

P6 Practice papers and home learning



Dear Parents,

As we discussed at our February parent-teacher interviews, we were due to start looking at AQE-style practice papers with all our P6 pupils as part of our classwork in the two weeks before Easter with the intention of the children beginning to sit them as tests after the Easter holidays.

Unfortunately, the events of the last few weeks have overtaken us and thrown our plans into disarray. We have therefore decided to send each pupil home with a pack of six tests which will be completed on a **one test per week** basis over the coming weeks. These papers are shorter in length than the actual AQE tests and therefore less intimidating initially.

We will be using our school website www.brooklandsprimary.com to inform you of the Literacy and Numeracy work which the children should complete each week at home. New work will be uploaded once per week with the expectation that it will be completed to the best of your child's ability.

As part of this work, we will be letting you know which practice test to look at each week. For the first two papers, it would be best for you to work through the tests with your child, discussing the questions, highlighting or circling the key words and doing any working-out together. This should be done over a few days with no time limit on any particular question. To help you, we will be posting a digital copy of each test on our website which has been annotated to show how the working-out may be set out and providing you with the answers to each question so that you can mark it together with your child.

After the Easter holidays, we would suggest that you let your child attempt to do the paper by himself/herself (45 minutes) and then go through it together to mark it and consider where extra marks could be gained in the next paper.

Once the tests provided have been completed, we will be asking you to consider whether you wish to continue doing further practice tests with your child as you plan to enter them for the AQE tests in November or you no longer wish to do further tests as your child will not be entering the AQE tests. If you do decide to continue, arrangements will be made for you to collect a further series of tests which will take you through to the summer holidays.

As teachers, we feel very frustrated that we will be unable to provide you and your child with the one-to-one support that we would normally be able to give you. The work that we will be providing online will reflect the learning that we would have been doing in class and, by encouraging the children to follow a structured routine at home, we hope to keep the impact of these school closures to a minimum.

Stay safe and take care,

Mrs Bell, Mr Massey and Mr Coetzee