

Shaw Wood Academy

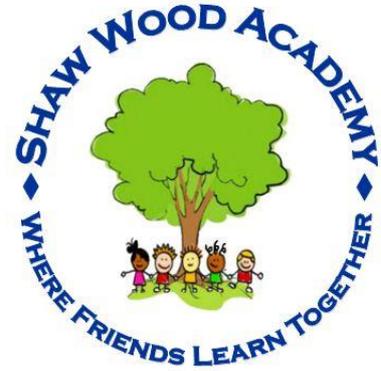
Where Friends Learn Together & Everyone Matters

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Dear Parent

Year 1 – Fabracadabra Project

Next half term our topic in Year One is Fabracadabra, where the children will learn about artists and sculptors. The children will recreate art and sculptures in particular styles, whilst having the opportunity to be creative themselves.

As part of this topic, children will also work with our school coach, Zeph, to participate in a number of challenge activities. This will help the children develop their confidence, determination and team building skills.

To support the children's understanding of art and sculpture, we wanted to take the children to The Yorkshire Sculpture Park. The cost of the trip however would have exceeded £15.

As an alternative, and as part of this exciting learning experience, we have commissioned a local sculptor, Dan Jones, to come into school and work with the Year 1 children for four days.

On Tuesday 20th February, Dan will introduce the children to sculpting and will show the children how he creates pieces of art, from the planning stage to the complete piece. He will complete workshops with the children showing them how they can join materials to create sculptures.

On Wednesday 14th March, he will work with the children to plan and design their own sculpture in the style of an artist that the children have learned about during the half term. The children will then create their piece of art in teams.

On Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd March, he will support children to design and build a large scale sculpture that will be displayed outside the main entrance to the school.

We are confident that the children will love working in this way and will learn lots from it. The cost of bringing a sculptor into school for four days is, as you can imagine high. We are therefore asking families to support us by contributing a **minimum of £5 per child** – far less than the trip to the Sculpture Park would have been. If all parents contribute the school will still be contributing in excess of £400 to the cost of this project.

We thank you in advance for supporting us and your children and will continue to do our very best to make sure your children love their learning and coming to school.

Yours faithfully

Miss A L Horsfield
Head of School 3-7

