



Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 20th November 2020

Sneak peek at our week

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need last week. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send them £323.59. We were not able to have events in the normal manner, but it is great that we were still able to help during what is a very difficult time.

Early Years

Nursery

This week has been very exciting. We have been learning all about the Hindu festival 'Diwali' where we made and played with a range of different materials and toys. We have also been able to celebrate two birthdays in Nursery where the children enjoyed making cards and presents for their peers.

REMINDER: Please remember to return your speech and language form back, if you haven't done so already. Also, please continue to keep bringing in your home/school workbooks where we love seeing what you have been doing at home. You can also add photos into this book. Thank you

Reception

This week we have been learning about adding and subtracting numbers within the amount of 5. We have seen lots of children try really hard to use their fingers to add and subtract and also attempting to write the calculations down. The planning we use links to the CBEBIES Numberblocks. If you would like to watch it with your child and find out what they've learnt, we have been looking at the episode called 'Holes'. You could also use SeeSaw to upload videos of your child learning about adding and subtracting at home.

REMINDER: Please remember to bring reading books in daily and make sure you hear your child read regularly. Your child's book will be changed once a week. Please refer to the stickers in the front of the reading records to guide you with what questions to ask your child and what to write as a comment.

Key Stage 1

Year 1

This week the children have been investigating materials and their properties discussing what would be best for different jobs. For example, what material would be best for a raincoat and why? The children then designed their own outfits choosing appropriate materials.

REMINDER: Please ensure all items of school uniform are named as there has been some confusion after changing for PE with children accidentally taking each other's clothes.

Year 2

This week in English we have started exploring the story of Hansel and Gretel. We have been looking at different versions of the traditional tale and making comparisons. We have also been looking at past and present tense. In maths we are still focusing on multiplication focusing on the 2, 5 and 10s.

REMINDER: Please ensure you are reading regularly with your children. The children need to have a full PE kit in school. As the weather is getting colder, the children can wear tracksuits if they prefer.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

This week in English we have been looking at extracts from the film 'Ice Age' in preparation for writing adventure stories. We identified the characters and did

Dates for the diary

DECEMBER

Monday 21st - Monday 4th

January

Christmas break

FEBRUARY

Friday 12th

INSET Day

Monday 15th - Friday 19th

Half term

Monday 22nd

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 7th

INSET Day

Dinner menu - Week 1

Monday

- Macaroni cheese with crispy ciabatta herb crumb
- Roasted squash & basil risotto
- Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
- Carrots & green beans
- Courgette & orange cake

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
- Spiced Moroccan chickpea curry with lemon couscous
- Jacket potato with choice of toppings
- Green cabbage & carrots
- Ice cream or 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
- Mexican sweetcorn, carrot & courgette fritter with chargrilled tortilla & chips
- Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
- Baked beans & peas
- Chocolate & carrot brownie

Freshly baked bread available daily

some work on historical language to show the passage of time. We have been completing subtraction calculations in maths and have been extending our learning about Stone Age tools and weapons in history.

REMINDER: Please ensure children have their PE kits in school. They may need to bring tracksuit bottoms as the weather is getting colder.

Starfish – Monday and Tuesday

Lobster – Monday and Thursday

Don't forget to read at home every day.

Year 4

This week Year 4 have started to look at diary entries and have been thinking about how we might write our own one about Anglo-Saxon life. In maths, we have been working hard on multiplication skills. Parents please keep testing the children and helping learn times tables! Our science lesson this week was all about habitats and finding out where different animals live.

REMINDER Seesaw homework is set every Friday and is due in the following Friday (or earlier if possible)

Year 5

This week we have been describing fictional settings in English and have begun planning our adventure stories. In maths, we have been applying the formal method of long multiplication and we investigated the force of air resistance in science by carrying out experiments.

REMINDER: As the weather gets colder, please make sure your child brings suitable outdoor clothing to school. Please continue to hear your child read at home when possible.

Year 6

This week in Year 6 we debated 'hot' topics such as banning plastic packaging in supermarkets. In our DT lesson we began to design our alarm systems and in Science we looked at how shadows are created and planned an experiment. Please remember to read daily and record in your Reading Record. Also, please ensure you have a PE kit in school on Wednesday and Friday.

Music

Class Lessons

This week in music, Year 2 have been enjoying learning actions and signs to 'Hands, Feet, Heart'; Year 4 have been learning the 'F Major March' on the ukulele; Year 5 are continuing some creative work based around Holst's Planet Suite.

Instrumental Tuition

Woodwind and keyboard – Wednesday am

Drums – Wednesday pm

Violin Thursday am

Guitar Thursday pm

It is lovely to see pupils engaging in instrumental lessons.

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, guitar, violin, clarinet, flute, saxophone, drums.

Please contact me if you would like details of these lessons.

French

This week Year 1 are enjoying learning more basic expressions in French, and Year 6 and 3 are talking about what they like to do in their spare time.

