



# Keir Hardie Primary School

## Year 4 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 4; your child will be learning lots of new things.



### Dates for Autumn Term

- 20-9-17- Meet and Greet: 3:15pm
- 4.10.17 Rosh Hashanah assembly
- 10/11.10.17 Cycle training
- Educational Visits:  
23-11-17– The Museum of London– Anglo Saxons workshop
- 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)

## Curriculum Topics

**English** – We will be writing a story in a fantasy setting. Alongside this, we will be learning a wide range of interesting vocabulary, as well as spellings and grammar. We will also be writing a balanced argument and will also get the opportunity to hone our debating skills against each other.

**Maths** – We will be deepening our understanding of whole numbers and place value, we will also ensure that we develop confidence in our mental multiplication skills

**Science** – We will be learning about animals and their habitats. Later on in the term, we will then learn about states of matter, where we will be exploring liquids, solids and gases.

**Creative Curriculum** - In Geography, we'll be learning about how to use maps and locate counties in the UK, we will then be using our learning to compare and contrast an area within the UK with Canning Town. Through our History work we will be building an understanding of who the Anglo-Saxons were and the impact they had on our lives today. We will be using our learning in D&T to create our own Anglo Saxon helmets.

In Art, we'll be learning about surrealism and in particular, an artist called Salvador Dali.

**Computing** – we will be learning about e-safety, exploring how the children can stay safe on the internet.

**RE** – We will be learning about the importance of religion in the neighbourhood. We will also be looking at

**PSHE** – This term, we will be considering what the British Values mean to us and how we use them in our daily school lives.

**PE**– We will be developing our understanding of invasion games such as football, we will look at how to attack and defend. We will also be working on improving our balance and coordination..

**Music** – We will be continuing with playing the flutophone, alongside this we will create our own composition.

## PE Dates

In year 4 children will be doing PE on **Wednesday 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 jewel-



## 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 grammar, spelling

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 week 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 and Visitors

We have several educational visits planned this term. The first visit is to the Natural History Museum. We will also be making a visit to The museum of London to develop our understanding of what life was like in the past in Anglo Saxon Britain.

## 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 labeled 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.**