



# Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 10th January 2020

## Sneak peek at our week

### Dates for the diary

#### JANUARY

**Monday 13th**

Year 4 Bikeability

**Tuesday 21st**

Year 5 Focal Point visit

#### FEBRUARY

**Thursday 6th**

Year 6 British Museum trip

**Friday 14th**

INSET DAY

**Monday 17th - Friday 21st**

Half Term

#### MARCH

**Thursday 12th**

Reception Height, weight, vision  
& hearing checks

**Thursday 19th**

Infant Music Festival

#### APRIL

**Friday 3rd**

Last Day of term

**Monday 6th - Friday 17th**

Easter holidays

**Monday 20th**

Children return to school

### Early Years

#### Reception

Welcome back, Happy New year! The children have enjoyed being back at school telling us what they have been up to over the holidays. We have settled back into routine and we have been going out onto the big playground every afternoon to prepare the children for joining the other children at lunchtime next week. The children are very excited!

**REMINDER:** The weather is still very cold, please make sure children have warm coats and named hats, gloves and scarves every day. Please help support your child by practicing doing up coats at home, encouraging them to do this independently.

### Key Stage 1

#### Year 1

This week in Year 1, we are looking at our current season Winter. Using adjectives, we have written descriptive sentences. During Maths we have been comparing and ordering numbers using mathematical language such as greatest and smallest.

**REMINDER:** Please send in a full P.E. kit so we can start P.E. on 13.01.20. If you have not done so already please return your child's book buddy so they can receive a new one from the 13.01.20.

#### Year 2

This week in Year 2, the children have been looking at the difference between odd and even numbers and have been looking at fractions such as a halves, thirds and quarters. In English, we have been writing a recount of Christopher Columbus and his journey to the 'New World.' The children have also been exploring the life cycles of animals in science.

**REMINDER:** Please send in a full P.E. kit as we will be attending a local gymnasium on Monday for some professional coaching in gymnastics.

### Key Stage 2

#### Year 3

This week the Year 3 children have been exploring multiplication within their Maths lessons and have been reviewing methods for solving various multiplication questions. In English the children have been building on their descriptive vocabulary when observing a rainforest setting.

**REMINDER:** Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit in school as we will begin our visits to the local gymnasium on Mondays from 13.01.2020. Our PE. Session in school will be on Tuesday afternoons.

## Dinner menu - Week 3

### Monday

- Vegetarian sausages with mashed potato & red onion gravy
- Pasta with tomato & basil sauce or cheese sauce
- Carrots & garden peas
- Marbled sponge with custard

### Tuesday

- Chilli con carne & Mexican rice with a taco sail
- Baked sweet potato & spinach pasta in a mozzarella cheese sauce
- Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
- Cauliflower & green beans
- Ice cream

### Wednesday

- British roast chicken, sage & onion stuffing & roast potatoes with traditional gravy
- Five bean enchilada casserole with roast potatoes
- Wholemeal pasta with vegetarian bolognese sauce
- Roasted seasonal root vegetables & broccoli
- Poached apple & pear crumble with custard

### Thursday

- British beef burger in a bun with homemade tomato relish & hand cut potato wedges
- Vegetarian burger in a bun with homemade tomato relish & hand cut potato wedges
- Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
- Sweetcorn & BBQ coleslaw
- Carrot cake with custard

### Friday

- Fish fingers & chips
- Pasta with tomato & basil cause
- Baked beans & garden peas
- Baked banana flapjack

Salad bar & freshly baked bread available daily

## Year 4

This week in Year 4, the children have been reviewing their Maths learning from last term. We have been solving tricky word problems and revising multiplication and division skills. In English we have been studying an American poet which links to our new topic of The Americas.

**REMINDER:** Please test the children on their times tables by asking them questions like  $3 \times 5$ . They should be able to answer these quickly by the end of Year 4.

## Year 5

This week we have started our new topic on Anglo Saxons. The children have been researching who they were, where they came from and why they came. In English we have been looking at the book FArTHER. The children have identified themes within the pictures and answered questions about the text. In Maths we have been learning how to interpret train timetables.

**REMINDER:** Please return the letters for the Focal Point Gallery visit. Don't forget to read at home every day and bring your PE kits on Monday and Tuesday.

## Year 6

This week Year 6 have been looking at poetry and answering comprehension question about the poems read. They have also started an exciting new topic about Ancient Greece! Some children have constructed Greek armour over the holidays and have enjoyed sharing their creations with the rest of their class.

**REMINDER:** Please remember to have a PE kit in school at all times. We have PE on Wednesday and Friday.

Please return your British Museum visit permission and contribution if you haven't already.

## Music

All instrumental lessons and music clubs will resume **next week** as detailed below:

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

**Instrumental lessons:** Monday/Thursday – 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 we restart French in Year 2 by learning about the fruits you could buy at a French market; with Year 4 we will be learning the days of the week; Year 5 will be learning more about animals via a story about a mole.

