



## **Burnside Academy**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

In response to parental feedback, we are taking a new approach to homework. Moving forward, the new expectations for all children's homework will be as follows:

### Reading - Reading records signed x3 weekly

At Burnside, we feel passionately that the most significant thing that you, as parents, can do to support your child's learning is to share books with them on a regular basis. By this we mean reading to your child, listening to your child read and talking about what you are reading. Regular reading is encouraged and rewarded daily. We would like to see your child's reading record signed at least three times per week and brought into school for your child's class teacher to stamp. In Year 5 and Year 6, children can access Reading Plus lessons 3x per week to count towards this if they wish.

### Phonics Speed Sound Books

In Key Stage 1, children learn to read and spell words using Fred Fingers and phonetic knowledge. Each child has a 'My Speed Sounds' book linking to their phonics learning. Please practise these sounds in the book with your children x3 per week to consolidate their phonetic knowledge.

### Spelling Log Books

In Key Stage 2, we use Read Write Inc Spelling as our programme to teach the spelling of words. Children all have a Log Book which should be brought home twice a week to practise spelling rules. Children will have words from their 'speed spell' they have spelled incorrectly to practise as well as 'words to log and learn' ready for their next spelling quiz. Please encourage your child to practise these spellings weekly as regular practise will support your child's independent writing skills.

### Maths - Purple Mash

Your child's class teacher will set a '2Do' (a learning task) on their Purple Mash account. Each task set will always be something we know the children can complete independently and will consolidate previous learning they have done in the classroom. Children will need to 'hand in' their homework so that their class teacher can see it has been completed. All children access Purple Mash at school weekly so they know how to do this. Each task will be set every Monday and is expected to be completed by the following Monday.

Your child will bring home their Purple Mash log in details so they can get online to access their homework tasks.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding homework, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Miss Whiffin & Mrs Wright  
English & Maths Lead