

### Important Events

- **Meet and Greet:**  
26-9-23 at 3:15pm to 4:15pm
- **Focus Weeks:**  
16-10-23 - Heritage Week. (Friday 20-10-23 is cultural dress day where children dress up in their cultural dress).  
19-9-23 - Collection for Harvest Starts  
29-9-23 - Friendship Friday  
October - Black History Month
- **Holiday Dates:**  
Half Term - 23-10-23
- **Staff Training:**  
20-10-23 (School Closed)

### Homework

To encourage parents and pupils to enjoy learning outside of school, a home activity will be set every Friday on Class Dojo. We would like to encourage pupils to share their learning and experiences by posting example of good work and photos on Class Dojo by the following Thursday.



### PE

Gym Tots are on Thursday. Children should come into school with their house colour shirt, navy blue or black jogging bottoms, and trainers. Your child's house colour can be found from the school office.



### Home reading

Your child will receive a 2 reading books. One will be reading for pleasure and one will be linked to your child's phonics skills. This will be changed once a week. Please make sure you read with your child daily and comment in their Reading is Fun book.

### Parent reading

Parent Reading is on Friday Mornings from 9.45 am to 10.00 am. We

### Friendship Friday

On the last Friday of every month we celebrate friendship as a whole school. On this day we ask for the children to wear denim jeans. Each child will have a Friendship Friday T-Shirt kept in school to wear as part of the celebration.

# Reception Curriculum Newsletter 23-24 Autumn 1 - Topic- My Family

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the autumn term at Keir Hardie. We hope you all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for the jam-packed term ahead. Our topic this term is 'My family' and we have many exciting activities planned ahead. 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. Please remember to read with your child daily and to sign their Reading is Fun book.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Ile and Mrs De Rogatis

### Reception Staff 2023/24

Assistant Head of Early Years: Ms Nguyen  
Butterfly class adults: Mrs Ile-Teacher, Ms Kazi - Nursery Nurse  
Bee class adults: Mrs De Rogatis - Teacher, Ms Paul - TA,  
Ms Obeng - Graduate TA.

### School Uniform

Children must wear navy blue skirt or trousers with a white shirt and blue jumper or cardigan. Black school shoes should be worn (laces can be worn if your child can tie them.) 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. Keir Hardie uniform is available to buy at the school office

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 be aware that only small stud earrings and religious items are allowed to be worn at school. Necklaces, bracelets and hooped earrings are not permitted. More information

## We will...

- Build confidence and gradually be able to separate from our main carer.
- Seek comfort from familiar adults in school when needed.
- Become aware of own feelings and know that some actions and words can hurt others' feelings.
- Begin to accept the needs of others and take turns and share resources, sometimes with support from others.
- Begin to take care of our own needs including washing hands, using cutlery correctly, using the toilet and getting dressed

- Imitates movement in response to music and sounds including in music and drama sessions.
- Engage in imaginative role-play based on own first-hand experiences.
- Develop narratives using small world play and props.
- Explores colour and how colours can be changed and used to represent ideas.
- Explore a range of construction play.

- Explore how to use a range of indoor and outdoor resources safely
- Form recognisable letters and numbers using a comfortable pencil grip
- Strengthen our balancing, climbing, running and coordination skills through gym-tots and physical play
- Learn how to use mark making and art tools such as scissors and brushes safely

- Be able to give eye contact and show good listening skills, including following the class expectations.
- Respond to simple instructions.
- Begin to understand and ask 'why' and 'how' questions.
- Begin to retell a simple past event in correct order.
- Begin to use new vocabulary in a range of contexts.

- Begin to recognise our names
- Begin to trace and write our names independently
- Explore and talk about a range of texts and stories
- Join into repetitive refrains in familiar stories
- Talk about and give meaning to our marks
- Begin to read a range of set 1 sounds

- Join into counting songs to 10
- Explore numbers and amounts to 10
- Explore the composition of numbers to 5

- Explore a range of maths manipulatives and how to represent numbers and amounts

Expressive Arts and Design

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Communication and Language

Literacy

Physical Development

Mathematics

Autumn 1 Term  
My family

- Talk about our families and people in our community
- Talk about things we have noticed in our immediate and outdoor area, including changes to seasons
- Begin to compare similarities and differences between the lives and cultures of people around us
- Use our senses to describe what we see, hear and feel in different environments