



KEIR HARDIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term Newsletter - Spring 2024

Happy New Year to you all!

We would like to welcome you back and hope you had a restful Christmas break. We trust you enjoyed spending time with your family and friends and are ready for another exciting term.

We have planned a number of exciting opportunities for the children and welcome your support in continuing to inspire and motivate our children to aim high in all that they do.

Dates for Spring Term

Educational Visits:

To be confirmed
Focus Weeks:

01/02/23 Spanish Day
WB 5/2/24 World of work week
6/02/24 World Computing Day
09/02/24 INSET Day
12/02/24 - 16/02/24 Half Term (School closed)
7/03/24 World Book Day-Dressing Up
8-17/03/24 British Science Week
15/03/24 Red Nose Day (wear something red)
18-22/03/24 Inspire Work Week
20/03/24 Parents Evening
28/03/24 School finishes at 1pm
29/03/24 - 12/04/24 Easter Break

PE Dates

PE will take place 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.

Curriculum Topics

English – We will be using the story Traction man as a stimulus this Spring term. The children will write an action tale and a character report as part of the Talk for Writing scheme.

Maths – Children will develop their understanding of money, using notes and coins. They will also develop their understanding of multiplication and division (2,5 and 10 times table).

Science – The children will explore the use of everyday materials and the properties they have. 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.

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

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

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 a fruit and vegetable salad.

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

RE – Children will be learning about why Jesus told stories and developing their 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, 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.

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 research in preparation for new learning. 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, please find your child's Sumdog login in their yellow Reading is Fun book. It is a great resource to help your child with fluency in mental arithmetic. Please continue to encourage your child to read for at least 20 mins each day.

From time to time, we will also set the children a project to complete at home linked to topics they are learning. This is a great opportunity for you to work on a fun and creative project with your child and showcase your skills.

Pupil Support

The school continues to work hard to narrow learning gaps, we have a number of ways to support some of our pupils, before and after school and during the school day. Your child may be asked to come into school **at 8:15** to work on particular areas they find challenging in order to narrow these gaps. The morning sessions are from **Monday to Thursday**. Your child may be invited to attend Booster sessions after school.

Communication

Please continue to communicate with us on Dojo, if you have any questions and would like some clarity on year group information. We look forward to another successful term.