

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to welcome you and your child back after the Christmas holiday. We are looking forward to an action-packed term full of learning and excitement. Please see below a short summary of topics your children will be learning about this term:

**EYFS:**

Our topic this term is “Adventures at Sea”. We will read “The Snail and the Whale” by Julia Donaldson, which will take us on an eventful journey while the children learn about conservation of our planet and life in the sea. We will compare the hot and cold places that we visit, and children will be invited to bring in articles related to these topics and share them with their friends during “Show and Tell”. Further learning will include visits to the pond to find out about animal and plant life, reading books about rock pools and finding out about what the weather is like.

**Key Stage 1:**

In KS1, we will be learning all about The Great Fire of London and answering the question: What impact did The Great Fire of London have on today? Over the term, we will be exploring why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result. We will be identifying the differences between ways of life in the past to now, and exploring how the fire brigade have improved over the years. Towards the end of the term, we will be creating an in-school museum to demonstrate our learning to the other children in the school.

**Key stage 2:**

During the spring term in KS2, we will be learning about the history of our local area and trying to answer the question: How has our local area changed? We will be looking at what Thurrock was like throughout a range of different time periods starting in the Stone and Iron Ages through to the development of QE2 crossing and the development of Lakeside. We are going to be looking at books about our local area and asking adults about how the area has changed in their lifetimes. Along the way we will be building on our learning from previous year groups and from KS1.

For further information about your child’s learning, please see the curriculum page under parents on our school website. <https://www.shawprimaryacademy.co.uk/curriculum/>

Thank you for your kind support in helping your child to develop safely and happily.

Kind regards

School Leaders and teaching staff