



Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 15th November 2019

Sneak peek at our week

Dates for the diary

DECEMBER

Monday 2nd

Reception Christmas decorations with parents - 2pm

Nursery Christmas decorations with parents - 10am and 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 - 9.30am and 2.00pm

Thursday 12th

Yr 3&4 Christmas concert - 9.30am and 2.00pm

Friday 13th

Nursery Christmas concert - 11.00am and 2.15pm

Christmas lunch

Yr 5&6 Christmas decorations with parents - 2pm

Monday 16th

Yr 1&2 Christmas concert - 9.30am and 2.00pm

Tuesday 17th

Yr 5&6 Christmas concert - 9.30am and 2.00pm

Thursday 19th

INSET DAY

Friday 20th - Friday 3rd January

Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

Monday 6th

Children return to school

FEBRUARY

Friday 14th

INSET DAY

Monday 17th - Friday 21st

Half Term

MARCH

Thursday 12th

Reception Height, weight, vision & hearing checks

Early Years

Nursery

We have had a wonderful week in Nursery. We talked about Remembrance Day on Monday and made some poppies. We have also enjoyed joining in a charity event for Children in Need, having a wonderful cake sale.

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

Reception

The children have begun to learn the songs for our Christmas production of 'My First Nativity'. The performances will be on Wednesday 11th December at 9:30am and 2:00pm. Parents will be able to attend both sittings with a maximum of 2 guests per family. A letter will follow shortly. We are sure, if you ask, your children will teach you a song or two! [REMINDER: Please continue to share reading books at home and have a go at using the website \[phonicsbloom.com\]\(http://phonicsbloom.com\) to help your child consolidate their knowledge and understanding of all the Phase 2 sounds. Within the Phase 2 section, games such as 'Fishy Phonics', 'Flash Cards' and 'Match Cards' can be played on smart phones and tablets.](#)

Key Stage 1

Year 1

We have been enjoying learning about the different seasons and finding out all about autumn. We have been challenging ourselves to calculate number families using our addition and subtraction skills. We are very excited to begin learning new songs for our Christmas performance and each class has their own special song to learn. The performances will be at 9.30 and 2.00 on Monday 16th December. [REMINDER: Please use your Reading Buddy at home to encourage regular reading. Reading a little every night really makes a difference to a child's reading progression.](#)

Year 2

This week we have been working extremely hard on our multiplication and we are improving with every lesson. In English, we have been looking at using direct speech and using inverted commas to show this. As part of our Connected Curriculum, we have been looking at what makes a good friend and we have been looking at properties of materials. [REMINDER: Homework will be going home on a Friday and will be due in every Friday. Please continue to read at home as frequently as possible.](#)

Key Stage 2

Year 3

This week we have had a very busy week. On Monday we created Remembrance Day poems. We thought carefully about our work and produced

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

some beautiful poems. On Tuesday the Year 3 children went on an exciting trip to Hadleigh Roundhouse. We learnt so much about the journey from the Stone Age to Iron Age Britain. We dug up skeletons and weapons and needed to piece together evidence on how the person may have died.

REMINDER: Please ensure all homework is completed and handed to the teachers. We also encourage the children to read every night.

Year 4

This week we have been continuing our learning of the times tables. These can be completed at home too and brought in to display on our working wall! Children who do extra homework will be rewarded with Porters Points! We have been thinking about our theatre trip within English lessons and have sequenced the show as well as looking in depth at the characters.

REMINDER: Well done to all of the children who have brought in homework and are reading at home every night. Make sure you are writing it in your reading record!

Year 5

This week we are continuing multiplying 4 digit by 1 digit numbers. In English we are creating characters and settings for a 'Lost in Space' story. In history we have continued to look at how rockets work and in geography we have continued to work on human and physical features. **REMINDER:** Please continue to practise your times tables and divisions facts. Also remember to read at home and get your reading record signed by an adult regularly.

Year 6

This week Year 6 have been looking at the features of a one-sided argument and then planning and writing their own based on a topic linked to our connected curriculum. The children have also enjoyed taking part in activities linked to this year's Anti-Bullying Week theme 'Change Starts with Us' and discussing how we can all have an impact in implementing an anti-bullying culture in our school.

REMINDER: Please continue to read every day and record in your reading record. It is also important that all children have a PE kit in school on Monday and Friday to enable them to take part in our gym and PE sessions.

Music

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

Upcoming events: The choir will be carol singing in the Cliffs Pavilion Foyer on Tuesday 10th December at 12.00

French

This week Year 1 and Year 3 are having fun with some first French expressions. Year 6 are continuing their study of the Tour de France, which some of them used to demonstrate the skill of interpreting in the assembly on Friday last week.

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