

## Shaw Wood Academy

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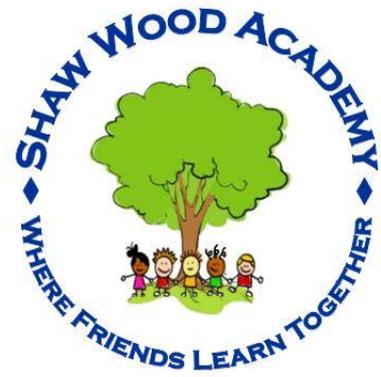
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### Autumn 2 Newsletter - Year 5

We hope you are all ready for another exciting and busy half term at Shaw Wood! There is a lot to look forward to including the fantastic Christmas production.

#### Topics

The children have thoroughly enjoyed our Feeling Groovy Topic. They produced some outstanding head scarves and tie dye t-shirts. If you managed to attend our fashion show, you would have seen the amazing results and the effort they put in to learning the 1960s songs. The children will be able to take their scarves and t-shirts home at the end of term. We would also like to say a big thank you for the effort that some of the children put into their family homework. We had some wonderful research and biographies about The Beatles, Elvis, Bobby Moore and Many 1960s actors.

Our topic for this half term is 'Bah Humbug'. The children are studying Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol and will be learning all about Victorian Christmas traditions. On the 8<sup>th</sup> December, we are going to Hull Truck Theatre to watch a performance of a Christmas Carol and then will take part in a workshop. Please can you make sure your child has returned their form and money!



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December the children will be performing their own musical production of A Christmas Carol. Tickets are available from next week.

#### Tea Dance

We will like to say a big well done and thank you to all the children that represented our school at the community tea dance on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. All the children came back happy and excited, they enjoyed learning to dance and chat with the senior citizens of our community. All the children should be very proud of their behaviour, every child was very polite and enthusiastic throughout the afternoon.



#### Family homework

Please create a Victorian themed Christmas decoration, that we can put on our classroom Christmas tree. Please bring the homework into school no later than Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Maths**

Mrs Scoffield and Mrs Taylor's maths group are focusing on multiplication and division throughout the first three weeks. After that we are learning about fractions, decimals and percentages.

Mr Gelsthorpe's maths group are learning to interpret, complete and solve problems in tables. Next week, we are looking at investigation skills moving this on to multiple step problems. We will be moving on to increasingly harder fractions after this.

## **English**

As mentioned above, the children are reading Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. They are learning how to write setting and character descriptions. After that they will learn how a play script is set out and will write their own short play script. We will continue to focus on handwriting, punctuation and spelling.

## **PE and swimming**

All of Year 5 will be doing PE on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on this day. This term will be focussed on team sports. Swimming will start in February 2018. Mr Gelsthorpe's class will go on a Monday afternoon and Mrs Taylor and Mrs Scoffield's class will go on a Friday.

## **Homework**

All homework is handed out on a Friday.

English handed in following Friday

Maths handed in following Friday

Please ensure that your child completes their homework and reads every evening. This will reflect in their 'Good to be Green' behaviour tracker card and counts towards sessions at the end of term fun day.

## **Uniform**

We would just like to remind parents of the importance of the children wearing and adhering to the school uniform. This is:

- A pale blue polo t-shirt or shirt
- A dark grey, black or navy trousers, smart shorts, skirt or pinafore
- A navy blue cardigan or jumper (no hooded tops)
- Navy or black shoes (no trainers)

Thank you for your continued support!

**The Year 5 Team**  
**Mrs Taylor, Mrs Scoffield and Mr Gelsthorpe**