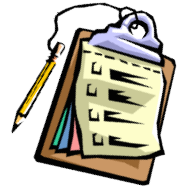




Keir Hardie Primary School

Year 1 Newsletter—Autumn Term 2017

Firstly, we would like to warmly welcome you all back to the start of another school year at Keir Hardie. We hope that you all had a fantastic holiday, and had a chance to relax and re-charge the batteries before coming back for another hard-working year. It is going to be a very exciting year in Year 1; your child will be learning lots of new things.



Curriculum Topics

Dates for Autumn Term

- Meet and Greet:
21-9-17 at 3:15pm
- Educational Visits:
8-11-17– Museum of Childhood
- Focus Weeks:
25-9-17 - Heritage Week. (Friday 29-9-17 is cultural dress day where children dress up in their cultural dress).
13-11-17 - Friendship Week
20-11-17 - Assessment Week
27-11-17 - Work Week
- Holiday Dates:
Half Term - 20-10-17
Christmas Holiday - 20-12-17
- Staff Training:
3-11-17 (School Closed)

English – Children will be developing their retelling skills, using role-play and mapping stories to plan their writing and develop understanding of narrative structure.

Maths – Children will be developing their understanding of numbers through number recognition and comparing numbers. We will also look at number order and patterns and problem solving.

Science – We will be finding out about different materials this term and comparing their properties. We will use our Science enquiry skills to plan investigations. We will also be looking at seasonal changes.

Creative Curriculum - We will be linking our creative topic to Geography, History, Art and D&T this term. In Geography we will be going on a local walk to see what changes are happening in the local area and to use maps. We will complete an information text with the research we gather. In History we will be finding out about our own history and learning about what the past is. We will then be exploring what school was like in the past and comparing it to school today. Art will involve developing our cutting, sticking and collage skills using the local area as stimulus. We will be finding out about artists and using their work to inspire us. In D&T we will be creating our own puppets, linking this to our visit to the Museum of Childhood.

Computing – we will be learning about e-safety, exploring how the children can stay safe on the internet. We will also learn how to use our log ins and word processing skills

RE – The children will be learning about the importance of family, friendship and togetherness.

PSHE – We will be discussing our role in the school, and beyond that, in the world. There will be a focus on listening skills and group skills.

PE Dates

Mondays - learning basic games skills with Mr Mohammed

Tuesdays - gymnastics with Miss Natasha

Please ensure your child brings their PE kit into school on this day:

Navy blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a white t-shirt. Pupils are also required to wear suitable sports shoes and not wear any jewellery.



Homework

Homework is a very important part of your child's education. It is usually linked to what your child has learned that week or in preparation for something they are going to learn. Homework for this term will focus on the basic skills - spelling, handwriting and numeracy skills. Your child will need support from an adult to read and fully understand what he/she needs to do. Homework is given to the children every fortnight on a Friday and they are expected to hand it in the following **Thursday**. To encourage the completion of homework in a positive way, we will give a reward at the end of each half term, to the children who have completed all homework activities.

From time to time, we will also set the children a project to complete at home linked to the Creative Curriculum or Science. This is a great opportunity for you to work on a fun and creative project with your child.



Educational Visits

We have several educational visits planned this term. The first one is a local walk as part of our Geography learning. We will also be making a visit to the Museum of Childhood to develop our understanding of what life was like in the past.

Reading—Important Information

Please encourage your child to read for 10 minutes every night.

- Before reading with your child, read his/her target (written in yellow reading record) so that you can help them to achieve their target. We also welcome your responses and comments in the same book.
- The children can also access a range of books online through Bug Club. Your child's log in details will be in their reading log.
- Please ensure that your child brings their reading book to school every day.
- It is also important to share and enjoy books with your child. Remember that books can be borrowed for free from our school library or your local library. Reading books together will help your child to acquire language, read familiar words and write exciting stories!



Uniform

Please ensure that your child's name is clearly labelled in all of their uniform. Your child should take responsibility for looking after their belongings, particularly in the playground and when changing for PE. If you find you have the wrong item of clothing returned to you, please bring it to your child's teacher and we will endeavour to return the correct items. If a coat, jumper or other item is left in the playground, it will be taken to lost property, which is accessible through the school office.

We hope this newsletter has been helpful. Please make an appointment to see any of the year 1 teaching staff if you have any worries/questions/etc. Please make sure your child is in school everyday and on time to ensure they don't miss out on valuable learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Vhinyu and Mrs De Rogatis