



Keir Hardie Primary School

Year Newsletter—Autumn Term 2018

Firstly, we would like to warmly welcome you all back to the start of another school year at Keir Hardie. We hope that you all had a fantastic holiday, and had a chance to relax and re-charge the batteries before coming back for another hard-working year. It is going to be a very exciting year in Year 6; your child will be learning lots of new things.

Curriculum Topics



Dates for Autumn Term

Happy Puzzle Workshop
Wednesday, 5-9-2018
Parent & Staff meet and greet -Tuesday, 18-9-2018
History Off the Page Workshop -Monday, 17-9-2018
Parents Evening Monday, 3-12-2018

- Educational Visits:
Houses of Parliament - Friday 28-9-2018
Outward Bound Trust—Wales Monday 29/10/2018 to Friday 2/11/2018
- Focus Weeks:
Baseline Assessments—10-9-2018
Heritage Week. 15-10-2018
(Friday 29-10-18 is cultural dress day where children dress up in their cultural dress).
Anti-bullying/ Rights & Respect Week—12-11-2018
Assessment Week - 19/11/2018
Work Week—3-12-2018
- Holiday Dates:
Half Term - 22-10-18
Christmas Holiday - 20-12-18

English – children will write diary entries, stories and instructions, including reading a range of text and discussing the grammatical features (including spelling). We will continue working on enhancing their speaking and listening experience and handwriting.

Maths – children will continue working on place value with a focus on number in particular negative numbers, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be working on problem solving and reasoning skills.

Science – children will systematically identify the effect of changing one component at a time in a circuit as well as designing their own circuit.

Creative Curriculum :

Geography - children will Compare Canning Town with Aberdovey using facilitated enquiry with mapping skills

History—children will learn about Britain after World War II (1940—1950) through workshops and other secondary sources.

Art -Street Art - children will record observations and use them to review, revisit and develop ideas by collecting visual material.

Design and Technology—children will prepare and cook a range of predominantly savoury dishes using limited amount of ingredients. They will be evaluating their dishes and look at ways in which they could improve them.

Computing – children will use google classroom to create and publish a website. They will also discuss responsible use of the internet.

RE – children will learn about the qualities that are important to a present day religious leader and understand how different religions view life and death

PSHE – children will learn about living in the wider world, culture, ethics and the Media

PE– children will work on developing flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance

Music – children will be working on different aspects of musicianship

PE Dates

Mondays and Thursdays

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 expected 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 basic age appropriate skills in all subjects, especially Maths, English and Science .

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 every fortnight on a 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



Educational Visits and Visitors

We have several educational visits planned this term. The first visit is to the Houses of Parliament on Friday the 18th of September. Please see the other page for a list of planned educational visits for this term.

Reading—Important Information

Please encourage your child to read for 20 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 language, read familiar words and write 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 to ensure they don't miss out on valuable learning.

Thank you for your continued support.