



Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 16th October 2020

Sneak peek at our week

With the increase in COVID cases across the local area, many Southend schools are asking parents and carers to wear face coverings in and around their school grounds. We now feel that the time is right to appeal to you to do the same. We want to keep our school community safe; this includes our children, staff, parents and visitors. **We would appreciate it if from Monday 19th October; all adults wear a face covering at the start and end of the school day where possible.** This includes when queueing at the external gates on a morning or whenever you are on the school site during the day or at home time. It is obviously still essential that everyone adheres to social distancing in and around the school grounds and that we all avoid congregating. Wearing face coverings will help to increase safety further. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter. Hopefully you will agree that it is a small inconvenience for a much greater good.

Dates for the diary

OCTOBER

Friday 16th

Individual photos

Tuesday 20th

Flu Immunisations

Monday 26th - Friday 30th

HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd

INSET Day

DECEMBER

Monday 21st - Monday 4th

January

Christmas break

FEBRUARY

Friday 12th

INSET Day

Monday 15th - Friday 19th

Half term

Monday 22nd

INSET Day

MARCH

Monday 29th - Friday 9th April

Easter break

MAY

Monday 3rd

Bank Holiday

Monday 31st

Bank Holiday

JUNE

Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th

Half term

Monday 7th

INSET Day

Early Years

Nursery

This week we have enjoyed painting, selecting our own paints and washing them up. We have also enjoyed lots of different small world toys where we are learning to share and play together.

[REMINDER: Please remember your warm coats every day. Please practise with your child at home, putting on and taking off their coat independently. Thank you](#)

Reception

This week in maths we have been learning about number three, especially through playing noughts and crosses and making three little pigs! Why don't you try playing noughts and crosses at home with your child? Can they make three noughts or crosses in a row?

We have also found words that start with the same sound for example 's---nake' and 's---lither'. It is important that we practise this skill and learn to really listen to the sounds in words.

[REMINDER: Please continue helping your child to put their coat on independently. Also, please help your child practise recognising their name, written with a capital letter at the start and lower case letters following after e.g. Rebecca. If your child recognises their name, it will help them remember how to write it.](#)

Key Stage 1

Year 1

We have continued to explore our book which the children now know is called 'The Storm Whale'. This week we have been learning all about whales. In maths we have been learning about tens and ones using Numicon to represent the numbers of children in each day.

[REMINDER After half term the children will begin getting changed for PE. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school. Our PE day will be Monday.](#)

Year 2

This week in maths we have been learning to add using the column addition method the children focused on ensuring all the numbers were well presented using a number per square. In English, we have been continuing with the Night Pirates and focusing on sentence structure.

[REMINDER: Please login into Education City and Seesaw to complete any outstanding homework. If you have any issues logging in, please let us know.](#)

Dinner menu - Week 2

Monday

- Margherita pizza
- Mexican 5 bean & vegetable tostada with pomegranate
- Jacket potato with choice of toppings
- Coleslaw & carrots
- Sticky toffee pudding

Tuesday

- Classic spaghetti beef bolognese
- Sweet potato topped vegetable pie
- Pasta with a choice of toppings
- Peas & cauliflower
- Carrot & ginger sponge

Wednesday

- Herby chicken breast with roasted new potatoes, stuffing & gravy
- Mediterranean vegetable tart
- Jacket potato with choice of toppings
- Carrots & green cabbage
- Chocolate orange cheesecake

Thursday

- Cumberland sausages with mashed potatoes & onion gravy
- Vegetarian sausages with steamed new potatoes
- Pasta with a choice of toppings
- Roasted seasonal vegetables & sweetcorn
- Peach sponge cake

Friday

- Battered fish with homemade tomato ketchup or salmon fishcake in a bun & chips
- Falafel & carrot wrap with salsa & chips
- Jacket potato with choice of toppings
- Baked beans & peas
- Banana flapjack

Freshly baked bread available daily

Key Stage 2

Year 3

This week in maths we have been focusing on different strategies for addition problems. In English we are looking at how newspaper reports are written in preparation for writing our own about an exciting new fossil discovery. In science we have been drawing diagrams about different types of rocks and in art we have been studying a portrait of Mary Seacole.

REMINDER: Please make sure to login to [Timestable Rockstars](#) and learn your spellings – a review of the words we have been learning for the past 5 weeks. Lobster class are due to be back in school on Tuesday 20th October. We are very much looking forward to seeing you then!

Year 4

This week Year 4 have started revising adding using the column method. They can easily practise this method at home too. In science, we have been learning about how to keep our teeth clean properly and we now know the importance of dental hygiene. In English we have been writing our explanation text each day.

REMINDER Monday- PE - Friday- Swimming
Homework- Given out Friday, due in the next Friday.

Year 5

In English this week, Year 5 have been planning and writing their fictional stories based on an astronaut's mission to the Moon. We have been focusing on addition and subtraction in maths and in science, the children learned about the different phases of the moon.

REMINDER: Continue to read regularly at home and practise learning the times tables.

Year 6

This week Year 6 have begun to plan an adventure story based on the book *The Firework Maker's Daughter* changing the main character's dream. In history, we have been celebrating Black History Month by researching a famous figure in history and sharing our findings with the class.

REMINDER Please continue to remember to bring in your PE kit on Wednesday and Friday.

Music

Class Lessons

This week in music, year 1 have been playing rhythms on percussion instruments and signing to 'Hey you'; year 3 are learning the ukulele; year 6 are doing some creative work based around Elgar's *Enigma Variations*.

Instrumental Tuition

Woodwind and keyboard – Wednesday am

Drums – Wednesday pm

Violin Thursday am

Guitar Thursday pm

It is lovely to see pupils engaging in instrumental lessons again.

These lessons are either 1:1 with the tutor, or 2 pupils sharing the time. They take place in a well-ventilated area and government safety guidelines will be followed at all times.

We have places available to learn the following instruments: keyboard, violin, clarinet, flute, saxophone, drums.

Details of these lessons should have come to you via school ping.

Please contact me if you would like more information.

French

This week we have been assessing the Year two classes' knowledge of body parts; we have also done some great spoken assessment of what is in the classroom with Year 4, and of pupils' sports opinions in Year 5. Well done to all!

