



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:

Roman Amphitheatre
– 23rd (3I) and 25th (3H) January 2018

Legoland – March/
April 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

Curriculum Topics

English – We are reading “The magic paintbrush” and will be writing our own traditional tale. 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 – Arithmetic and Reasoning about multiplication and division using concrete strategies. You can support your child by ensuring that you revise their timetables every week. Pupils must use Sumdog to support their learning. We will be checking to see if this is happening.

Science – In science, we will be looking at the composition of human and animal skeletons as well as the similarities and differences between them.

Creative Curriculum – In D&T we will be learning about Bread making around the world- this will be a fun topic where pupils will learn about the different types of bread from different countries, and will also be making their own special breads. In Art, we will be composing a 3D animal Sculpture and learning about famous Architects, Artists and Designers. Through our History work we will be learning about the Romans and how the Roman Empire affected people.

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

RE – We will be learning about religious beliefs about Sikhism and festivals in Judaism.

PSHE – In P.S.H.E, we'll be learning about the effects of drugs and alcohol abuse.

PE – In P.E, we'll be learning the rules of netball. Children will also be doing gymnastics.

Music – children will learn to Improvise and compose music with their flutophone.

PE Dates

PE days - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (Gymnastics)
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 ——

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.

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.

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 Hussain