



Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 24th January 2020

Sneak peek at our week

Dates for the diary

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

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

Early Years

Nursery

We have had a very busy week at Nursery. Our new children have settled well and are enjoying all the Nursery activities. We have enjoyed playing with the role play Doctors this week and have iced our own special biscuit. **REMINDER:** Please remember to return your home/school reading book back every Monday. Thank you

Reception

This week the children have really enjoyed junk modelling and have created some fantastic robots, vehicles and houses. We are linking this to the children's writing by encouraging them to write about their models and label the parts. **REMINDER:** Please note in your child's reading record that from next week your children's reading day may have changed. Please ensure your child brings their reading book and tricky word book with them on their day so they can be changed.

Key Stage 1

Year 1

We have had a busy week this week learning more about Antarctica and the animals that live there. In English we have learnt about the difference between fact and fiction and learnt facts about animals from Antarctica. We have used the facts we learnt to write our own fact-files. In maths we are continuing to develop different methods to add, mainly counting on and using a number line. We have also been practising knowing number bonds for 10. **REMINDER:** We still have a number of children without the correct PE kit. This should be blue shorts, white t-shirt and black plimsolls. Please continue to read regularly at home and sign your child's reading diary.

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been looking at fractions of amounts within our mathematics sessions. In English, we have just started reading our new book called 'On Sudden Hill,' making predictions about the book based on the front cover. Within science, we looked at how humans change over time which is why we requested the baby photos – the children were fascinated with this aspect of it and are all thoroughly enjoying science at this time. **REMINDER:** Thank you for those that have provided us with baby photos. The children thoroughly enjoyed trying to match baby photos to each other. Please continue to read at home and sign your child's reading record.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

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
- Apple & cinnamon crumble with custard

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 non 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 & chips
- Pasta with vegetarian bolognese sauce
- Baked beans & garden peas
- Chocolate & beetroot brownie

Salad bar & freshly baked bread available daily

This week in Year 3 the children have been exploring the story 'How the camel got his hump'. They worked together to create a story map and have been using dictionaries to identify unfamiliar vocabulary. In maths the children have been using rulers and tape measures when learning about length. They have been converting between metres and centimetres. In geography the children have been creating rainforest dioramas using natural resources from the school grounds. **REMINDER:** Please remember to read regularly at home and sign your child's reading diary.

Year 4

This week we have learnt all about the South American tale 'The wings of the butterfly' and have created our own work around this. We were also very lucky to meet two SUFC players during our football lesson this week. We got to ask them questions and found out lots about a footballers life. **REMINDER: PE kit needs to be in school; there are still children who do not have full PE kit. Children should be bringing tracksuit bottoms and trainers to wear as we have our football lessons outside some weeks.**

Year 5

In English we have continued our work on the book FARTHER and have written a story from the Grandson's perspective. In maths we have started a unit of work on fractions. We have also continued to practise our arithmetic skills and identified the relevant information in word problems. In history we have completed our scripts and are ready to film our green screen video on the Anglo Saxons. **REMINDER: Don't forget your PE kits on Mondays and Tuesdays. Also, practise your times tables focussing on 3 and 4.**

Year 6

This week Year 6 have continued to learn more about Ancient Greece – in particular the differences between life in Athens and Sparta at that time. In English we have been creating characters and looking at writing descriptive settings in preparation for writing our own Greek Myths in the next few weeks. **REMINDER: Please remember to read daily and record in your reading record. Also, please bring in the permission slip for the British Museum trip as soon as possible.**

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 Year 2 are learning about vegetables in French; Year 4 are learning the months, and Year 5 will be learning some factual information about the life of the wolf.

