

Keir Hardie Primary School

Year 5 Spring Newsletter

Firstly, we would like to warmly welcome you all back to the start of the Spring term 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 term.

This term we will also be welcoming a new teacher to the year 5 team; Miss Begum will be joining us and working with both classes over the term.

It is going to be a very exciting term in Year 5; your child will be learning lots of new things.

Topics

This term Year 5 will be studying the following topics:

English – Texts: ‘There’s a boy in the Girls’ bathroom’ Loius Sachar

Maths – Fractions, Areas of Triangles, Ratio, Decimals, Measurement and Finding the Mean

Science – ‘Forces and Magnets, ‘Earth and Space’

History –The Tudors- who they were and the impact they had.

Art– Portraits- drawing in the negative.

DT– Creating a Tudor fashion accessory

Computing – We are web developers- building a website all about the Tudors.

PE– Basketball, Tennis,

RE – Beliefs about God, Muhammed and the Quran

PSHE (P4C) – Health and Wellbeing, Independence responsibility and Influences

Music – With the help of the Newham Music Academy, Year 5 will be continuing with keyboard.

E-Safety – This term we will be creating websites providing others with advice as to how to keep safe when online.

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 30 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 take some time to explore this website. Working together we can improve your child’s reading ability greatly.

The school library is open every day after school and once a week at lunchtime, for a bigger selection of books.

Homework

Your child will be given three pieces of homework every Thursday: one piece of English, based around Spelling; one piece of Numeracy, based around Times Tables and a piece of homework relating to the topic we are covering. Be assured, the homework reflects the work that has been done in class and is explained to the children every Friday. All homework is due in by the following Thursday. As well as this, all pupils will receive a half-termly Project based around the Creative Curriculum which should be completed and handed in by the end of the half term. Homework club will continue 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 them with their work.

PE

PE is on Wednesdays

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 12th January – ‘History off the Page’ Tudor workshop

Week beginning Monday 16th January- Clubs begin

Week beginning Monday 30th January- ‘Debate Week’

Wednesday 8th February – Curriculum assembly- Tudors

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February – Half term

Friday 3rd March – World book day- Roald Dahl

Week beginning 6th March – Maths Week

Week beginning 13th March – Assessment Week

Monday 3rd -17th April –Easter break

Thanks you for your continued cooperation,

Miss Wilson, Miss Begum and Mr Gunyon