



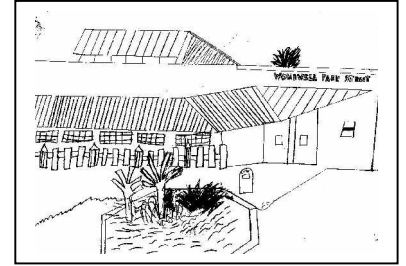
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Dear Parents and Carers of The Fantastic Fours,

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I hope you find this latest newsletter useful when talking to your child about what they will be learning in the Spring term 2010. It should help to support your child's learning at home so that they make even faster progress. Please feel free to ask if you need any further information or help. Our Spring topic is Science based, finding out about the world around us – beginning with forces and friction, leading to exploring the Sun, Moon, Earth and our Solar System, ending with what lies beyond that!

English: We will be exploring how to write exciting, effective space poems and science fiction stories, and working out how authors use words effectively to sustain the interest of the reader .

At home, use powerful describing words and set challenges such as: Describe an amazing alien, an exploring rocket - make it fun and exciting. Also make sure that your child is reading regularly. They should bring a new book home on a regular basis, at least 3 times a week. Listen to your child read at least twice a week but also let them read independently, both out loud and in their head. Ask them to tell you what it is they have just read and discuss characters, plot and settings.

Maths: We are learning about fractions and decimals, written calculation skills, 3-D shapes and symmetry. In this term great emphasis will be put on developing mental skills in the four rules of number, as well as continuing to impress with our tables knowledge.

At home, practise tables, and eventually your child should be able to give you answers instantly without working it out. Move on to number bonds up to 100, and ask your child to share the written methods they are learning at school. Practise division calculations as often as possible by reversing multiplications.

Science: We will be finding out about forces, gravity, friction and the Solar System in Space. Our trip will be to Magna in Sheffield, where the children can experience lots of practical hands on activities with a forces theme, and be treated to a Kitchen Sink Science Show with lots of experiments to watch and actively take part in! Make sure you have received the letter for this trip which was given out first week back

At home, you can talk about every day forces like pressing a light switch or turning a tap on and help them to research more about the Solar System.

Topic: This is based around our Science work so everything we do will involve Space and The Solar System, Forces and Planets. The children have devised their own agenda of topics they want to explore, for example

'How do you get into Space?' 'Why do you float in Space?' 'Are there other Stars with Solar Systems like ours?' 'What would a trip into Space be like?'

At home any information you can find about Space will be of great benefit to your child's knowledge and understanding.

ICT: We use the Internet safely and effectively and will be exploring Space and Space travel generally on sites like [www.kidsastronomy.com](http://www.kidsastronomy.com). The children have been particularly interested in presenting homework through powerpoint presentations – this has been very popular and they take pride in "taking the floor" to present their homework.

At home, please support what your child is doing on the Internet and help us to reinforce Internet safety.

Our PE days are Monday (swimming) and Friday (indoor PE). Please make sure children have black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps in line with the school policy. No jewellery to be worn, especially on these days. PE may be outside in better weather and children may bring a tracksuit and trainers in addition to their normal PE kit on Friday. At this time of year swimming depends on the weather and as we walk to the baths the children need warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves for every visit.

As last term, Mrs Convery will be supporting learning and will work closely every morning with groups and individuals in the class in Maths and Literacy.

Homework.... I will continue to set homework twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays and it will be connected to the work done in class – Literacy, Maths or topic.

Cookery... The children will be receive their cookery curriculum after half term working in small groups with Mrs Fenton and Mrs Convery. This will have a Viking theme as we will be studying Vikings in the summer term.

Media...At some point this term nearer Easter, the children will be working with a digital media expert, learning to use either camcorders or digital cameras effectively.

Things to look forward to this term: Our Magna Trip, Space topic, Cookery, Art week, Science week and Digital Media work.

Last term was exciting but this term is guaranteed to be better! I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Parent's Evening to discuss your child's progress.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs A Brooks