



# 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:

2-3-2023 World

Book Day

WB. 13-3-2023

Work Week

20-3-2023

#### INSET day:

10-2-2023

#### Holiday Dates:

Half Term -

13.2.2023—

17.2.2023.

23.3.23 Parents

Evening

Monday 3.4.2023 till

Friday 14.4.2023

Return to school

Monday 17.4.2022

Mock SATS—TBC

Easter School—TBC

**English** – In English, the focus will be one sided arguments in addition to spelling, punctuation and grammar.

**Maths** – In Maths, pupils will be consolidating their learning from KS2 in finding the relationships between fractions, percentages, decimals and recapping in other mathematical areas.

**Science** – In Science, pupils will use their working scientifically skills to classify organisms, use and construct identification keys in learning about living things and their habitats.

**Geography**– In Geography, pupils will continue their fieldwork (mapping, directional language and compass points) by describing key aspects of physical geography of the River Thames, including types of settlement and land use.

**History** – In History, pupils will continue the WWII theme by learning about the rebuild of Britain after the war.

**Art**– In Art, pupils will be learning about street art and looking at the work of recognisable artists.

**DT**– In D&T, pupils will be design, make and evaluate a footwear for a purpose.

**Computing** – In Computing, pupils will continue their learning OF online safety and Information Technology.

**RE** – In RE, pupils will learn about why Easter is a special celebration within Christianity and compare special celebrations with other religions.

**PSHE (P4C)** – In PSHE, pupils will be learning about living in the wider world and belonging to a community. There will also look at money, the world of work( through work week), media literacy and digital resilience.

**Music** – In Music, pupils will be learning about singing English Folk music as well as music improvisation using improvised instruments and objects.

**Spanish**– In Spanish, pupils will be learning about animals and habitats (which will be linked to Science topic).

**PE**— In PE, pupils will be learning about the key skills in gymnastics and cricket.

### PE Dates

#### PE will happen on Mondays and Thursdays

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 requires 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 8:00 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, at least, 20 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 6 teachers: Mr Graver, Mr Gautam, Mrs Freeman, Mrs Feruku and Mrs Morina.**