

# **Shaw Wood Academy**

**INSPIRE-DISCOVER-CHALLENGE**

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## **Autumn 2 Newsletter - Year 6**

We hope you all have had a good break and are refreshed for the run up to Christmas. The year has got off to an excellent start and the children are quickly adapting to the requirements of Year 6. The work they have produced so far has been on a very high standard across all areas of the curriculum. Our visit to Eden Camp proved to be very informative and enabled the children to get a better insight into life during World War II. In addition, the visits to Armthorpe Academy to make the rationed stew also proved to be an invaluable experience. We would once again like to thank you for your support during this topic. We really appreciate the support you have provided and it has certainly enhanced the children's knowledge, understanding and passion for the topic.

### Kingswood

We are also pleased to be able to announce that we have received sufficient support for the planned end of year visit to Kingswood Outdoor Educational Centre and therefore, it will be going ahead. Thank you very much for your support.

### Topics

In the run up to Christmas we will undertake a short unit entitled 'Beautiful Minds'. This unit will focus on physical and mental wellbeing and we will explore different ways to maintain a healthy body and mind. Throughout the half term, we shall be exploring the human body and will identify the positive and negative effects of diet, exercise and lifestyle. Alongside this, we will be studying the art work of Keith Haring, who was the inspiration behind the Change4Life campaign. The children will have the opportunity to explore a range of mediums, including clay and pastels. Again, we will be working with colleagues at Armthorpe Academy within this unit.

### Reading

As part of a new school initiative, children that read at home at least 3 times a week and have their reading record signed, will be rewarded with a weekly reading sticker. When children have earned 12 stickers on their reading card, they will be allowed to select a brand new reading book to keep at home from our school bookshop.

### Christmas

We would like to invite you to a Christmas craft afternoon on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1:45pm. More details will follow closer to the date.

### PE

Year 6 PE will continue to take place on a Monday afternoon. Please be aware that PE sessions will still be outside weather permitting. Therefore, it is vitally important that your child has a pair of trainers, a plain navy or black zipped top without a hood and plain bottoms or a plain dark tracksuit. This term the children will focus on developing mini short burst activities, which links to our 'Beautiful Minds' topic.

### Homework

We have been very impressed with how many children have chosen to attend homework club. It is wonderful to see such dedication and we hope this will continue throughout the year.

If you have any concerns or questions we are more than happy to meet with you after school.

With best wishes,

Mr Carroll and Mrs Mead