



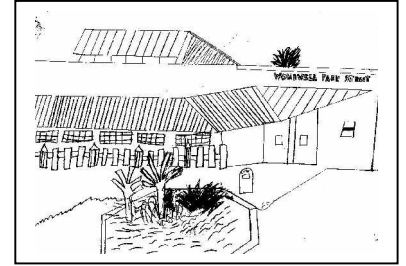
## BRONZE

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

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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 the class teacher if you need any further information or help.

**English:** We will be learning how to write creative adventure stories, construct multimedia texts for displaying on the Internet, and participating in a creative writing week.

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 learning about decimals, calculations and problem solving. In this term, great emphasis will be put on developing speedier mental skills in the four rules of number.

At home, practise rapid recall of tables facts, eventually your child should be able to give you the answer instantly without working it out. 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 finding out how forces act on objects – linked to our topic on football and fashion.

**Topic:** We are learning about the way in which football and fashion connect us to the world. As you will be aware, next week we are visiting Old Trafford Football Ground and The Trafford Shopping Centre. We will be finding out why Manchester United are the richest sports club in the world and why people travel to the Trafford Centre to buy their fashion.

**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.

We will also be involved in a multimedia project again with Matthew Lindley, the video expert. This work will also be available for you to view online in a new system we will be using over the year known as 'Studywiz'. Children and parents can access the work done in school using a username and password which you will be advised of shortly. Watch this space!

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.

Miss Kelly, is the new member of staff who will be supporting Year 6 this year in Literacy. For Maths, the children will be split in to different maths groups depending on their personal needs. These will be taught on a daily basis by Mrs. Knott, Mrs. Bentley and Mrs. Longden.

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.

Cookery: During the year your child will be involved in a six week cookery course to teach preparation and cooking skills linked to our science topic on reversible and irreversible changes. You will be notified of the dates nearer the time.

Some of the things to look forward to this term:

17<sup>th</sup> September – Visit to Manchester United and the Trafford Centre  
12<sup>th</sup> October - Residential visit to Ingleton

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

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant Head and Class 6 teacher