



Keir Hardie Primary School

Autumn Term 2021

First of all, we would like to welcome you back to a new academic year. We hope that you all had a restful holiday, and had a chance to relax and re-charge the batteries. Despite all the challenge last year, we have had a very successful year last year due to your support with online and remote learning and we are looking forward to the year ahead.

Curriculum

Dates for Autumn Term

Focus Weeks:

- Heritage Week 11-10-2021
- Rights and Respect Week 15-11-2021

Other dates:

- Tue 28-9-21 Y5 Parent Meet & Greet
- 15-11-2021 Y5 Flu Vaccination
- Parents Evening (TBC—November 2021)
- FairPlay House Week 1-10-21

Holiday Dates:

- Half Term - Monday 25th October till Friday 29th October 2021
- Christmas Holidays—Tuesday 21st December till Tuesday 4th Jan-

English – Children will write narratives, recounts and instructions, including reading a range of text and discussing the grammatical features(including spelling).

Maths – Children will be recapping their knowledge of place value and number, followed by a focus on four operations fluency.

Science – Building on their knowledge of states of matter from Year 4, they will begin to investigate how matter can change (chemical reactions).

Geography– After the half-term break, children will explore Earth's on mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes.

Art– After half-term, children will have an exciting opportunity to blend their computing knowledge with art by participating in the Arts Award 'Algorithmic Art' project.

DT– Children will explore the importance of shopping bags, and considering how materials other than plastic might be a better alternative.

Computing – Children will discuss responsible use of the Internet and learn about online safety in depth

History— Children will explore Elizabethan England

Spanish— Children will learn days, times and routines

RE – Children will be exploring the concept of thankfulness and gratitude in their personal lives and in established religions.

PSHE (P4C) – Children will discuss British values—what they are, why they exist and how they can be shown at school.

Music – children will be working on different

aspects of musicianship, becoming familiar with pulse, pitch, rhythm and improvisation.

Educational Visits

We are looking forward enhance and enrich our curriculum with exciting educational visits this term. School will continue to subsidise these visits with up to 40% of the total cost. Parents and carers are able to pay larger contributions in instalments, to cover their part of the cost. You will be informed of any visits in advance. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

PE Dates

This term, 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. Monday
2. Thursday

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. 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 will provide homework support on Monday after school from 3:15 till 4:15, which will start from Monday 20th September 2021.

Remote learning

As we continue to experience the pandemic, there may be occasions when your child has to access online/remote learning. If your child needs to self-isolate for 10 days, the class teacher will provide remote live teaching, 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. If you do not have any device at home, you will be able to borrow a laptop/ Chromebook from school. Please inform your child's class teacher if you need to do so.

Pupil Support

School and national data has shown that, due to the pandemic, overall pupils have gaps in their learning. In order to narrow these gaps, school will provide support for pupils before and after school and during the school day.

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 compulsory.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5 Teachers: Mr Moore and Mrs Shakir