

Shaw Wood Academy

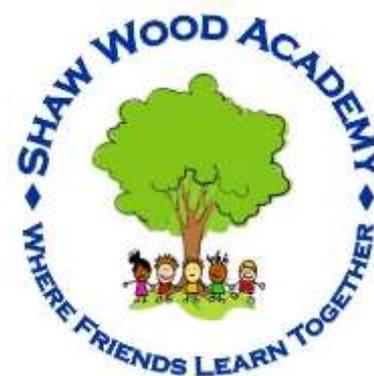
Where Friends Learn Together & Everyone Matters

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Year 4 Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you had a relaxing Christmas break and you are looking forward to an exciting half term.

Topic

This half term we will begin our new topic 'Around the World'. The topic is based around geography, and over the next few weeks we will be learning about a number of countries across the globe. We will focus particularly on the United Kingdom as well as a number of other European countries. In addition to our topic work, we will be reading the book 'Around the World in 80 Days' and the children will be writing their own versions of the text.

Maths

This half term we will focus on various areas of maths. We will continue to work on times tables with a particular focus on division. As well as number based mathematics we will also cover fractions. If you could support your child to learn their times tables at home we would very much appreciate it.

Writing

This half term we will be concentrating on narrative writing. The children will be rewriting Around the World in 80 Days and will progress on to changing the ending of the text by making adaptations of their choice. We will then move on to report writing, which links with our study of various countries around the world. In addition, we are lucky enough to have relationships with other schools across Europe and we will be writing postcards to the children in those schools.

Spelling

A big focus this half term is spelling. You may remember that we sent home the year 3/4 spelling list at the beginning of the academic year and the weekly spellings are taken from this list. We will continue to send spellings home each week and we would appreciate it if you could continue to support your child to learn them. If you require another copy of the list please let us know.

Science

This half term the children will be learning about the water cycle and where our water comes from. They will also learn about the importance of saving water, and in the coming weeks we will be sending home a water chart to find out about water usage in your home. We will then look at different parts of the world where clean water is not available and will be finding out how water is cleaned here in the UK.

PE

PE will now take place on **THURSDAY**. Please be aware that PE sessions will still be outside weather permitting. Therefore, it is important that your child has their kit in school every week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Wood, Mrs Mead and Mr Gelsthorpe



