



Keir Hardie Primary School

Year Newsletter—Spring Term 2018

Firstly, we would like to wish you all a happy new year and welcome you back to Keir Hardie in 2018. We hope that you all had a restful holiday, and had a chance to relax and re-charge the batteries before coming back in the new year. Spring Term will be an exciting term for your child with new topics to learn.



Dates for Spring Term

- Parent Events:
Curriculum Event
Tuesday 6-2-2018
Parents Evening 12-3-2018
- Educational Visits:
16-03-2018 London Transport Museum
- Focus Weeks:
29-1-2018 Science And Computing Week
1-3-2018 World Book Day
5-3-2018 Assessment week
12-3-2018 Maths, D&T and Fair-trade Week
21-3-2018 World Poetry Day
- Holiday Dates:
Half Term - 9-2-2018 Till 16-2-2018
Easter Holidays Thursday 29-3-2018 till 13-4-2018
Back to school on Monday 16-4-2018

Curriculum Topics

English – In the first half of term we will be focussing on tales from other countries and letter writing. We will continue to focus on handwriting, spelling and grammar e.g. suffixes -s, -es, -ed, -ing, -er, -est and the prefix un-.

Maths – We will be looking at 3D shapes and making patterns with them. We will also look at ordinal numbers, addition and subtraction within 20 and length.

Science – We will be finding out about plants, exploring the different parts of a plant and identifying different plants around us and will link this with the Art curriculum where we will paint in the style of Van Gogh. We are also going to be finding out about the different seasons and will visit Cody Dock Garden to support our learning.

Creative Curriculum - Our topic is 'My Local Area'

In **History** we will be finding out about different forms of transport and will be visiting the London Transport Museum to support our learning. In **Geography** we will be focusing on our local area, developing our mapping skills, understanding how some places are linked to other places and using simple maps of the local area. We will also spend a day experiencing what it is like travelling using different means of transport.

Computing – we will be learning about e-safety, exploring how the children can stay safe on the internet. Also, we will carry out a green screen project called "We are TV Chefs" where the children will learn about algorithms and make their own cookery program. This will link to **Design & Technology** where the children will learn about healthy food using simple cooking skills safely to make their bread and filling for sandwiches.

RE – The children will be learning about aspects of Christianity and Sikhism and will visit a local Catholic Church. There will be an Easter Assembly whereby children will showcase their learning to the rest of the school.

PSHE – We will be discussing healthy eating and creating our very own healthy menu. This will also link to **Computing** and **DT**.

PE- The children will have two PE lessons every week, one will focus on gymnastics and the other on running, jumping, throwing and catching skills.

Music – The children will continue with percussion and experimenting with the different sounds they can make.

PE Dates

Mondays and Tuesdays

Please ensure your child brings their PE kit into school on this day. 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 spelling, handwriting and mental maths.

Your child will need support from an adult to read and fully understand what he/she needs to do. From now on homework is given to the children on Fridays and they are expected to hand it in the following **Thursday**. One week will be Numeracy, the following week English. 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.

Note: School provides homework support on Monday after school from 3:15 till 4:15.



Educational Visits and Visitors

We have several educational visits planned this term. The first visit is Cody Dock Garden in Spring 1. We are also planning an experience on different means of transports related to our Topic . In Spring 2 we will be making a visit to the London Transport Museum and to St Mary Magdalene's Church in Canning Town.



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 rich vocabulary that will support with

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 group teaching staff if you have any worries, questions or concerns. Please make sure your child is in school everyday and on time at 8:45am to ensure they don't miss out on valuable learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs De Rogatis and Miss Vhinyu