



# Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 2nd October 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

This week we have had a wonderful week at Nursery. We have our own mini 'Costa' coffee shop in the maths area. We have enjoyed construction play with our new friends too.

**REMINDER:** Please remember to help your child practise some self-help skills at home e.g. putting on their own coat or shoes.

#### Reception

This week has been another busy week for Reception. They have collected their lunches from the dinner hall and played outside on the big playground!

The children have been practising listening on the carpet and following new rules and instructions. Please support your child's listening skills at home by going on listening walks or playing games where your child has to respond to what you ask them to do e.g. can you jump, run then stop? Can you collect two forks and two knives for dinner? Make these games as practical but as fun as you can!

**REMINDER:** Please remember to bring in a pair of wellies and a mac to leave on your child's peg. If they do not have these items, it restricts their outdoor play experience.

Your child will attend reception from 8.55am- 3.05pm, starting from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October.

### Key Stage 1

#### Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been exploring the autumn season, looking at the changes in environment around us and the weather. Now your children have settled back into school, we have introduced our daily phonics lessons at 9.15am which the children have been enjoying and using in their play.

**REMINDER** Due to the staggered starts at the beginning of the day, it is very important that the Year 1 children arrive promptly at 9am so their learning is not disrupted.

#### Year 2

This week we have been extremely busy in English. We have been focusing on a book called The Night Pirates by Peter Harris, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. In maths we have been looking at number bonds to 20 and adding three digits together. We have been looking at the life of Neil Armstrong and learning about his accomplishments.

**REMINDER:** Please can children read regularly at home; there is also work available to the children on Seesaw. If you have any issues logging in, please let a member of the Year 2 team know.

### Key Stage 2

#### Year 3

This week Year 3 have been describing autumn through acrostic poems. In maths, they have been focusing on number patterns by counting backwards and forwards.

## Dinner menu - Week 3

### Monday

- Roasted tomato & vegetable cheesy pasta
- Jackfruit Katsu curry with rice
- Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
- Broccoli & mixed salad
- Caramelised pineapple sponge

### Tuesday

- Mild jerk chicken with rice and peas
- Vegetarian spicy fried rice
- Pasta with a choice of toppings
- Sweetcorn
- Apple pie cinnamon roll

### Wednesday

- Roast chicken served with roasted potatoes & gravy
- Tofu & vegetable noodle stir fry
- Jacket potato with choice of toppings
- Cauliflower & peas
- Ice cream with fruit

### Thursday

- Chicken & sweetcorn meatballs in a sweet & sour sauce with noodles
- Pitta pizza topped with houmous & roasted vegetables
- Pasta with a choice of toppings
- Green beans
- Chocolate shortbread biscuit

### Friday

- Fish fingers with homemade tomato ketchup & chips
- Homemade crispy vegetable nuggets
- Jacket potato with choice of toppings
- Baked beans & peas
- Lemon drizzle cake

Freshly baked bread available daily

In history we have been exploring how early humans survived by being hunter-gatherers. In science, we have been studying how fossils are made and in art we have been using our research on cave paintings to complete our own.

REMINDER Please can children read regularly at home. They can also use their logins to use Times Table Rockstars at home.

## Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been writing our own version of The Princess who Hid in a Tree. The children are focusing on adding awesome adjectives, speech and paragraphs and have been really successful with this.

In maths we have been rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 which has been tricky! The children have homework on Seesaw this week on rounding. REMINDER Due to the staggered starts at the beginning of the day, it is very important that the Year 4 children are in at 8.30/8.35 so they do not disrupt any other children but also so they can complete their work on time. Remember to read at home every week.

## Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we have been modifying our biographies from the previous week. We have focused on rounding 5 and 6 digit numbers in maths. In science, we have learned about the concept of why we have day and night.

REMINDER: Please continue to hear your child read at home when possible. Please remind your children to bring in their own water bottles to school each day.

## Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been learning about letter writing and have written a letter from a character in the book The Firework Maker's Daughter. They have also continued to develop their knowledge of electrical circuits and the universal symbols used to draw them. In PE, the children enjoyed taking part in a 'marathon' and so did their teachers!

REMINDER Please remember to read daily and record in your reading record. Also, please remember to complete your homework, which is set on Seesaw. If you are unable to access Seesaw please ask your teacher for a paper copy of the homework.

## Music

### Class Lessons

This week in music, Year 1 have been playing rhythms on percussion instruments and signing to 'Hey You'; Year 3 are learning the ukulele; and Year 6 are doing some creative work based around Elgar's Enigma Variations.

### Instrumental Tuition

It is lovely to see pupils engaging in instrumental lessons again.

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, violin, clarinet, flute, saxophone and drums.

Details of these lessons should have come to you via School Ping.

Please contact me if you would like more information.

Mrs Baines.

## French

This week the children are perfecting their ability to talk about themselves. Many of the Year 2, for example, have really impressed me with talking about their favourite colour in French. A complex sentence really well done!

