



Keir Hardie Primary School



Year 2 Autumn Newsletter

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.

Topics

This term Year 2 will be studying the following topics:

Literacy – 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 humans. 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

Reading

Your child will be given a new reading book every week, please make sure your child brings in their reading book every day. It is essential that your child reads every day for at least 20 minutes.

Reading doesn't just have to be their school reading book. Encourage your child to read newspaper articles, comics, library books, recipes or even the back of cereal boxes. As your child's reading skills develop so will their writing skills. Remember to visit the school library where we have lots of new and exciting books!

In addition to the above, our online reading resource, Bug Club will allow your child to access a range of books online and will directly feed into your child's learning at school. Please find your child's Bug Club login at the back of their yellow Reading is Fun book. We welcome your responses or comments in this book. Please take some time to explore Bug Club; working together we can improve your child's reading ability greatly.



Reading books will help your child to acquire language, read familiar words and write exciting stories!

Homework

Your child will be given homework every Friday. Be assured, the homework reflects the learning that has been done in class and is explained to the children every Friday and due in the following Thursday. The homework will have an appropriate level of challenge for your child, if you wish to discuss the homework please come and see us. All homework should be completed in homework books or on sheets and in pencil. Children may also be given Creative projects to complete at home; the best projects will be presented with a prize! To encourage the completion of homework in a positive way, we will award 5 magic points to the children who have completed all homework activities by the end of the term.

There will be a homework club every Monday, where your child can come and complete their homework. We urge you to make sure your child attends homework club as the staff supporting them will be able to help with their work.

PE

PE is on 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.



Educational visits and Diary Dates

Please make a note of these dates in your diary:

Thursday 13th October – Lambourne End Visit

Monday 24th – Friday 28th October – HALF TERM

Monday 14th – 18th November – Inspire Work Week

Monday 21st – 25th November – Rights and Respect Week

Wednesday 21st December - CHRISTMAS BREAK

Please make sure your child is in school every day and on time to ensure they do not miss out on valuable learning.

Thank you for your continued support!

From Year 2 teachers: Miss Khan and Miss Begum.