



Keir Hardie Primary School

Year Newsletter—Spring Term 2018

Firstly, we would like to wish you all a happy new year and welcome 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:
- 6-2-2018 Curriculum Event
- 12-3-2018 Parents Evening
- 29-03-18 Vikings Curriculum Assembly
- Educational Visits:
- 11.01.18 Natural History Museum – Volcanoes workshop
- 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 Fairtrade Week
- 21-3-2018 World Poetry Day
- Holiday Dates:
- Half Term - 9-2-2018 Easter Holidays
- Thursday 29-3-2018 till 13-4-2018
- Back to school on Monday 16-4-2018

Curriculum Topics

English – We will be writing a portal story. Alongside this, we will be learning a wide range of interesting vocabulary, as well as spellings and grammar. We will also be learning about and applying the features of non-chronological reports and creating our own poetry.

Maths – We will be deepening our understanding of identifying and measuring angles, perpendicular and parallel lines and place decimals, we will also ensure that we develop confidence in our quick mental calculation skills.

Science – We will be learning about the digestion system, teeth and food chains. We will be carrying out a range of scientific investigations to test our theories.

Creative Curriculum - In Geography, we'll be learning about mountains and volcanoes from around the world, we will be learning about how they are formed and the impact they can have on our lives. Through our History work we will be building an understanding of who the Vikings were and the impact they had on our lives today. We will be using our learning in D&T to create our own wooden bridges. In Art, we'll be developing our textiles skills and creating our own tapestries.

Computing – we will be learning about e-safety, exploring how the children can stay safe on the internet. We will also be writing and debugging basic algorithms.

RE – We will be learning about why the bible is a special book for many people around the world and how Christians celebrate Easter.

PSHE – This term, we will be learning about the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

PE – We will be developing our understanding of invasion games such as handball, we will learn about the importance of positioning. We will also be working on developing our agility through athletics.

PE Dates

In year 4 children will be doing PE on **Monday 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 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 grammar development.

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 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.

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 the Natural History Museum. We will also be making a visit to the Science Museum



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 writing 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 at 8:45am to ensure they don't miss out on valuable learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 4 Team