



# Keir Hardie Primary School

## Year Newsletter—Summer Term 2018

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



### Dates for Spring Term

- Parent Events:
- 2-5-2018 Curriculum Event
- 12-6-18– Book fair
- 26-6-18– Reports out
- 28-6-18 Community Fair
- Educational Visits:
- 23-4-18– The British Museum
- Focus Weeks:
- 18-6-2018 Healthy Lifestyle Week
- 11-6-18 Assessment week
- Holiday Dates:
- Half Term - 28-5-8 4.6.18– back to school

## Curriculum Topics

**English** –We will be studying journalistic writing. We will be writing an action adventure story about how a monster is defeated. We will be thinking about the features of good story planning, and how our plans can be used to help in our writing. Alongside this, we will be learning a wide range of interesting vocabulary, as well as practicing our handwriting, spellings and grammar.

**Maths** – We will be working on fractions, decimals and mixed numbers and investigate how we can change these into their simplest form. We will also be applying strategies for adding a range of different decimal numbers.

**Science** – This term we will be focusing on 'Electricity' including how to make a simple circuit and investigate the various uses of electricity. We will be looking at scientific enquiry and carrying out investigations.

**Creative Curriculum** - In Geography, we will be focusing on location and comparing a place in the UK to one abroad. Through our History work we will be building an understanding of who the Ancient Egyptians were, their way of life and how this impacted on life in Ancient Egypt. In Art we will be focussing on screen printing and creating our own hieroglyphic pieces.

### Computing –

**RE** – We will be learning about Hinduism and Hindu ways of life and worship.

### PSHE –

**PE**– We will be focusing on ball games in particular Basketball and Cricket. We will be developing our catching and throwing skills and playing a number of invasion games. We will be developing our skills in a number of invasion games.

**Music** – We will be continuing with playing the fluto-phone, alongside this we will create our own composition.

**Spanish** -

## 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**