



Burnt Tree Primary School

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'Where everyone matters'



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you will already be aware, at Burnt Tree we follow Ruth Miskin's phonics scheme Read Write Inc, which is a structured and systematic approach to teaching early literacy skills in EYFS and KS1. In our school, phonics is taught daily and all children are assessed and grouped according to their ability. Children are assessed on their sound knowledge, but also on their fluency of reading.

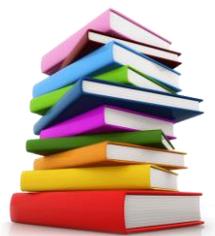


Each phonics group will follow a weekly plan where they will focus on reading a core storybook. Children will practise reading the book at least three times in class with their partner. Re-reading the same book helps children to become confident and fluent readers. After children have completed the weekly plan in their groups, they will bring the matching book bag book or core storybook home in their book bag. By this time the children should be confident at reading the story and excited to share it with you.



We do not send stories home that the children cannot read because we want them to be set up to succeed in their reading. Each time they re-read a book, they build their fluency/speed and comprehension and will love reading because they **can** read all of the words in the book. Please encourage them to share their enjoyment of the story with you and read it in their storyteller voice again and again. Please avoid saying, "This book is too easy for you!" but instead say "I love how well you can read this book!"

In order to continue to promote the love of reading, children will also be given the opportunity to visit our library once a week, and choose a book for pleasure to share with you at home. This may be a book that your child cannot read yet and is a great opportunity for story time. Please read and share this book together.



As part of our reading evidence, could you please continue to record in the home reading diaries, so that we can identify the range of texts that the children are reading and sharing with adults at home. This could be their reading book, library book or any other books that you have at home. We ask for evidence of home reading at least three times per week. Your support is imperative, as teaching children to read takes great teamwork between home and school!



We will be continuing with our reading reward scheme this year where children will have the chance to win prizes based upon the number of times they read at home. Children will receive their awards and certificates in our Friday celebration assembly!

In addition to their phonics lessons, children will also read one to one with an adult in school at least once a week and so we also ask that book bags containing their reading record, phonics book and library book are brought to school **every day**.

We continue to spend a lot of money on phonics books and to ensure that the library is stocked with high quality texts, that we are therefore asking for parents/guardians to pay £5.00 for any library book or reading book taken home, that is lost or damaged. Please could you support us to ensure that we can provide your children with the very best resources and reading materials. We also ask that children have a reading packet/book bag for their books to be taken home in, so they can be kept in the very best condition.



Please return the reply slip below, and hand to your child's class teacher. Your child will be able to take their books home as soon as this slip is returned to school.

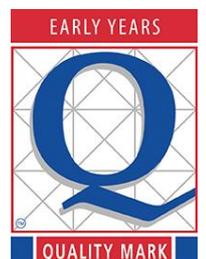
Thank you for your continued support,

C. Clarke

Mrs C Clarke
Assistant Head Teacher



SCHOOL
MEMBER



Please complete and return this reply slip to your child's class teacher.

I agree to pay £5.00 for any reading or library book that is lost or damaged.

Child's name Child's class

Parent signature Date