



# Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 9th October 2020

## Sneak peek at our week

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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 7<sup>th</sup>**

INSET Day

### Early Years

#### Nursery

This week we have had amazing fun in Nursery. We are enjoying building friendships and are working well together. We have enjoyed 'hunting for dinosaurs' and have loved using a range of different sensory material - play foam and shaving foam.

**REMINDER:** Please remember to draw/write in your home school book about anything you do at home. You can even stick things inside it. We love to see what you have been doing at home.

### Reception

We have been learning to take turns and listen on the carpet through musical games. The children have had to follow instructions and repeat beats back to us using various actions. We have also been learning about the number one - what it looks like and how to find the amount. You can help your child spot the number one around your home, in books and on the way to school!

**REMINDER:** Please encourage your child to put their own coats on themselves. You could make up a game by pulling the sleeves of their coats inside out, then your child has to pull them through the correct way in a certain amount of time!

### Key Stage 1

#### Year 1

We have been reading a new book, which is set by the sea, although we do not yet know the title! The focus has been on the first two pages of text and the illustrations. We have drawn our own illustrations and written sentences to accompany them. Our science area now has a beach, complete with sand, seaweed, pebbles and shells. We will be studying them over the next few weeks.

**REMINDER** Please remember that the children will be having their individual photographs on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### Year 2

We have been reading The Night Pirates by Peter Harris. We have been looking at the different characters and exploring the settings. In maths we have been recapping our number bonds to 10 and 20. We will be moving onto addition of two digits numbers. In science, we have been exploring the properties of different materials which the children really enjoyed.

**REMINDER:** Please complete the homework on Seesaw which is titled as homework. Please read at home at least three times a week with your children. It will really help their progress.

## Dinner menu - Week 1

### Monday

- Macaroni cheese with crispy ciabatta & herb crumb
- Roasted squash & basil risotto
- Jacket potato with choice of toppings
- Carrots & green beans
- Chocolate & beetroot sponge

### 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
- Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
- Baked beans & peas
- Chocolate & carrot brownie

Freshly baked bread available daily

## Key Stage 2

### Year 3

This week Year 3 have been researching how newspaper articles are written in preparation for writing their own. In maths, we are starting our unit on addition and subtraction. In history, we have been investigating early farming methods during the Stone Age and we are putting the final touches to our cave paintings for Art. In science we have been looking further at how fossils are formed.

### Year 4

This week Year 4 have been continuing to use rounding in maths. We have been estimating amounts of money and using these within calculations. The children have had fun learning about teeth in science; they can name the different kinds of tooth and describe what their function is.

**REMINDER** Homework is set on Seesaw on Friday and is due in by the next Friday. If children are finding this difficult to complete due to lack of technology please let the teachers know.

### Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have begun our fiction writing by studying the lyrics to Major Tom by David Bowie. Using this as a basis for a story of our own, we have been working on character building and setting description. In maths, we are practising addition and subtraction of numbers up to 1,000,000 and in science, we have been learning about why the Earth has seasons.

**REMINDER:** Please continue to hear your child read at home whenever possible. Please remind your children to bring in their own water bottles to school each day.

### Year 6

This week Year 6 have explored figurative language from the book The Firework Maker's Daughter and used their own examples to describe a Lightning God. In computing, the children enjoyed learning about how search engines work and began to design their own web pages. In science, the children planned and carried out a fair test successfully.

**REMINDER** Please remember to bring your PE kit into school on Wednesday and Friday and to continue reading daily at home. Remember to look on Seesaw for your weekly homework or ask for a paper copy. All homework is due in on Thursday.

## Music

### Instrumental Tuition

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.

Mrs Baines.

## French

Spoken assessment of the children's ability to talk about themselves has gone well this week, and we change topics to the body in Year 2; numbers and classroom objects in Year 4, and adjectives in Year 5.

