



Keir Hardie Primary School

Year 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 3; your child will be learning lots of new things.



Curriculum Topics

Dates for Autumn Term

- Educational Visits:
Visiting the Thames (31– Friday 15th September 2017) (3H– Friday 29th September 2017).

Focus Weeks:

- 25-9-17 - Heritage Week. (Friday 29-9-17 is cultural dress day where children dress up in their cultural dress).
- Debate Week– (Monday 16th October 2017).
- 13-11-17 - Friendship Week and anti-bullying.
- 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 – In year 3, children will be focusing on Narrative story writing, Poetry and Balanced argument. Children will also learn about grammar rules which involves using present and perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense. Children will be taught to use preposition, conjunction, subordinating clause and direct speech as part of their grammar session.

Maths – In Maths, children will be learning to recognise the place value of each digit. They will also learn to add and subtract numbers using column method. They will be calculating multiplication and division problems, finding fractions of numbers and ordering fractions .

Science – In Science, year 3 will be learning about Forces and magnets. They will be carrying out a scientific enquiry on how different surfaces can affect the movement of an object.

Creative Curriculum -: Children will be designing a house on the Thames as part of their D&T which also ties into their Geography topic. In History, children will be learning about the Early Britons, Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and identifying similarities and differences between them. In Art, pupils will be taught to create sketch books, focus on drawing , painting and sculpting techniques with a range of materials such as pencil, charcoal, paint and clay.

Computing – We will be learning about online-safety and exploring how the children can stay safe on the internet.

RE – In Year 3, children will be learning about special symbols and the significance of light in all religions.

PSHE – Children will be learning about the wider world, Rights and responsibilities week, Work week and Heritage week.

PE– This term, children will be active in Athletics and Tennis.

Geography– Year 3, will be exploring Settlement, Rivers and the Water cycle and they will be investigating the Thames.

Music – Composing a soundtrack using a flutophone

Spanish - Children will be learning greetings, the alphabet and numbers 1-10 in Spanish.

PE Dates

Please ensure your child brings their PE kit into school on this day: Tuesday and Friday.

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 core units covered in each term. For Maths this term, the focus is number and place value, and for English the focus is spellings, grammar and punctuation.

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 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 foundation or 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 Thames. We will also be having visitors in the school from the Museum of London 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 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.

Miss Ismail and Mrs Hussain