



Porters Grange Weekly

Thursday 13th February 2020

Sneak peek at our week

Dates for the diary

FEBRUARY

Friday 14th

INSET DAY

Monday 17th - Friday 21st

Half Term

Monday 24th

Return to school

Wednesday 26th

Yr1 Nite Owls

MARCH

Tuesday 3rd

Southend Makes Music

Thursday 12th

Reception Height, weight, vision & hearing checks

Wednesday 18th

Parents Evening - 3.30-6.00pm

Thursday 19th

Infant Music Festival

Parents Evening - 3.30-6.00pm

Thursday 26th

Billy's Bank assembly

APRIL

Friday 3rd

Last Day of term

Monday 6th - Friday 17th

Easter holidays

Monday 20th

Children return to school

MAY

Friday 8th

Bank Holiday

Early Years

Nursery

We have had a very busy week in Nursery. We have enjoyed playing outside in the garden in the windy weather!! We have also celebrated Valentine's Day, making some cards, heart collage and participating in some cooking. **REMINDER:** Have a wonderful half term. Please remember to read your home/school reading book at home and note down anything you do in your busy book. Have a wonderful time.

Reception

The children have had a great half term and have been working hard in their learning. We are proud of the progress the children have made and thank you for your support. Please continue to help your child with their learning at home. **REMINDER:** We hope you have a lovely half term and we will see you back on **Monday 24th February.**

Key Stage 1

Year 1

This week we have been continuing to learn about the inventors the Wright brothers and have written factual sentences based on their lives and inventions. We have been creating our own vehicles in design technology and learning and testing the different ways they move. Carrying on with the theme of vehicles we have been learning about transport in the past and present and discussing the changes and the many different types of vehicles. In maths we have been learning about measurement. We have used the words smallest, tallest, longest and shortest and measured items using standard and non-standard measures. **REMINDER:** A company called Night Owls are visiting Year 1 and 2 on the 26th February to deliver a talk and an owl display! They will then take a photo of your child with an owl. The photo proofs will be sent home and will be available to purchase.

Please continue to read with your child over the half term holiday.

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been completing practice SAT's questions in maths and for reading. In English, we have been writing our own story based on 'Sudden Hill' where the characters go on a new adventure. We continued our topic of India and this week we completed our elephant artwork and it is now on display. **REMINDER:** A company called Night Owls are visiting Year 1 and 2, on the 26th February to deliver a talk and an owl display! They will then take a photo of your child with an owl. The photo proofs will be sent home and will be available to purchase.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have been exploring persuasive writing features and have been linking this to our rainforest topic. In maths we have been learning

Dinner Menu Week 2

Monday

- Vegetarian lasagne with hand cut potato wedges
- Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
- Garden peas & sweetcorn
- Ice cream

Tuesday

- British chicken & vegetable pie with mashed potato & gravy
- Sweet & spiced potato & chickpea curry with lemon infused rice
- Pasta with vegetarian bolognese sauce
- Carrots & broccoli
- **Pancake Day Special!**
- Pancakes with a selection of Toppings

Wednesday

- Honey glazed slow roasted gammon & rosemary roast potatoes with traditional gravy
- Spinach, feta & tomato quiche with rosemary roast potatoes
- Wholemeal pasta with tomato & basil sauce
- Roasted seasonal root vegetables & garden peas
- Waffle with chocolate sauce

Thursday

- Farm assured British beef lasagne with garlic bread shard
- Chilli con carne & Mexican rice with a taco sail
- Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or salmon mayonnaise
- Green beans & sweetcorn
- Jam sponge with custard

Friday

- Battered Fish fingers & chips
- Pasta with vegetarian bolognese sauce
- Baked beans & garden peas
- Chocolate & beetroot brownie

- Salad bar & freshly baked bread available daily

about mass and have been predicting and using scales to weigh a variety of objects. **REMINDER:** Thank you for all those who have paid so far for our Snakes Alive visitors.

Year 4

This week the children have been learning about mountains, earthquakes and rivers within our geography lessons. They have really enjoyed learning about how the earth changes and what causes different things to occur. The children have been working hard in English and maths lessons, revising all they have been learning. **REMINDER:** The children have been given some research-based homework to do over the half term on The Mayans.

Children should be reading and practising their times tables- this only takes 5 minutes!

Year 5

In English we have been writing stories from the point of view of an angry troll and in maths we have been working on fractions and dividing. We also cooked an Anglo Saxon soup and enjoyed tasting it. **REMINDER:** Please remember your PE kits for Mondays and Tuesdays. Please also remember to revise your times tables.

Year 6

This week Year 6 have continued to write stories based on Greek myths and have also produced other pieces of work relating to our recent trip to the British Museum about its vast array of Greek artefacts. The children have also been working hard completing English and Maths assessments this week. **REMINDER:** Please continue to read daily over half term and don't forget to practise your times tables.

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

Future Dates:

Tuesday 3rd March – Southend Makes Music, 7pm at the Palace Theatre (KS2 Choir)

Thursday 19th March – Infant Music Festival, 1pm Freight House, Rochford (Year 2 Music Making)

Tuesday 9th June – SEESMA Junior Music Festival, 7.30pm Cliffs Pavilion (KS2 Choir)

More details to follow.

French

This week the children in all year groups are reviewing and assessing their learning so far.

Attendance: We encourage all appointments to be made outside of the school day. However, if your child is absent from school due to an appointment, please provide the school office with a letter or appointment card so the absence can be recorded accordingly. If you have any attendance concerns or queries please speak to Miss Irvin, our Attendance Officer, in the school office.

