

Shaw Wood Academy

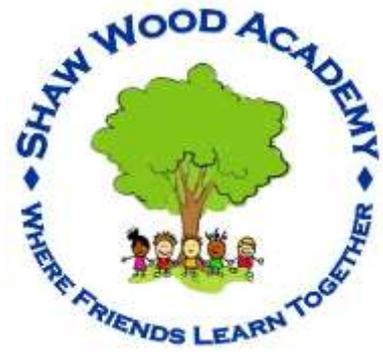
Where Friends Learn Together & Everyone Matters

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Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school, we hope you had a great Christmas holiday!

Topic

This half term, for the first few weeks we will continue our work on the Polar Regions, looking at famous explorers and their expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctic. We will complete challenge activities linked to Shackleton's trip on the Endurance. We will then start our new topic Dinosaurs. On the 6th March a palaeontologist will be visiting the children at school to tell them all about where dinosaurs came from and how fossils were formed. Our challenge for this topic will be to design and make a toy dinosaur using a range of tools and materials.

Maths

This half term we will focus on fractions of shapes and quantity. This will include finding a half, quarter and a third of an amount or shape. In statistics the children will be learning to find information from pictograms, tally charts and bar charts. Please continue to practise number bonds to 10 and 20 and also the 2, 5 and 10 times table with your child.

Writing

In writing, we will be focusing on narrative by looking at the story of Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. The children will learn how to describe a character using adjectives and expanded noun phrases. The children will then come up with their own ending to the story using the correct tense and apply grammar features such as the possessive apostrophe. We will also use role play to understand the feelings and emotions of the characters in the story. In addition, we will look at diary writing and write our own entry from the perspective of a polar explorer. Please continue to practise the spellings that are sent home with your child.

PE

PE will take place on Monday afternoon each week and this half term will focus on gymnastics. The children will develop their balance and flexibility skills. Kit required consists of a plain white or blue t shirt, navy blue or black shorts. PE sessions will take place indoors. Please ensure that all children have their kit in school.

Intervention

Every Monday and Thursday we are running an after school intervention to help the children improve their spelling, handwriting and maths. We have sent out some letters however if you have not received one and you feel your child would benefit from attending this intervention, please let one of the year 2 team know.

SAT's meeting

We will be holding a meeting to provide information regarding the year 2 SATs that your child will be taking in May this year. More information to follow.

We are all looking forward to an exciting half term in Year 2!

