

Tolsey and Priory (KS2)

Homework expectations

Weekly homework

The National Curriculum places great emphasis on children being fluent readers so that they can access the whole curriculum. At Burford Primary School, we feel that reading should be a core focus as a regular homework expectation. Occasionally we may well also set a topic/research project too.

Expectations

Children are expected to read 5 times per week. It is proven that the more children read, the greater their vocabulary is and this improves their writing skills too. It is important to read a range of texts so books should be a range of fiction and non-fiction. A book only needs to be read once (which is a change from KS1) before it is then changed. All books will be quarantined before being handed out.

When a child is reading, we are looking for them to identify:

- ✓ Words that your child would like to use in his/her writing ('pinching' an author's word choices)
- ✓ Words that your child is unsure of the meaning of, along with dictionary definitions
 - * *You may need to purchase a dictionary for this purpose, as online resources don't support children's dictionary skills*

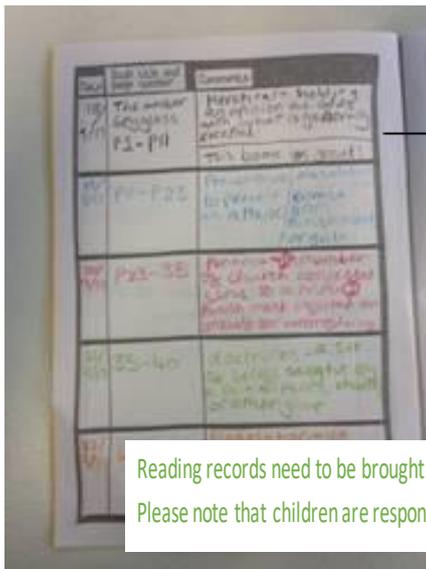
What sort of books should my child be reading?

Your child should read a book that is accessible but also serves to expand their vocabulary. If there are no words to be recorded, then please consider either supporting your child to find relevant words or identifying a book that provides more of a challenge.

How does my child record his/her work?

Work needs to be recorded in your child's Reading Record, **by your child**. Pencil can be hard to read, so please encourage the use of pens. Spelling is important and words should be copied correctly.

Here is an example of how the Reading Record might look



Word and dictionary definition

This child read a range of challenging books: her vocabulary for writing was excellent. It would have been okay to include words that she wanted to use in her writing, but this wasn't what she felt she needed as a writer.

Reading records need to be brought into school each day, as we will use these during English lessons.

Please note that children are responsible for filling in their reading record, and **parents must countersign each read**.

Using Google Classroom to support homework

Every week, children will be required to record 5 of their best words (and their meanings) on Google Classroom. This will support your child to continue using Google Classroom at home, but allow us to check that the quality of work and quality of book is being maintained.

*Spelling is part of our classroom practice and, as such, words will not be sent home to learn.