



# Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

## St Gilbert's Church of England Primary School

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Dear parents,

This week your child will be coming home with their new homework book and reading book/record. In class, the children will be going over expectations regarding presentation and completion of tasks. Please help us by reinforcing excellent presentation and making sure that homework is returned to the class teacher on time. Green homework books and reading books/records will be coming home on a Tuesday. Homework books and reading books / records **must** be in school the following Monday. We would like to see the children's homework books on a weekly basis to help monitor their understanding and development of the tasks that have been set. Could you please ensure that your child's reading book is in their bag at all times as they will also be needed in class on a daily basis. Reading books will be changed/checked on a Monday.

In **KS1**, we would like you to focus on the following three areas to support your child's learning. All Maths work should be completed in the children's green homework books and spelling in the small blue book.

- Maths

For homework, the children will be focussing on the area that they are studying within Maths lessons. The homework set will support and consolidate this learning. Class teachers will send work home with your child every Tuesday. To support this, your child needs to bring their Homework book back into school every Monday. This will enable class teachers to mark the work with the children and ensure that your child has the appropriate homework task for the present week.

In addition to the set weekly homework, the children need to be learning and practicing their knowledge of counting patterns and times tables. Please concentrate on the following:

Year 1 – to count reliably in steps of 2, 5 and 10 up to and beyond 100.

Year 2 – to learn times tables for 2s, 5s and 10s.

- Spelling

Every Tuesday the children will bring home a list of new words for the week. These will be stuck in their small blue spelling homework books and the children should use these books to show how they are using their strategies to learn their spellings. Year 1 children will bring home a list of eight spellings that include the new sounds learned that week. Year two children will bring home a list of ten spellings. Five of these spellings will be from the end of year spelling list and five of the spellings will be focussing on the pattern/rule that the children are working on in class that week.

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It is important to keep referring back to the spellings previously worked on, to ensure that they are retained. The children do need a mixed approach when learning spellings and should use different strategies, such as those sent home.

- Reading

Can we please ask that you hear your child read on a daily basis and make a dated record of what has been read.

Thank you for your support with your child's learning.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Miss Dicker', written in a cursive style.

Miss Dicker