Shaw Wood Academy

Where Friends Learn Together & Everyone Matters

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Autumn Newsletter - Year 6

The Year 6 team would like to welcome you all back to Shaw Wood, we hope you had a great summer holiday. Mr Carroll, Mr McMahon and Mr Parkinson will be the Y6 teachers this year with Mrs Marrison, Miss Dixon, Mrs Perry and Mrs Marsh assisting in the classes.

Topics

We've got some great lessons lined up for the autumn term and we are already getting stuck into our topics. The big topic this term is World War Two. We will be learning all about this period through History, Art, and Music as well as some English lessons. We are very excited about our visit to Eden Camp on Thursday 28th September. To bring this topic to a close, we shall end with a street party to celebrate the end of the war to which you will all be invited to (details of this will follow shortly).

As well as learning about WWII the children will be studying Light and Shadow in their Science sessions and in ICT they will be looking at the importance of e-safety.

PE

All of Year 6 will be doing PE on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on this day. This term will be focussed on invasion games and gymnastics.

Homework

To run along-side our topic work we have set a family homework challenge that you can work on through this first term. If you have decide to undertake this task then it should it be completed by Tuesday 7th October (on return from October half term).

Homework will commence from Friday 8th September.

Friday – Spellings tested following Friday

Friday – English handed in following Friday

Friday – Maths handed in following Friday

To help children with their homework we will again be running a homework club Friday after school until 4pm. This proved very popular last year being well attended throughout the year. This session is fully staffed where the children can get support to do the homework issued on the Friday.

End of year residential

We have run this event to Kingswood outdoor education centre at the end of the last two years and we would like to run it again at the end of this year. Details of this were sent home at the end of last year and a good initial response was received. We now need to finalise numbers and confirm our provisional bookings. Anyone who has not expressed an interest in this residential has until Friday 15th September to do so, when we must confirm our booking.

Behaviour / Attendance

As ever we will be looking for our Year 6 pupils to set a good example to the rest of the school. The school's behaviour policy can be accessed through the website. Year 6 is also a very important year for a number of reasons, from preparing your child to move on to secondary education as well as supporting them in preparation for SAT's. To help with this attendance and punctuality is a very high priority and we would again ask for your support in ensuring that your child is in school on time every day. We held a New Year 6 Parents Meeting at the end of last year where we went through the year and discussed issues that were raised. However, if you were unable to attend and have any issues please don't hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes - Year 6 Team