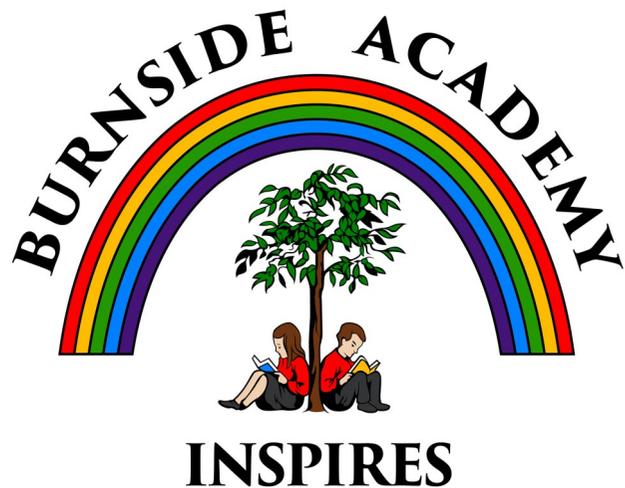


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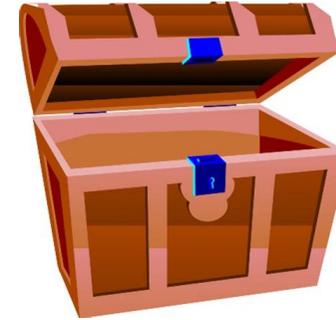
Home & School



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Welcome to Year 1



Dear Parents/carers

Welcome to Year 1! May I start by saying hello and welcoming you back to Burnside Academy for the start of another school year. I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holidays.

I understand that some of the children may be feeling nervous or apprehensive about the prospect of starting Year 1. I can assure you that I will be doing all I can to ensure that the transition from Reception to Year 1 is as easy as possible.

Coming up this half term we will be learning lots of new skills and knowledge linked to our topic **Memory Box**.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to come to see me for a chat (the best time is at 3.15 pm) - I will be happy to speak to you and/or make an appointment for a more lengthy discussion.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Horn

Please look inside for more information about the term ahead.



This is what we are learning this half term!

English	<p>This half term we will be working on narrative and recount writing styles. Our quality text is 'Peace at last' by Jill Murphy.</p> <p><u>Writing</u> The children will have lots of different opportunities to write in a variety of different styles. The children will begin by using their phonic knowledge to build words and sentences.</p> <p><u>Spelling</u> The children take home ten spellings a week. The ten spellings will contain the sound that the children have been learning in phonics that week. The children will have a phonics session every morning in which we will focus on reading and writing that sound in words and in sentences.</p> <p><u>Handwriting</u> Handwriting is important in Year 1 as the children must be forming their letters correctly at this stage. They should be developing the skills to form their letters correctly. If you see your child forming letters back to front please encourage them to correct their mistake.</p> <p><u>Punctuation</u> The children will also look at punctuation with a focus on capital letters and full stops.</p>
Maths	<p>Over this half term the children will cover place value, measures, addition and subtraction and Geometry. Within this they will learn to:</p> <p><u>Place Value</u> Count on from any given number 0-20 Count back from 0-20 Count in 10's to 100</p> <p><u>Measures</u> Compare two objects and say which is longest/shortest. Compare two objects and say which is heaviest/lightest. Order up to five objects by length</p> <p><u>Addition and Subtraction</u> Use + - = sign with concrete objects. Know and use all addition bonds to 20. Know and use all subtraction facts to 20.</p> <p><u>Geometry</u> Recognise common 2D shapes, including: 2D, e.g. circles, triangles Name common 2D shapes, including: 2D, e.g. circles, triangles</p> <p>The children will also be continually encouraged to learn and recall their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will be focussing on the 10 times table this term.</p>
History	<p>In History, we are going to be thinking about changes within living memory. We will make this very personal to the children and allow them to think of their own history and how they have changed over the past few years. As part of this they will, use words related to chronology, e.g. yesterday/when I was a baby, last week, a long time ago, a very long time ago, describe the characteristics of old and new objects and understand the difference between things that happened in the past and the present.</p>
Computing	<p>In computing, we will be learning how to use a computer. The children will develop their skills using a mouse and keyboard. The children will also develop their typing speed, using a range of games and programs in school. As well as this we will also be using technology to create graphs and pictograms.</p>
R.E	<p>This term we will be looking at Christianity, this will include learning about important Christian symbols and learning what they mean. We will also be learning about Christian worship and learning about the different parts that make up a church.</p>
P.E	<p>Over the next half term, we will be playing games which encourage the children to think about the importance of exercise. The children will be taught how to exercise safely and will be able to recognise how their body changes when they do. As well as this we will be learning how to move and stop safely and how to roll, throw and catch a ball properly.</p>
Art	<p>In art this term, the children are going to be working on their drawing skills. This will include looking at the work of some artists and discussing similarities between their work. The children will develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space. We will be; drawing lines of different shapes and thickness, describing patterns that we see, colouring in neatly, drawing with pencil, crayons and chalk to experiment with line.</p>
Science	<p>In Science, the children will be learning about animals and humans. We will be labelling the parts of the body for humans as well as animals. We will identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.</p>

SOME REMINDERS

Start of the day -The school gate opens at 8.45am and closes promptly at 9:00am. Please ensure you child comes in within these times as children arriving even a few minutes late can often take a long time to settle into the class and can often miss learning opportunities.

End of the day - School finishes at 3.15 pm. Please ensure that the children are picked up at this time and the school are aware if someone new is picking them up.

Uniform - All children must wear grey or black trousers or skirts, a white or red polo-shirt, a red school jumper and black shoes. We would be grateful if all items could be clearly named! Please also label hats, gloves, wellies and items of PE kit. Any items found will be kept in lost property until the end of half term- please feel free to have a look! If your child brings home another child's item of clothing, please ensure that it is brought back into school the following day to ensure it is returned to its owner.

Reading - All children will take a reading book home every day. Reading books should be returned everyday even if it has not been finished to ensure that the children make progress in their reading. A shared reading session at home is very valuable and rewarding. Children will respond positively to ten or fifteen minutes 'special reading time' at home. You can write a comment or just a smiley face in your child's Home-School Reading Record Book but please let us know when the book is finished so that we can change it. The children will receive a stamp every day they bring their reading book in. When they receive 10 stamps they will be given a prize.

Spelling- A list of ten spelling will be sent home every Monday. The children will be expected to read and learn these spelling, ready for their test on the following Monday. Please ensure that you help your child with this as spelling rules and patterns need to be embedded as soon as possible. It may be a good idea to work on two spellings a night in order to save time and have a focussed time on this. It would be useful to go over the spellings as much as possible to ensure your child is given the best opportunity in their reading and writing.

PE - Year 1 will have PE on a Friday. Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit including comfortable, black plimsolls. Also, during the winter months please provide your child with tracksuit bottoms as we may still go outside when it's cold. No jewellery should be worn on P.E. days and long hair should be tied back.

Coats -As the weather is changing and unpredictable all children **MUST** bring a coat every day as some our learning will take place outside even on cold days.

Homework- Your child should complete one piece of homework per week from the homework checklist in their homework book. Homework will be sent out on a Wednesday and will be expected to be returned into school on the following Monday.

Thank you for your continued support!