



# Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 25th September 2020

## Sneak peek at our week

### Dates for the diary

#### OCTOBER

##### Friday 16th

Individual photos

##### Tuesday 20th

Flu Immunisations

##### Monday 26th - Friday 30th

HALF TERM

#### NOVEMBER

##### Monday 2nd

INSET 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

We have had another exciting week in Nursery. We have enjoyed exploring both of our wonderful rooms. We have done so well at starting to build friendships and remembering to follow the rules and routines. We have also made a shop in our maths area where we have enjoyed role-play.

**REMINDER:** Please remember as the weather starts turning colder that we do play outside every day in all weathers so a coat will be needed! Thank you.

#### Reception

The children have had a wonderful week. We have opened up more spaces in our classrooms for the children to enjoy. The children have painted pictures, made patterns in the maths area and cooked dinner for the adults in our home corner!

We have also practised carrying our trays ready to collect school dinners next week. We have pretended to collect our lunch from the school kitchen, balancing a marble on our trays!

**REMINDER** If your child has wellies and a mac at home, please bring them in on a rainy day or we can keep them in a bag on their peg.

Photos will be taken of the Reception children for the Echo Reception Starters 2020 on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Please let us know if you do not want your child to be in the photo.

All children will be starting school at 8:40am and finishing at 1.15pm from the 28<sup>th</sup> September. On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October the children will be completing a full day at school from 8:55am- 3:05pm. Please make sure your child knows whether they are having a packed lunch or school dinner at lunch time.

### Key Stage 1

#### Year 1

This week in Year 1 the children have enjoyed exploring and investigating in their new science area. First they needed to make a prediction, then test their theory and evaluate the results. Through this process the children tested and discovered what materials magnets are attracted to and recorded their results on their experiments sheet. This spurred some fantastic discussions with children explaining what they found.

**REMINDER** We are looking to start PE lessons after half term. Please could you provide your child with a PE kit to be kept at school. They will need: a white t-shirt, blue shorts, plimsolls or trainers. You can also include tracksuit bottoms and jumper for outdoor PE. Thank you.

#### Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have continued our topic of explorers and we have been learning about Neil Armstrong. In English, have been learning about the four sentence types and using various punctuation such as, question marks and exclamation marks. In maths, we have been looking at number patterns and learning how to work out the missing number. We continue to deepen our knowledge of place value and numbers to 100. In our art lesson we have

## 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

enjoyed looking at the work of J.M.W. Turner.

REMINDER: Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school.

Please read at home as often as you can at least 3 times a week.

## Key Stage 2

### Year 3

This week we have completed our tests and have been continuing our work on the text *Stone Age Boy*. We have been writing about the characters and the setting. In maths, we have been ordering numbers and using the greater than and less than signs. In science we have been learning about the life of Mary Anning and the fossils that she found and we have begun to paint some cave paintings in art.

REMINDER Please remember we MUST have PE kits in school on the following days

Lobster:- Monday and Thursday

Starfish:- Monday and Tuesday

Don't forget to read at home and bring your reading books to school every day

### Year 4

This week Year 4 have been learning about muscles in science. They can explain how muscles work and what muscles helps them to do different activities. In PE we have completed the skipping challenge. The children thought it was really fun. English lessons have been based on our class story and we have been writing about setting, character and how to adapt a story. REMINDER PE kits need to be in school. The children also need to have a water bottle with them every day; this can be left in the classroom if they would like or taken home every day. They are not allowed to use the water fountains or share cups due to COVID. It is essential they are hydrated so a water bottle is a must.

### Year 5

This week in English, we have been researching, planning and writing our biographies of inspirational people linked to space travel. In maths we have been comparing numbers, adding and subtracting thousands, ten of thousands and hundreds of thousands mentally. In art we are practising running stitch, with a view to using it in a piece of textile art later in the term. REMINDER: The children should bring a water bottle with them every day, containing water only. This can be left in the classroom if they would like, or taken home every day. As the children are not allowed to use the water fountains or share cups, a water bottle will ensure they are hydrated through the day.

### Year 6

This week Year 6 have continued to enjoy reading *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman and have written character descriptions including dialogue. In science, the children have learnt how to draw electrical circuits using universal symbols to represent the different components. In PE we all enjoyed taking part in the skipping challenge.

REMINDER Please continue to read daily and record in your Reading Record. Remember that you must have a PE kit in school on Wednesday and Friday.

## French

This week in French, all year groups are learning to talk about themselves, but with different levels of detail and complexity. We are also all learning through games and fun activities of course.

