



# ANSTEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Anstey Junior School uses homework planners for every child and these will be given out this week. We believe that the children really benefit from having their homework, reading record, reward system, learning materials and key school information in one place. The planner will provide parents with all of the information needed on a day-to-day basis. The planners will also help to teach pupils organisational skills and will enable parents to support their children further. Within the planner there are diary sections for recording homework, a reading record, spelling lists to learn and additional space for parents to sign and make comments when the children have completed a task. There is also space for children to record their weekly spelling and times tables test scores.

We know that when parents are involved in doing homework activities with their children, it makes a significant difference to their achievement and progress. The children will be expected to do activities at home that work on:

- Improving reading ability (both reading aloud and working on understanding the meaning that the author intended). Reading well and understanding texts is vital for the children to prepare them for secondary school and beyond.
- Times tables and related division facts. A good knowledge of times tables is essential for the more complex maths tasks the children will need to do.
- Spelling activities that teach children how to spell and how to look for spelling patterns, including lists of words to learn. Being able to spell well gives children greater confidence in reading and writing.

Each week the children will write in their planner their spellings and the times tables they are working on. Within the planner there are suggested reading, spelling and times tables activities for you to choose from (pages 11 – 16). We ask that parents choose one activity from these pages for reading, tables and spelling and sign to show that this has been completed. On some occasions there may be additional homework set and recorded within the planner.

Fundamentally, we believe that with parental support and regular practice of reading, spelling and times tables, the benefits of adults working alongside their child/children and being involved with their learning will enable them to make good progress.

If you have any questions about the homework planner, please speak to me or your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Jones

