



# Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 17th January 2020

## Sneak peek at our week

### Dates for the diary

#### JANUARY

**Tuesday 21st**

Year 5 Focal Point visit

#### 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 are so pleased with how our new starters have settled. Well done to you all; also to our older children for showing the new children our rules and routines. We have enjoyed playing with the malleable materials this week and using our role play hairdressers. **REMINDER:** Please name every item of clothing, including bags, that come into Nursery. The children are trying so hard to become independent, so please let your child start to put his/her coat on by themselves. Thank you.

### Reception

This week we have been learning some new phonemes in phonics and have been using them in our reading and writing. Please support your child by practising these together at home. At lunch time the children have enjoyed playing on the big playground with some of their older peers. We are preparing some of our children who have not yet made this transition. **REMINDER:** We have been practising our formation of numbers up to 10. Please could you help your child by practising these together at home.

### Key Stage 1

#### Year 1

This week we have been learning about Antarctica, finding out about the types of animals that live there and what it is like. In English, we have been reading Lost and Found and basing our written work on the characters. We have been creating lost posters using lots of adjectives to describe our penguin. In maths we have been counting on and using a number line to add different numbers. **REMINDER:** Please continue to read regularly at home and sign reading diaries. Please make sure that your child has a PE kit in school.

#### Year 2

This week have enjoyed tasting foods from India and, in English, using adjectives to write descriptive sentences about these foods. We have continued to develop our knowledge of fractions and this week we have been learning about equivalent fractions. We really enjoyed our first trip over to the gym for PE and we are looking forward to next week!

**REMINDER:** please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school  
Please remember to practise spellings and read as often as possible. Your child will have a spelling test every Friday.

### Key Stage 2

#### Year 3

## 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

Year 3 have been researching the four main layers of the rainforest and have identified what might be found within each layer. In science, we have been exploring the different parts of a plant and their functions. Within maths lessons, the children have been applying a range of methods for solving division problems. **REMINDER: PE is now Monday and Tuesday; please remember to bring in your PE kits. Please continue to read regularly at home and sign reading diaries.**

## Year 4

Year 4 have been practising their reading skills and have been answering questions all about American texts. They have been looking at maps of The Americas and identifying certain states and countries. In science, the children are building their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases. Can you spot any at home? **REMINDER: Reading records need to be signed every week by an adult please. PE is now on Monday and Wednesday but PE kits should stay in school until half term.**

## Year 5

In maths this week, we have been looking at line graphs. We have been reading and interpreting the graphs and working out what they show. In English we have continued studying the book FAR<sup>T</sup>H<sup>E</sup>R. We have been making predictions and creating timelines of the characters' lives. In history we have started to write our scripts for our green screen presentations. Swordfish had a very enjoyable trip to Focal Point, and Sea Turtle are looking forward to going next week. **REMINDER: Don't forget PE is on Mondays and Tuesdays. If you have any school library books at home, please bring them to school on Fridays as this is our library time.** Thanks

## Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed reading a variety of Greek myths this week and have been able to re-tell them to each other. In history, the children have continued to enjoy their Ancient Greece topic and have been researching aspects of daily life in both Sparta and Ancient Athens. In science we have been learning about the seven life processes of all living things and have also been enjoying playing tennis in our PE lessons. **REMINDER: Please remember to read every day and record in your reading record, which should be brought into school every day.** Also, a reminder that we are still waiting for some trip letters and payments to be returned to school. The trip is to The British Museum and links to our Ancient Greece topic.

## 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

## French

This week Year 2 are consolidating their knowledge of fruits in French; Year 4 are using the days of the week to express likes and dislikes; Year 5 are revisiting and re-using the story about a mole.

