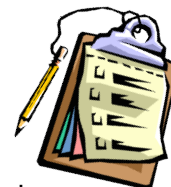




# Keir Hardie Primary School

## Year 2 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 2 ; your child will be learning lots of new things.



## Curriculum Topics

### Dates for Autumn Term

- Meet and Greet:  
22-09-17 at 3:15pm
- Educational Visits:  
19-09-17 – Waltham Abby Gardens trip
  
- 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** – A selection of stories focusing on developing, their story writing skills. The children will also be reciting and writing simple poems. Children will have a spelling test every Friday.

**Maths** – The children will be developing their understanding of place value. They will be applying their knowledge of tens and ones to solve real life problems. We will also be learning how to solve mental maths problems and will have a short mental maths test every Friday.

**Science** – The children will be focusing on animals and habitats. They will develop an understanding of things that are living, non-living and things that have never lived, food chains and animals. They will use their Science enquiry skills to carry out investigations in and out of class.

**Geography**– The children will develop an understanding of the different countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and develop their skills in reading and interpreting information from Atlases, globes and maps.

**History** – To develop an understanding of what life was like in the Victorian times. They will describe significant historical places and speak about what they have found out about the past.

**Art**– Habitats, building habitats for animals using a range of materials.

**DT**– Creating a Fruit Salad, write instructions and understand where food comes from and the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet.

**Computing** – Online – Safety: Hector's World, communicate safely and respectfully online and how to keep personal information private.

**RE** – understanding where the world comes from and how we should look after it.

**PSHE (P4C)** – developing the children's active listening skills and understanding of living in the wider world.

**Music** – using their voices expressively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes

## PE Dates

**days** - Thursday and Friday

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. 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**. We also have an online maths resource called Sumdog, please find your child's Sumdog login in their yellow Reading is Fun book. It is a great resource to help your child with fluency in mental arithmetic. Please ensure your child is also using the 5 a day maths book to practise their mental maths every day. If you do not have a 5 a day maths book, or have lost this, please be aware there will be a £6 charge for a new book. 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 and Visitors

We have several educational visits planned this term. The first visit is Waltham Abby Gardens trip on Tuesday 19th September.

## 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 endeavor 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 teaching staff if you have any worries, questions or concerns. 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.**

**Year 2 teachers: Mrs Khan and Miss Begum.**