

Important Events

Spring 1 Term dates: 5/1/22-10/2/22

Nursery closed (Staff training) 07/01/22

Friendship Friday 28/1/22

Inset day (School closure) 11/2/22

Holiday Dates:

Half Term- 14/2/22-18/2/22

School reopens- 21/2/22

PE

Gym Tots are on: Thursday

On these days pupils must attend school wearing plimsolls, jogging bottoms and a t-shirt ready for P.E.

Labelling your child's belongings

Please label all your child's clothes with their name.

Also provide them with a **reusable water bottle** labelled with their name

Homework

We will be sending homework home this term. The homework will consist of practical activities, which you can complete with your child, in order to develop their early reading and writing skills.

Reading

Reading books can be changed daily. Please read with your child for 5 minutes daily, to encourage a love of reading. Please make comments in your child's reading is fun book and return the book to be changed.

Spare clothes

Please bring a bag of spare clothes with your child's name to change into if they get wet or have an accident.

Resource Donations

To continue to provide pupils with an enrich curriculum we would encourage parents/carers to donate 50p money (if they can) weekly or to donate resources to the school, we will send out a list on Dojo platform. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Nursery Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Spring term 1 at Keir Hardie. We hope you all had a relaxing break and are ready for the jam-packed term ahead. Our topic this term is 'Animals' and we have many exciting learning experiences planned. Mrs B will be working part-time from this half term, working Monday - Wednesday. We are happy to announce that Ms Gamar will be joining us in Nursery on Fridays. A good relationship between home and school is important in children's learning. Please feel free to speak to us about your child's progress or any concerns you may have by using the Dojo platform. Please remember to read with your child daily.
Kind Regards

Mrs B, Ms Chapman & Ms Gamar

Reception Staff 2020/21

Assistant Head of Early Years: Ms Nguyen

Early Years Phase Leader: Ms Sharkey

Ladybird class: Mrs B, Ms Chapman & Ms Gamar

Dragonfly class: Ms Chapman & Ms Gamar

Teaching Assistants: Miss Kazi & Ms Mowlana

School Uniform

Children must wear school colours of navy and white, with black footwear. We ask that children do not wear shoes with laces, unless they are able to tie them themselves. If you send your child to school wearing wellies in bad weather please make sure they have a change of shoes to wear inside as well. Please make sure all clothing and belongings have your child's name written on them clearly so that they can be returned easily.

Jewellery – please make sure that children do not wear jewellery at school. Only small stud earrings are permitted.

We will be:

1. Talking about our class/school rules and discussing why it is important to follow them.
2. Talking about what makes a good friend.
3. Beginning to understand how others might be feeling.
4. Exploring our own feelings and beginning to talk about how we feel.
5. Selecting resource which will help achieve a goal.

We will be:

1. Listening to stories and using the pictures to understand what is happening.
2. Beginning to understand simple questions such as, 'who' 'what' and 'where'
3. Understanding and acting on longer sentences.
4. Beginning to talk about books we are familiar with.
5. Singing a large repertoire of songs and nursery rhymes.

We will be:

1. Joining in with action songs.
2. Using our senses to explore different materials.
3. Expressing our ideas and feelings through mark making.
4. Exploring paint using our fingers.
5. Beginning to develop stories using small world equipment.

We will be:

1. Singing songs and joining in with the actions.
2. Repeating words and phrases from familiar stories.
3. Using props to retell our favourite stories.
4. Enjoying drawing freely.
5. Adding marks to our drawings and giving meaning to them.

Expressive Arts and Design

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Communication and Language

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Literacy

Physical Development

Understanding of the World

Mathematics

We will be :

1. Using the toilet and washing hands independently.
2. Learning to put on our coats independently.
3. Practising how to do up zips and buttons.
4. Developing our fine motor skills (playdough/cutting/funky fingers)
5. Continuing to develop our movement and balancing.

We will be:

1. Joining in with number rhymes.
2. Matching quantities to numerals.
3. Experimenting with symbols, marks and numerals.
4. Exploring 2d shapes.
5. Talking about 2d shapes using mathematical language, such as, 'sides, comers straight and curved'

We will be:

1. Exploring materials with different properties.
2. Talking about different materials.
3. Planting seeds and caring for plants.
4. Beginning to understand the life cycle of plants and animals.
5. Beginning to understand how to look after the environment and living things.