



# Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 6th March 2020

## Sneak peek at our week

### Dates for the diary

#### MARCH

##### Thursday 12th

Reception Height, weight, vision & hearing checks

##### Wednesday 18th

Parents Evening - 3.30-6pm

##### Thursday 19th

Infant Music Festival  
Parents Evening - 3.30-6pm

##### 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

##### Monday 11th - Friday 14th

SATS week

##### Monday 18th

SEESMA rehearsals

##### Monday 25th - Friday 29th

Half Term

#### JUNE

##### Monday 1st

INSET Day

### Early Years

#### Nursery

This week we have been enjoying the story 'The tiger who came to tea'. We have been making lots of tiger related crafts, 'writing' about the story and we enjoyed our own tea party where we made our own cakes. **REMINDER:** Please remember to bring your home/school reading book back every Monday. With Thanks

#### Reception

This week we have had lots of fun with the book 'Lost and Found' for book week. The children have enjoyed making penguins, playing with ice and creating their own stories in our Arctic small world play. We have also been completing mathematical challenges making 10 with different numbers. Some children have extended this to two digit numbers up to 30. **REMINDER:** We will be checking the children's recall of phonics sounds over the next few weeks. Please practise the sounds sent home on phonics comics, and talk to your child about which sounds they have learnt in school.

### Key Stage 1

#### Year 1

This week have been continuing to rewrite our own versions of Owl Babies. In maths we have been learning about one more and one less looking at numbers up to 40 and completing number sequences. We have also been learning about mammals and different animal groups. We have begun to learn about carnivores, omnivores and herbivores and grouped animals by what they eat. **REMINDER:** Well done, all the children have been doing well learning their spellings. Please continue to bring spelling folders in on the correct day.

#### Year 2

In Year 2, we have been writing a recount about the recent visit from 'Night Owls' when the children were privileged to see the owls fly and learn lots of fascinating facts about birds of prey. In maths, we have been reviewing time and looking at problems involving time. We have also revisited money again looking at different ways we can make the same amount of money. **REMINDER:** Please try to encourage your children to read at home and use the analogue clock to tell the time. Please make sure PE kits are in for our Monday gymnastic sessions.

### Key Stage 2

#### Year 3

In Year 3 the children have been exploring books from the author Quentin Blake and have been writing character descriptions and leaving clues on our classroom doors for the other children in the school to guess our books. In maths we have continued our capacity topic and have been looking at the volume of liquid in containers.

## Dinner menu - Week 1

### Monday

- Cheese & tomato pizza with hand cut potato wedges
- Pasta with tomato & basil sauce or cheese sauce
- Garden peas & traditional coleslaw
- Chocolate & pear sponge with chocolate sauce

### Tuesday

- Slow cooked beef masala curry with yellow rice or a chapati bread
- Chickpea & pineapple raita wrap
- Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
- Sweetcorn & roasted cauliflower
- Ice cream

### Wednesday

- Lemon & thyme infused roasted British chicken & roast potatoes
- Lentil, tomato & potato balti
- Wholemeal pasta with vegetarian bolognese sauce
- Roasted seasonal root vegetables & cabbage
- Apple & honey oat crumble with custard

### Thursday

- British Cumberland sausages with mashed potato in a Yorkshire pudding and red onion gravy
- Vegetarian Yorkshire pudding cottage pie with red onion gravy
- Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
- Carrots & green beans
- Pineapple upside down sponge with custard

### Friday

- Fish fingers & chips
- Pasta with tomato & basil sauce
- Baked beans & garden peas
- Shortbread biscuit

Salad bar & freshly baked bread available daily

REMINDER: Please encourage your children to practise their times tables at home. Please make sure PE kits are in for our Monday gymnastic sessions and Tuesday P.E session.

## Year 4

This week Year 4 have been reading all kinds of different books as it is Book Week! In class they are reading David Walliams' amazingly funny books 'The World's Worst Teacher' and 'The World's Worst Children 3'. We have made up our own stories based on these and have had lots of fun! In maths we have been using data and graphs which can be quite tricky. **REMINDER: Make sure you are reading EVERY week and recording the reading in your reading records.** Trainers/plimsolls are needed for PE as we will start going outside for PE on Wednesdays.

## Year 5

During Book Week, Year 5 have been enjoying a class book and taking part in exciting activities based on the book. We also look forward to the Story Swap on Friday. We are also researching famous scientists for science and more fractions in maths. **REMINDER: Trip slips and contributions A.S.A.P please. Reminder about making sure your child has suitable footwear for P.E.**

## Year 6

This week Year 6 have enjoyed investigating how blood flows around the body in science. In history they created their own Greek columns based on one of three architectural styles and have learnt about the legacy of the Ancient Greeks. **REMINDER: Please remember to read daily and record in your reading records.**

## Music

**A REALLY BIG WELL DONE TO THE CHOIR FOR AN AMAZING PERFORMANCE AT THE PALACE THEATRE ON TUESDAY. I was extremely proud of you all!**

**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:**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Infant Music Festival, 1pm Freight House, Rochford (Year 2 Music Making) – **Tickets available from the school office.**

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

More details to follow.

## French

This week Year 1 are making "I like" plus fruit sentences in French; Year 3 are making "I can see" sentences about classroom objects with numbers; and Year 6 are learning through a story about a girl called Suzanne who plays football.

## School Dinner Money Payments Years 3,4,5 & 6

If your child would like school dinners, could you please make sure the money is paid weekly in advance if at all possible. Currently we only accept cash but after Easter we will be introducing an online payment system. We will still be accepting cash. School dinners are currently **£2.20** per day and **£11.00** for the week.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Miss Brand in the school office.

