



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.



Curriculum Topics

Dates for Spring Term

- Parent Events:
Curriculum Event
Tuesday 6-2-2018
Parents Evening 12-3-2018
- Educational Visits:
History off the page
Friday 12-2-2018
Science Museum Fri-
day 2-2-2018
VA Museum Tuesday
6-2-2018
- Focus Weeks:
29-1-2018 Science
And Computing
Week
1-3-2018 World
Book Day
5-3-2018 Assess-
ment 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

English – Children will write a number of narra- tives including; science fiction, a fable and a myth. These will in- volve exciting stimulus and opportunities for short incidental writing with a focus on SPAG.

Maths – Children will be studying fractions, we will look at; adding and subtraction fractions, simplifying fractions, mixed numbers, converting fraction to decimals and products of proper and im- proper fractions. We will then be investigation the area of a trian- gle and start to look at ratio.

Science – children will be investigating forces, this will involve an educational trip to the Science museum, were children will take part in a purposeful forces workshop.

Creative Curriculum - In Art, children will be creating Tudor silhou- ettes in the negative.

History - Our history off the page day will be on Tudor life, children will learn about how Tudors lived in a practical way. We will then move on to our next topic which is all about the plague.

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

RE – We will be learning about Islam, comparing holy books and understanding who Muhammad was and his influences in Islam.

PSHE – In PSHE we will be learning about our health and well be- ing, discussing drugs and alcohol and how we can live healthily.

PE– Children will be focusing on Basketball. They will play competi- tive games, modified where appropriate, and apply basic princi- ples suitable for attacking and defending.

They will also develop their catching and throwing skills and use them in isolation and in combination.

Music – Children will be learning to play the keyboards every Tues- day afternoon.

Spanish - The focus will be on learning numbers 50 – 100, weather, clothes, seasons and food preferences .

PE Dates

days - Wednesday

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 be based on Maths and English and project work and 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.

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 on Fridays 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.

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

Educational Visits and Visitors



We have a couple of educational visits planned this term. The first visit is to the Science museum. We will also be making a visit to the VA museum to further enhance our learning in Computing.



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 labeled 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 us or any of the year group teaching staff if you have any 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.

Miss Wilson and Mr Eastman