



Keir Hardie Primary School

Autumn Term 2023

We hope that you all had a restful holiday, and had a chance to relax and re-charge the batteries. We would like to welcome you back to a new academic year. We have had a very successful year last year with our Ofsted visit and end of Key Stage 2 results. We want to thank all the parents/ carers who have been supporting their children with homework assignments during the summer holidays.



Dates for Autumn Term

Focus Weeks:

- Heritage Week 16-10-2023
- Rights and Respect Week 13-11-2023

Other dates:

- Heritage Month— October
- Individual photographs: 6-11-2023
- Flu vaccinations 9th and 20th November 2023
- Parents Evening (TBC — November 2023)
- EYFS and Y1 Nativity—12-12-2023 am and 14-12-2023 pm
- Y2 to Y6 Nativity—15-12-2023

Holiday Dates:

- INSET on Friday 20-10-2023
- Half Term - Monday 23th October till Friday 27th October 2023
- Christmas Holidays— Wednesday 20-12-2023 (1:00 finish) till Wednesday 4th January 2024

Curriculum

English– this term we will be using 'The Tiger who came for tea' as our text for writing a character description.

Maths– we are learning about place value within 10 and addition and subtraction within 10. Also we will be learning about different shapes.

Science– Our topic is 'Everyday Materials' and 'seasonal changes in Autumn' we will also learn about 'Animals including humans.'

History– We will be comparing life today with life of our grandparents or great grandparents by looking at the toys they played with, education, transport and homes.

Geography– we will use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of our school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.

Art– we will be exploring collage and the work of the artists Peter Blake, Vik Muniz and Karen Lynch. This will link to the history topic of toys and family.

D&T– We will be designing, making and evaluating mechanisms with sliders and levers to create moving pictures.

PSHE– We will learn about families and friendships and the roles of different roles in the family.

RE– linking to our PSHE topic, we will look at 'what can be special about living with family and friends?' and 'how do Christians celebrate Christmas?'

PE– we will develop our basic skills on throwing, catching, jumping and running. We will also have gymnastics.

Computing– We will learn how to keep safe online. Giving instructions and coding beebots.

Educational Visits

We are looking forward to 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 large contributions in instalments, to cover their part of the cost. You will be informed of any visits, with a high cost, in advance. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries.



PE Dates

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) and appropriate footwear. Pupils should not be wearing any jewellery as this may cause harm.

Your child's PE days are:

1. Wednesday
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 foundation subjects 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 a day to be confirmed after school from 3:15 till 4:15 which will start from the week beginning 25th September 2023.



Pupil Support

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. If your child is unable to attend the sessions regularly, their place will be given to another pupil.

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.

Keeping up to date through ClassDojo

All classes will communicate any messages with you on ClassDojo. If you have not done so, please download the app (both for Apple and iOS phones) and you will receive instant updates on how your child is doing with regards to Dojo points, educational visits and class information. 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.



Please **do not** use ClassDojo to report your child absent or who will collect your child after school. Please inform the office of any absences and speak to the class teacher in person regarding any changes for collecting your child at the end of the day.

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.

Ms Henry & Ms England

