



# Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 23rd October 2020

## Sneak peek at our week

### Dates for the diary

#### OCTOBER

**Monday 26th - Friday 30th**  
HALF TERM

#### NOVEMBER

**Monday 2nd**  
INSET Day  
**Tuesday 3rd**  
Return to school

#### 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

It has been a wonderful week in Nursery... we have enjoyed using the interactive whiteboard to play a range of games. We have also built up friendships further by involving ourselves in a range of board games. We have been learning about turn taking and rules.

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#### Reception

This week the children have been learning to follow instructions to help themselves to the paint in the art area. They have been learning to wash their paintbrush and pallets once they have finished. The children have also made their own assault courses in our garden area using the crates, planks and tyres.

Reception have also learned about the number five and what amounts we can add together to make a total. The method that we use is called 'part part whole'. Your child may come home and talk to you about it!

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### Key Stage 1

#### Year 1

This week the children had their first computing lesson and learnt how to login using their class logins, we looked at the keyboard and talked about lowercase and uppercase letters. This then inspired the children in their play to create their own laptops out of paper and cardboard boxes. Following on from our story 'The Storm Whale', we talked about whales: what we already know about them, what we want to find out and what we have learnt so far. We used non-fiction books and the internet to search for answers. This led us to watching amazing videos of whales in the ocean.

**REMINDER** Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school when we return after half term. This should include: a white t-shirt, blue shorts, plimsolls and a bag. Please make sure your child's name is on all the items.

#### Year 2

This week the children have been working hard on their addition using the column method. In English, we have been re-telling the story of The Night Pirates which the children really enjoyed. We have tried hard in our connected curriculum looking at famous explorers; this week's focus was Christopher Columbus.

## Dinner menu - Week 1

### Tuesday

- Chicken tikka masala with rice
- Chargrilled vegetable quesadilla with rice
- Pasta with a choice of toppings
- Lentil dhal & broccoli
- Courgette & orange cake

### Wednesday

- Gammon with orange & herb glaze served with roasted potatoes & gravy
- Jacket potato with choice of toppings
- Green cabbage & carrots
- Ice cream with fruit

### Thursday

- Beef burger in a bun
- Crispy chickpea burger in a bun
- Pasta with a choice of toppings
- Sweetcorn & coleslaw
- Apple & oat crumble

### Friday

- Fish fingers with homemade tomato ketchup & chips
- Mexican sweetcorn, carrot & courgette fritter with chargrilled tortilla & chips
- Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
- Baked beans & peas
- Chocolate & carrot brownie

Freshly baked bread available daily

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## Key Stage 2

### Year 3

This week we have been adding three digit numbers using carrying and in English, we have completed our newspaper reports. We have continued learning about Stone Age farms and have discussed topics that might worry us in PSHE.

REMINDER: Homework will be set every Thursday on Seesaw and will need to be completed by the following week. Please continue to read at home every day.

### Year 4

This week the children have been continuing to learn about addition in maths lessons. They can use different methods to add up larger numbers. We have been focusing on grammar and punctuation within English lessons. In PE we have been doing different activities involving running and jogging, playing lots of fun games!

REMINDER Homework is still set each Friday and expected in the following Friday. Over half term, the children should be practising times tables, reading books and practising handwriting. Any homework that is brought in will receive Porters Points.

### Year 5

This week in maths we have begun work on multiplication and division and in English, we are continuing to write and refine our space stories. The moon has been the focus of our science lessons; the children have researched and written about its size, orbit, and influence on the Earth. In art, we are completing our space mixed media pieces. The children have really used their skills of colour combining and stitching for these. It has been a good first half term; the children have worked hard and we look forward to more of the same on their return.

REMINDER: Over half term, please continue to read and discuss your books. Practise your times tables for our speed recall tests and use maths wherever you can to keep your mental arithmetic skills sharp. On your return, don't forget your P.E. kits and water bottles and please ensure your child brings a coat to school as the weather is so changeable.

### Year 6

This week Year 6 have continued to write a story based on The Firework Maker's Daughter and using speech dialogue accurately. In history, we are now investigating crime and punishment during the Victorian era and completed a monotonous task similar to one that a Victorian would have experienced in prison! During our PE lesson we continued to work on our fitness by completing a circuit of exercises successfully!

REMINDER Please continue to read daily over half term and practice your times tables on TT Rockstarts.  
Enjoy Half Term!

## French

With assessments successfully completed, we are all extending our knowledge of numbers in French with a variety of fun activities.

