



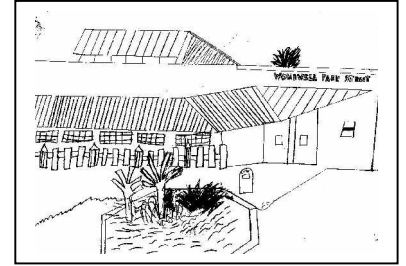
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Dear Parents and Carers of the Fantastic Fours,

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I hope you find the contents of this letter useful when talking to your child about what they are learning this term. Although this is not an exhaustive list, it should give you some ideas on how 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.

English: We will be learning how to write good quality factual information in the form of an information leaflet about the journey of a river from its source to the sea.

At home, you can help by looking together with your child at topic books and discussing what kind of writing and different ways of communicating information there is in the book e.g. charts, maps, photographs, pictures etc. Also make sure that your child is reading regularly at home. They should bring a reading book home on a regular basis. Listen to you child read every 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 or a little about the characters or the plot.

Maths: We are learning about 2D and 3D shapes, symmetry, graphs (bar charts) and grid references. In this term great emphasis will also be put on developing mental skills in the four rules of number.

At home, practise addition and subtraction to 20, eventually your child should be able to give you the answer instantly without working it out. Move on to addition and subtraction within 100, keep practising until your child gives you the answer instantly without working out. Practice of addition and difference between pairs of multiples of 10, 100 or 1,000 would also be useful. Also practise times tables to 10 x 10 and corresponding division calculations as often as possible.

Science: We will be finding out about the different states of water (liquid, solid and gas) and we will be discussing the water cycle, evaporation and condensation processes. I will be asking the children to find examples of these at home – e.g. condensation on windows or mirrors in the bathroom, steam in the kitchen, ice cubes in the freezer etc

At home, you can talk about the properties of solids, liquids and gases and how water changes state from one to the other – melting, freezing, boiling and the relevant temperatures involved.

Topic: We are learning about the nature of rivers and their journey from source to sea. As you will be aware, this half term we will be visiting the Austerfield Field Study Centre near Bawtry to create a mini river in their quarry and take part in a river study to find out if the River Idle really is idle or not!

At home any information you can explore about local, national or world rivers will be of great benefit to your child's knowledge and understanding.

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. The children will also be practicing their word processing skills, particularly creating leaflets with pictures and posters to advertise an event on a river.

At home, please make sure you know what your child is doing on the Internet and help us to reinforce Internet safety. Also encourage them to practise their word processing skills.

Our PE days are Monday (swimming) and Friday. Please make sure children have black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps in line with the school policy. No jewellery to be worn on these days. On Mondays, swimming kit and a coat is essential - no matter how sunny and warm the day appears when they set off for school (and a hat as Winter draws in!) as the children walk to Wombwell Swimming Baths. Please note that children may not be allowed to go without a suitable coat. On Fridays PE will be outside and children may bring a tracksuit and trainers in addition to their normal PE kit on that day.

This year the children will be supported in class, in small groups or individually each morning by our TA, Mrs Convery. She will also accompany them to the baths on Mondays and support cookery lessons later in the year.

The children will be given homework twice a week, usually one of these will be to make or write something of their choice at the weekend, which shows what they have learned in the week, and which they can show and tell to the class. Also they will bring spellings / reading words home to learn regularly.

Things for the Fantastic Fours to look forward to this term:

Oct 6th – Austerfield trip

Nov 2nd – 6th Writing Week

Nov 9th and 11th – Parents evenings

Dec 11th – Junior Church service at St Mary's Church, 1.30pm

Dec 17th – Year 3/4 party

It is certainly a very exciting and busy term to look forward to and I am sure the Fantastic Fours will both work and play hard, enjoying it to the full!

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Brooks
Class Teacher