



Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 21st May 2021

Sneak peek at our week

Dates for the diary MAY

Monday 31st
Bank Holiday

JUNE

Tuesday 1st -Friday 4th
Half term

Monday 7th
Inset Day

Monday 14th
Year 5&6 Bootcamp

Thursday 17th
Year 5 Samba workshop

Monday 21st
Class photos

Thursday 24th
Year 5 Samba workshop

JULY

Friday 2nd

Year 6 transition day

Tuesday 13th

2 Johns Online Safety

Wednesday 21st

Last day of term

Thursday 22nd - 1st September
Summer holidays

Absence Procedure

Pupil Absence Requests

We recognise that, on occasion, exceptional circumstances arise. When this is the case, this request form is used to request for your child to have an authorised absence. It is the decision of our governing body to decline holiday requests unless it is agreeable that exceptional circumstances are evident e.g. armed forces legislation. It is no longer permissible for schools to be flexible in permitting absence of any length. Your child has a legal obligation to be in school 195 days per year. As there are 365 days in the calendar year, this leaves 170 days for holidays, trips and visits. To view the form please visit <https://www.portersgrange.co.uk/attendance> Paper copies are available from the school office.

Early Years

Nursery

This week we have enjoyed using the inside climbing frame and soft play blocks. We have enjoyed sharing these with our friends and taking turns. We have also enjoyed playing with a range of different malleable and tactile resources, such as cereals, play dough, water and sand. **REMINDER:** Please remember your child's water bottle should only contain water. Thank you

Reception

The children have been fascinated with minibeasts this week. They have found snails, spiders and woodlice. Some children made a safe home for them and named it the 'Bug Hotel'. They made signs explaining to other children to 'not touch' or 'be careful' when they are around the area. The children noticed how the woodlice curled up when they felt 'scared' and that snails are 'slimy!'. You could go on a minibeast hunt with your child this weekend. It seems like it may be quite damp but we are sure there will be lots of slugs and snails to be seen! Have fun!

REMINDER: Please make sure your child **does not** bring in toys from home. If your child wants to show a toy in school then please send a photo of it on SeeSaw and we will talk about it on our big screen!

Key Stage 1

Year 1

This week in maths we have been focusing on making groups of 5, counting in 5s and recording them as multiplication sentences. We have been continuing to look at our story 'A Winter Sleep' focusing on the bear's hibernation with her cubs. We have also been looking at seasons and the children have made season jars collecting things that remind them of their chosen season.

REMINDER: Please remember to bring in reading books every day.

Year 2

This week we have continued our learning on Brazil. We have explored the exciting city of Rio and the main tourist attractions. In English we are writing a non-chronological report based on the Amazon animals. In maths we have been looking at subtraction and time.

REMINDER: Next Tuesday we will be going to Southchurch Hall Park. Please see the letter on Parent pay. As the weather improves can the children please bring in a water bottle from home.

Dinner Menu – Week one

Monday

Roasted vegetable & bean hotpot
Vegan mince & vegetable pasta bake
Pasta with cheese & chive sauce
Peas
Apple & cinnamon sponge with custard

Tuesday

Beef & broccoli stir fry with egg noodles or rice
Squash & lentil curry with steamed rice
Jacket potato with cheese or salmon mayonnaise
Chinese cabbage
Strawberry cheesecake

Wednesday

Roast chicken fillets with roast potatoes & gravy
Vegan cornish pasty with roast potatoes
Pasta with roasted tomato & pepper sauce
Green cabbage & carrots
Chocolate sponge & chocolate custard

Thursday

Cumberland sausage with mash & gravy
Lentil & layered vegetable baked ratatouille
Jacket potato with bakes beans or cheese
Green beans & cauliflower
Fruit burst jelly

Friday

Fish finger bap with homemade tartare sauce & side salad
Vegetarian finger bap with homemade ketchup & side salad
Pasta with creamy mushroom sauce
Baked beans & sweetcorn
Chocolate & orange cookie

Fresh Baked Bread available daily

Key Stage 2

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have been writing our own play-scripts for scenes from the story of Romulus and Remus in English. In maths, we have been exploring angles. The life of Julius Caesar has been the focus in history. In science, we have been drawing and identifying plants found in our playground.

Year 4

This week in English, Year 4 have been learning about haiku poems. In history we have continued learning about The Vikings and how they lived.

REMINDER: Please read at home regularly.

Year 5

We have been continuing our work on planning and writing our own mystery stories in our English lessons. Adding fractions has been the main concept we have focused on in maths. In science we have studied plant reproduction and looked at the different parts of flowering plants.

REMINDER: Please continue to read regularly at home and, now that the weather is improving, please bring in water bottles to be used in the classroom.

Year 6

This week Year 6 have been writing their own versions of 'The Tin Forest' working at building effective narrative with description and figurative language. In maths, we have been tackling algebra, working on our arithmetic skills and getting ready for test week next week!

REMINDER: Next week is test week, so eat a nutritious breakfast, have a good night's sleep and come to school ready and prepared to show off all of our learning from this term.

Music

This week Year 1 have had great fun learning and marching to 'The Marching Band'; Year 3 are continuing to explore chords on the ukulele; and Year 5 are experimenting with the Dr Who theme tune.

Instrumental lessons:

Keyboard and Flute – Wed am; Drums Wed pm; Violin Thurs am; Guitar Thurs pm.

French

This week Year 4 have been learning about how to express feelings; Year 2 are learning about the weather; and Year 6 are starting a module about the environment in French.



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