



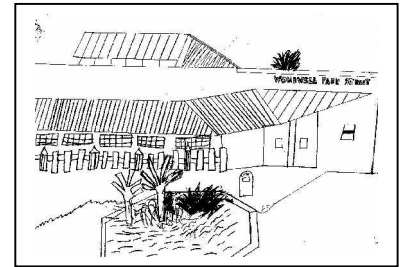
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Dear Parents and Carers of 'The Supremely Successful Superheroes',

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Hello, it's that time again! We're embarking on an exciting new term and topic – The Experimental World. I hope you find the contents of this letter useful so you know what we are currently working on in class and how you can best support your child at home. Please feel free to ask me if you need any further information or help.

English: We will be learning how to write in a variety of different styles, construct quality texts and to prepare for the SATs in May.

At home, your child will be expected to complete a variety of written tasks in preparation for the KS2 tests. Also, please make sure that your child is reading regularly at home, even in year 6. They should bring a new book home on a regular basis, at least once a week, or read one of their own, if they prefer. Ask them to tell you what it is they have just read, to ensure they understand what they are reading. It is really important that even fluent readers continue to read and improve their ability to understand more complex text structures.

Maths: We are currently working on fractions, decimals and percentages. This is a really key area in children's understanding so please help your child as much as possible. They should know that $\frac{1}{2}$ is the same as 50% which is also the same as 0.50 etc. We also expect the children to be able to find fractions of amounts e.g. to find $\frac{2}{3}$ of 60. At home, after regularly rapidly recall tables facts, your child should be able to give you the answer instantly without working it out. Please practise times tables and division calculations as often as possible. It is also helpful to add and subtract several two digit numbers in their heads regularly.

Science: We will be learning about reversible and irreversible changes through cookery this term. Please ask your child each week about the exciting recipes they are cooking. They might even offer to demonstrate them for you!

Topic: We are learning about the Experimental World. This topic was decided upon by the children and links the key scientific understanding of weather patterns, freak weather and global phenomena. All the children will be involved in their own active research which will culminate in a multimedia video.

ICT: We are learning how to use the Internet safely and effectively. The Internet is the world's biggest database and we will be learning how to search it effectively and safely. It is crucial that children are aware of

the dangers of chat rooms and web-based technologies and the need for keeping personal information private.

At home, please make sure you know what your child is doing on the Internet and help us to reinforce Internet safety.

In Year 6, PE opportunities can crop up anytime, so please ensure your child always has the appropriate kit available. This comprises black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps in line with the school policy. No jewellery is to be worn for PE. Often PE will be outside and children may bring a tracksuit and trainers in addition to their normal PE kit.

Homework: Children are expected to complete homework on a regular basis as this year is a crucial time in your child's education. Please ensure work is completed to a high standard and returned on time. Parents will be informed if their child regularly fails to complete work set. To support homework, the children have all been provided with brand new revision books in a plastic wallet at a considerable cost to the school. Unfortunately, if these are lost or damaged we will have to request that parents purchase a new set as we cannot afford to keep providing them so please encourage your child to take great care of them.

Some of the things to look forward to this term:

11th February – Visit to Magna for Crucial Crew

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me,

Yours sincerely,

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