



Keir Hardie Primary School

Year 4 Newsletter—Autumn Term 1 2020

Thank you for working with us to make the return to school as safe as possible for everyone. We appreciate it has been a challenging time, however it has been very exciting to have all the pupils back in school. Despite the many changes in our school day, it has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have bounced back, ready and willing to learn and happy to catch up with their friends. Your continued support has made this transition possible.



Dates for Autumn Term

- Focus Weeks:
Baseline assessments 21-9-2020 and 28-9-2020
- Heritage Week 19-10-2020
- Monday 19th Individual photos
- Rights and Respect Week 16-11-2020

- Parents Evening 12th November (TBC)

- Holiday Dates:
Half Term - Monday 26th October till Friday 30th October
- Christmas Holidays—Monday 21st December till Friday 1st January 2021

Recovery Curriculum

During this term, our learning will be based on a recovery curriculum. The curriculum is focusing on wellbeing, mental health and mindfulness of pupils and staff. The aim is to support pupils build resilience, confidence, re-connect as a school community and re-establish good behaviours for learning.

The staff will complete baseline assessments to evaluate the gaps in the pupil's learning. The baseline data will help members of staff to accurately plan lessons to meet the needs of the pupils in the core subjects: Maths, English and Science.

This term the teaching will be focusing on basic skills relevant to the age group (phonics, reading, spellings, grammar, writing, mental arithmetic). Science will focus on working scientifically through investigations and asking questions.

Pupils will also be learning: art, music, gardening and PE, as the arts, learning outdoors and physical development are known to support good mental health and wellbeing.

Educational Visits



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This term, pupils will not be going out of school for any educational visits. This will be reviewed regularly and we may begin to plan educational visits after October half term.

PE Dates

This term, we ask all our pupils to wear their PE kits for the whole day. On the days that they have PE, pupils should come to school in their PE kit. They should wear their house T-Shirts, tracksuits (as most of the PE will be done outside), appropriate footwear. Pupils should not be wearing any jewellery as this may cause harm.

Your child's PE days are:

1. Tuesday
2. Wednesday



Home/Remote learning

As we continue to experience the pandemic, there may be occasions when your child has to access home/remote learning. If your child and the family need to self-isolate for 10—14 days or quarantine, the class teacher will upload work on google classroom or provide you with a learning pack. We will be using Google Slides which can be accessed through smart phones, tablets, laptops and computers. We are continuing to review our remote learning practice, train all staff and buy relevant resources that will ensure the school provides your child with high quality learning. More information about this will be shared with.

Pupils have started taking reading books home, please listen to your child read daily. Encourage your child to read for 10 minutes every night.

- Please ensure that your child brings their reading book to school on **Thursday**
- It is also important to share and enjoy books with your child. Reading books together will help your child to acquire rich vocabulary that will support with writing exciting stories!
- We are in the process of opening the school library, we will let you know as soon as we have set up a secure system



From time to time, we will also continue to set the children a project to complete at

COVID-19 symptoms:

A **possible or probable** case of COVID-19 has one or more of these THREE symptoms:

- A high temperature (>37.8C - feel hot to touch on back or chest)
- A new, continuous cough (3 episodes of coughing in 24 hours or one hour of coughing)
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste

A **confirmed** case of COVID-19 is where a person has a positive COVID-19 swab test result or symptoms include a loss or change to sense of smell or taste.

Please note, it is the cold and flu season and young children often get colds and coughs so monitor your child's symptoms.

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. 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.

Please speak to the class teachers by the gates or call the school if you have any 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. Remember school attendance is now compulsory.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Begum and Mr O'Sullivan