



Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 11th October 2019

Sneak peek at our week

Dates for the diary

OCTOBER

Tuesday 15th

Parents Evening 3.15-5.30pm

Wednesday 16th

Parents evening - 3.15-5.30pm

Wednesday 23rd

Firework safety assembly

Friday 25th

Individual photos

Monday 28th - Friday 1st

November

Half Term

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 6th

Flu immunisations

Thursday 7th

Yr 4 Palace Theatre visit

Monday 11th

Remembrance Observance

Tuesday 12th

Yr 3 trip to Hadleigh

Thursday 14th

Yr 6 height & weight check

DECEMBER

Monday 2nd

Reception Christmas decorations with parents - 2pm

Tuesday 3rd

Yr 3/4 Christmas decorations with parents - 2pm

Friday 6th

Yr 1/2 Christmas decorations with parents - 2pm

Wednesday 11th

Reception Christmas concert

Thursday 12th

Yr 3/4 Christmas concert

Friday 13th

Nursery Christmas concert

Christmas lunch

Yr 5/6 Christmas decorations with parents

Monday 16th

Yr 1 & 2 Christmas concert

Tuesday 17th

Yr 5 & 6 Christmas concert

Thursday 19th

INSET DAY

Early Years

Nursery

This week has been fun and exciting in nursery. We have enjoyed playing outside and learning lots of new nursery rhymes. We have also continued to build friendships, learning to share and play together.

[REMINDER: Please remember to bring your home/school reading book back every Monday. Thank you](#)

Reception

This week the children have begun learning the first set of phonemes (letter sounds) in phonics, recognising them by sight, the sound they represent and how to form them. In provision the children have been applying their knowledge by practising the letters using pens, pencils, chalk and paint.

[REMINDER: The children will be bringing home a comic each week with the phonemes they have learnt. Please look at these at home with your child and have a go at reading them together.](#)

Key Stage 1

Year 1

This week we have been learning to spell were, was and is and using them to create sentences. Why not challenge your child to find these words when you listen to them read. During maths we have been learning to count on to solve addition and create number stories so we can solve number problems. In connected-curriculum we have been learning to name different parts of our bodies and having lots of fun with the song Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes.

[REMINDER: Please provide your child with a P.E. kit. They have P.E. every Monday. If you have any questions about what they need, please speak with the office. Please remember to listen to your child read and sign their reading record. This is so important for their reading progress. Please speak to us if you would like some advice or support on this matter.](#)

Year 2

This week the children have been learning how to add single and 2 digit numbers using the column method. In English they have been using commas in a list and using conjunctions in space themed English lessons. We have also been studying J M W Turner's paintings and have been recreating our very own for our Year 2 display.

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Key Stage 2

Year 3

This week the children in Year 3 have been designing and making printing plates in DT lessons using string to form their stone age inspired designs.

Dinner menu - Week 1

Monday

- Chargrilled vegetarian fajitas with hand cut cajun spiced potato wedges
- Five bean chilli with lime infused brown rice
- Pasta with tomato and basil sauce
- Carrot and garden peas
- Caramelised apple and raisin crumble with custard

Tuesday

- Mild chicken masala with yellow rice
- Country vegetable cottages pie topped with herby sweet potato
- Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
- Broccoli and sweetcorn
- Sticky ginger cake with custard

Wednesday

- Slow roasted gammon, apple and rosemary chutney, traditional gravy with roast potatoes
- Teriyaki noodles with stir fried vegetables and mixed beans
- Wholemeal pasta with tomato and basil sauce
- Roasted seasonal root vegetables and seasonal cabbage
- Vanilla shortbread biscuit

Thursday

- British beef burger with homemade BBQ relish and new potatoes
- Red lentil and cheese loaf with a rich tomato sauce and new potatoes
- Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
- Classic coleslaw and sliced tomato salad
- Traditional lemon sponge with custard

Friday

- Fish fingers & chips with tartar sauce
- Free range egg, cheese and vegetable frittata
- Pasta with tomato and basil sauce and grated cheese
- Baked beans and garden peas
- Raspberry ripple ice cream

Salad bar & freshly baked bread available daily

Within history they have been exploring the mystery of Stonehenge and have been looking at sources when investigating.

REMINDER: Please remember to return trip letters and funds.

Year 4

This week the children have been designing their own Roman mosaics based on a Roman God. They will be making their own mosaic out of paper the following week. We have been learning about teeth in our science lessons and can now name the different kinds of teeth.

REMINDER: Please keep bringing in theatre trip money. It is £8.50. Thank you.

Year 5

This week we had an excellent trip to Focal Point looking at other artists' work and looking around the library. In English we have been looking at the features of leaflets in preparation for writing a leaflet of our own about living on another planet. In maths we are continuing adding and subtracting numbers to 1,000,000.

REMINDER: Please remember to read with your child at home.

Year 6

This week Year 6 have enjoyed learning about crime and punishment during the Victorian period and spent time researching the various methods of punishment used. In English, we have been writing setting descriptions based on the book *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman.

REMINDER: Please remember to request a Parents Consultation meeting and to remind your child to read daily.

Music

Jazz Workshop: On Thursday Year 6 took part in a jazz workshop, led by Marc Cecil. This was part of the Southend Jazz festival

www.southendjazzfestival.com

Music clubs are now up and running. The times are detailed below.

After school activities (3-4pm): Monday, Year 2 Music Making; Tuesday, Choir for years 3-6; Thursday, Porters Band.

Instrumental lessons: Monday – guitar; Wednesday woodwind and keyboard; Thursday – violin. Please make sure instruments are in school on these days.

There are places available to learn musical instruments. Please see Mrs Baines for details

French

This week Year 2 are learning colours, Year 4 are revising numbers, and Year 5 are learning vocabulary for animals in French.



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