



# Keir Hardie Primary School

## Year 5 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 5; your child will be learning lots of new things.



## Curriculum Topics

### Dates for Autumn Term

- Meet and Greet: 19-09-18 at 3:15pm
- Educational Visits:  
2 Week Intensive Swimming 24-09-18 - 5-10-18  
Fairplay House 26-11-18 - 30-11-18
- Focus Weeks:  
15-10-18 - Heritage Week. (Friday 19-10-18 is cultural dress day where children dress up in their cultural dress).  
12-11-18 - Rights and Respect Week  
19-11-18 - Assessment Week  
3-12-18 - Work Week
- Holiday Dates:  
Half Term - 22-10-18  
Christmas Holiday - 21-12-18

**English** – children will write two narratives, a piece of poetry and a balanced argument. All will involve exciting stimulus and opportunities for short incidental writing with a focus on Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar.

**Maths** – counting forwards or backwards in steps up to a million; roman numerals; interpreting negative numbers; use of the four operations (addition, subtraction, division, multiplying) up to four digits long.

**Science** – children will investigate materials through the use of chemical changes and reactions i.e. baking a cake, making blackout curtains.

**Creative Curriculum** - children will be learning about the middle ages – specifically the spread of the Black Death and it's impact on society. In Geography, children will be comparing Maldon in Essex with Canning Town. In art we will be looking at art from the period of history we are studying

**Computing** – we will be learning about online-safety, exploring how the children can stay safe on the internet. Introducing children to multiple 'cloud' based storage systems such as: J2e and Google; children will also develop their own blog and website.

**RE** – children will begin to look at the teachings and stories surrounding Jesus and begin to draw comparisons between other religions.

**PSHE** – British Values will be at the heart of PSHE with children learning about Democracy, The Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

**PE**– children will get to experience swimming at the Aquatic Centre, Stratford and Fairplay House. In addition, children will focus on athletics.

**Music** – children will be learning to play the keyboards every Wednesday afternoon.

**Spanish** - telling the time and other Spanish speaking countries.

## PE Dates

Due to our intensive swimming sessions at the Aquatic centre, we will not start PE until after half term. However please ensure your PE kit is in school as we may still use them.



## 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 English (SPAG) and Maths (Arithmetic - Place Value).

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 week 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 and creative project with your child.



## Educational Visits and Visitors

We have several educational visits planned this term. The first visit is to the Aquatic Centre, Stratford. We will also be making a visit to Fairplay House to develop our peer relationships and confidence.

## Reading—Important Information

Please encourage your child to read for 30 minutes every night.

- Before reading with your child, read his/her target (**written in the 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 labeled on 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 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.**

**Miss Wilson, Mrs Begum, Mr Gunyon**