



# Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 27th November 2020

## Sneak peek at our week

### Dates for the diary

#### DECEMBER

##### Friday 11th

Christmas Dinner and  
Christmad Jumper Day

##### Monday 21st - Monday 4th

#### January

Christmas break

#### FEBRUARY

##### Friday 12th

INSET Day

##### Monday 15th - Friday 19th

Half term

##### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

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 7<sup>th</sup>

INSET Day

### Early Years

#### Nursery

This week we have enjoyed sharing many stories including reading together and acting out stories using the puppets and story pebbles. We have also enjoyed using the scissors within a range of cutting and sticking activities. **REMINDER:** Please remember to let your child practise putting on and taking off their own coat. This is a great skill to learn in Nursery ready for Reception class.

### Reception

We have been having fun watching the adults make masks using paper, string and scissors. There has been a lot of superhero play and the children have really enjoyed role playing various characters.

Children have been retelling their own stories and the adults have been writing them down. The stories are then acted out at the end of each session. These are called 'Helicopter Stories'. We have saved the children's stories for their learning journals. It has been wonderful listening to and watching their stories come alive. You could write your child's stories down and send them in to school!

**REMINDER:** You have been given a Letters and Sounds book. Please help your child read the sounds in the book on a regular basis. Follow the instructions on the note attached to help you.

### Key Stage 1

#### Year 1

This week our pet fox Lulu has gone missing! The children were very concerned and decided to make lost posters to put up in the corridors in case someone has seen her. Some children even built a rocket in the outside area to rescue her. We received a letter from someone who thinks they have seen Lulu stuck in a tree so we have been thinking of different ways to rescue her safely we hope to hear back from them soon.

**REMINDER:** Please make sure you are listening to your child read as often as possible and write in their reading record book.

#### Year 2

The children have worked very hard this week. In English we have been focusing on Hansel and Gretel which the children have really enjoyed. In maths we are still looking at multiplications. We have been looking at the history of trains in history and the life of George Stephenson; the children were very interested to know that he was on our £5 notes.

**REMINDER:** Please can children be read with at least three times a week. We are still continuing with PE lessons outside so if the children get cold they can bring in a tracksuit and jumper to wear in lessons.

## Dinner menu - Week 2

### Monday

- Margherita pizza
- Mexican 5 bean & vegetable tostada with pomegranate
- Jacket potato with choice of toppings
- Coleslaw & carrots
- Sticky toffee pudding

### Tuesday

- Classic spaghetti beef bolognese
- Sweet potato topped vegetable pie
- Pasta with a choice of toppings
- Peas & cauliflower
- Carrot & ginger sponge

### Wednesday

- Herby chicken breast with roasted new potatoes, stuffing & gravy
- Mediterranean vegetable tart
- Jacket potato with choice of toppings
- Carrots & green cabbage
- Chocolate orange cheesecake

### Thursday

- Cumberland sausages with mashed potatoes & onion gravy
- Vegetarian sausages with steamed new potatoes
- Pasta with a choice of toppings
- Roasted seasonal vegetables & sweetcorn
- Peach sponge cake

### Friday

- Battered fish with homemade tomato ketchup or salmon fishcake in a bun & chips
- Falafel & carrot wrap with salsa & chips
- Jacket potato with choice of toppings
- Baked beans & peas
- Banana flapjack

Freshly baked bread available daily

## Key Stage 2

### Year 3

Inspired by the tale told in 'Ice Age', Year 3 are starting to write their own adventure stories. In P.E they are starting to choreograph their own dances in the style of robots. Through using torches and mirrors, they have been investigating what happens with light on reflective surfaces in science.

**REMINDER:** Homework is set every Tuesday on Seesaw and must be completed. If you are having problems accessing seesaw, please let us know.

Children should be also reading at home, practising their spellings and learning their times tables on Times Table RockStars!

### Year 4

This week the children have been learning how to divide using pictures; once they realised they can use their times tables to help them, it became so much easier! In science, we created our own food chains and played a great food chain game that they can play at home on Bitesize.

**REMINDER:** Keep completing homework, reading at home and practising times tables!

### Year 5

In Year 5, the children have been flexing their maths muscles on multiplication and division. In English, they are planning and writing adventure stories set on the planet of Pandora and in DT their moon buggy building is well underway.

**REMINDER:** Please ensure your child has extra layers to wear in class as we have to ventilate the classroom despite the cold weather. They should endeavour to keep the top layer as a school jumper.

### Year 6

This week Year 6 have been working hard completing assessments In English and maths. In science, the children planned and completed an investigation about the length of shadows and have continued to work on their alarm system designs in Design & Technology.

**REMINDER:** Please read daily and record in your Reading Record.

PE is on Wednesday and Friday and all children should have a PE kit in school.

## Music

### 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.

Mrs Baines.

## French

Currently Year 6 and Year 3 are finalising their knowledge of how to talk about free time - Year 6 in more depth. Year 1 have finalised their knowledge of basic expressions one and are moving on to basic expressions two.

