

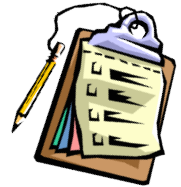


# Keir Hardie Primary School

## Term Newsletter—Spring Term 2023

Firstly, we would like to warmly welcome you all back to the start of another school term at Keir Hardie. We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas holiday, a chance to relax and re-charge the batteries before coming back for another hard-working term. It is going to be a very exciting term!

As you are aware, we were visited by Ofsted end of November 2022 and you should have received the final report, which we are all very proud of!



## Curriculum Topics

### Dates for Spring Term

#### Educational Visits:

To be confirmed

#### Focus Weeks:

25-01-2023: Reading is Fun event for parents

2-3-2023: World Book Day

WB. 13-030-2023: Assessment Week

WB. 13-3-2023: Work Week

17-03-23: Red Nose Day/Comic Relief

20-3-2023

#### INSET day:

10-2-2023

#### Holiday Dates:

Half Term -

13.2.2023—

17.2.2023

23.3.23 Parents Evening

Easter Holiday -

Monday 3.4.2023 till

Friday 14.4.2023

**English** – Children will write narratives, changing setting and characters as part of the Talk for Writing scheme.

**Maths** – Children will develop their understanding of multiplication and division. They will also explore measurement, length, capacity and temperature.

**Science** – The children will explore the use of everyday material and its properties. They will also focus on plants where they will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. They will use their scientific enquiry skills to carry out a comparative test.

**Geography**– Children will be learning about the world's seven continents and five oceans, naming different locations using world map, atlases and globes.

**History** – Children will be comparing lives and opportunities of rich and poor. They will find out what school was like during the Victorian era.

**Art**– The children will be developing their idea of sculptures focussing on African vases, ceramic and plant pottery.

**DT**– Children will be designing their own healthy meals by making pasta salad.

**Computing** – The children will be developing their understanding of online safety, looking at safe internet browsing, an awareness of spamming. They will also create their own e-book about carnival or animals and plants.

**RE** – Children will be learning about Why did Jesus tell stories and also developing understanding of the importance of Easter to Christians.

**PSHE (P4C)** – Our topic this term is living in the wider world. Children are learning about belonging to a community, and money and work. Children will also participate in work week where they will learn about different job roles within our community.

**Music** – Children will learn about pop music and the dynamics, rhythm and rhythmic values. They will sing and use musical instruments alongside some pop music.

**PE**— Children will work on mastering their basic movement such as jumping, sprinting, throwing and catching. They will also participate in team games, developing simple tactics for attacking and defending.

### Year Group targets for all pupils

1. To increase fluency and expression in reading and answer retrieval questions from the text. To make inferences. To read wider texts e.g. magazines, newspapers, fiction and non-fiction texts.
2. To spell all year 1 and 2 common exception words.

### PE Dates

#### PE will happen on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please ensure your child wears their PE kit into school on this day: Navy blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms and their house t-shirt or house colours. Pupils are also required 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 future learning. Your child will need support from an adult to read and fully understand what he/she needs to do. Homework will be given to the children on a **Friday** and they are expected to hand it in the following **Thursday**. We also have an online maths resource called Sumdog and Timestables Rock Stars, please find your child's login in their yellow Reading is Fun book. These are great resource to help your child with fluency in mental arithmetic. 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.

## Pupil Support

Due to the pandemic, some pupils continue to have some 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. Your child may be asked to come into school at 8:30 to work on particular areas they find challenging in order to narrow these gaps. The morning sessions are from Monday to Thursday.

## Parent/pupil information

As we do every year, we will be checking with you that all the details we have on our system for you and your child are accurate. This includes contact numbers, address, emergency contacts and medical details. If there are any changes, then please let us know. It is very important that the information we hold on pupils and parents is up-to-date and correct.

## Reading -Important Information

Please encourage your child to read for 10 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.
- 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!



## Keeping up to date through ClassDojo

Parent/ carer feedback indicated that we could have even better communication between home and school. As a result, we have now signed up all classes and year groups to ClassDojo. Please download the app (both for Apple and OS phones) and you will receive instant updates on how your child is doing with regards to Dojo points. You can also upload any homework or video clips of you and your child working together at home. This is the logo to look out for in the app-store.



## 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 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 every day and on time to ensure they don't miss out on valuable learning. Thank you for your continued support.**

**Year 2 teachers: Mrs Bangura and Miss Khatri**