understand the text. Older children still benefit from this, even when they are confident, independent readers. Read stories to them, as when they hear changes in expression and volume, it brings stories to life and helps them develop their own 'reading voice'. Home reading recorded and signed in your child's record book will earn them points towards rewards. For every 10 home reads, your child can choose from a list of treats in class!



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Year 4

Year 4 English



Spellings and key words

Please see the attached sheet for the 100 Y3/4 key words that the children should know how to read and spell in their independent writing by the end of Year 4. In addition, spelling lists, focusing on word types, will be sent home weekly. These can also be found on the class page in the school website.

Reading

It is important for your child to read at home every day, and to experience a wide variety of texts. Your child will bring home a reading book and will have a choice from the school library. One of our topics will be 'newspapers and magazines' so it would be helpful for the children to have access to appropriate examples of these at home. Children should be reading at least 3 times a week as homework.

Writing

This term, we are focusing on our handwriting to ensure that we are making our letters clear, correctly formed and evenly sized and that we are starting to use joins. Please encourage your child to practise their handwriting at home. Little and often is the best way! We will also be looking at imaginary worlds and newspapers and magazines. Encourage your child to find these during reading to help with their writing.

Maths

We are revising the times tables and trying to improve our rapid recall, aiming for at least 40 answered correctly in 3 minutes! Using interactive times tables games is an enjoyable way for your child to practise times tables at home. For instance, Times Table Rockstars is a fantastic way for children to work on their rapid recall and to compete against other children in a safe environment.

Computing



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

Topic & Science

Their Geography topic will be based on 'Rivers of the World'. The children will be locating rivers on a map, looking at how they can sustain water and comparing how we collect water with other countries.

The History topic for Year 4 this term is 'Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age'. The children will become familiar with the concepts of the ages and compare how humans lived then compared to now. A useful website is

<http://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/the-stone-age>

In Science children will be learning about solids, liquids and gases as well as the water cycle with a focus on evaporation. Next half term we will be focussing on Animals including Humans with the children investigating the digestive system and the differences between animal and human teeth.

E-Safety



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