

Year 6 English



Spellings

- Please check your child's spelling sheet each week for words that they must learn. Spellings are dictated in sentences in the weekly test on Monday to check that they can be applied correctly. New spellings are pre-tested and then sent home each Thursday.

Reading

- Reading at least 4 times weekly is 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 and can be monitored by school. Independent reads from novels etc must be recorded in your child's reading record and signed by an adult.

Writing

- Year 6 will be writing discussion texts, as well as fiction, myths and legends and persuasive letters. We will be improving our writing by learning how to write different sentence types in class. You can help your child with this by asking them to show you a sentence type.

- ❖ 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, or check out the Progression in Calculations document in the parents' section of the school website.

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 using stop motion to create short films. They will also be creating Power Points with a variety of features and effects including sound, linked pages and web links.

Our **Geography** topic is China. We will be using atlas skills and researching aspects of climate, population, land use, government and daily life. I will also be sending a project home for the children to complete.

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 light and how it travels. Our class trip will be to the Museum of Science and Industry to support this area of the curriculum.

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.



Topic

E-safety



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.

Homework

In addition to reading and spelling, your child will usually receive a piece of Maths and English homework each week. In the Autumn term, this will usually be given on a Thursday and is due back into school on a Wednesday. Occasionally, this may change if a topic needs further work in class so that your child can access the homework confidently.

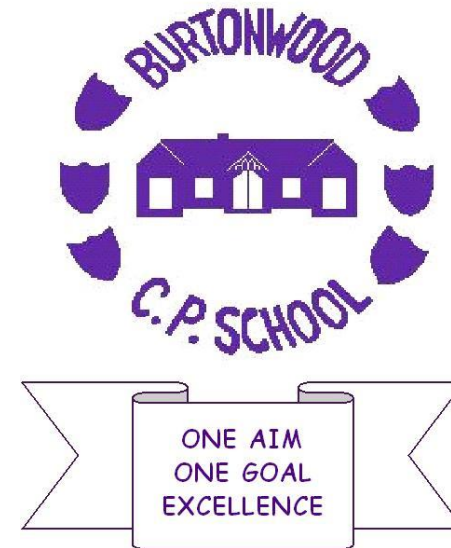
Much of the homework set will be online in the form of SPAG.com for various areas of punctuation and grammar, and Mathletics for maths topics. These will be based on what your child has recently covered in class so that it further secures their learning. Should you have any difficulties in accessing the internet at home, please notify school so that we can arrange a before school or lunchtime sessions. Any written homework is expected to be completed to a high standard of presentation.

It is strongly suggested that homework is not left until the night before so that any difficulties can be supported. 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). 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.

Home reading recorded and signed in your child's reading record book will earn them points towards 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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