



# Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 31st January 2020

## Sneak peek at our week

### Dates for the diary

#### FEBRUARY

##### Thursday 6th

Year 6 British Museum trip

##### Friday 14th

INSET DAY

##### Monday 17th - Friday 21st

Half Term

#### MARCH

##### Tuesday 3rd

Southend Makes Music

##### 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

#### MAY

##### Friday 8th

Bank Holiday

### Early Years

#### Nursery

We have had a very exciting week in Nursery. We are very lucky to have a new staff member joining our Nursery Team, Mr Sesniak. The children have enjoyed getting to know him this week. We have also enjoyed lots of malleable play and using the outside environment. **REMINDER:** Please remember to bring your home/school reading book and our special work book back every week so we can share these with the rest of the class. Thank you.

#### Reception

The children enjoy visiting the library every Monday where they read with a buddy in Year 6. The children will be allowed to start borrowing a book to take home. Please enjoy these stories together and ensure your child returns the book the following Monday so they can choose another book to take home. **REMINDER:** Please ensure your child is coming to school in appropriate footwear; we spend a lot of time outside and as the weather has been cold and wet, the children have been complaining about cold feet. You can send your child in with wellies to keep at school if you would like. **Plimsolls are not suitable for outside play.**

### Key Stage 1

#### Year 1

We have been classifying birds through practical, planned activities and through play. There are many different types of birds and we have been able to identify features of them! We have enjoyed preparing work for our penguin display, making sure the features we have learned about are included. The children have been learning different methods to subtract such as crossing out and using a number line.

We have welcomed Mrs Britton (formerly Miss Pell) back in to Year 1.

**REMINDER:** Please remember to read with your child each day. You could also take your child out for a walk in your local park and encourage them to notice different types of birds. The children can tell us where they spotted them!

#### Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been looking at money in maths and within those sessions the value of each coin and how we can add money together. The children have been fantastic with this topic and have been extremely enthusiastic. In English, we have continued to look at 'Sudden Hill' and how the characters' feelings changed over time, eliciting and building a wide vocabulary. During our science lessons, we have been investigating how much sugar is in our drinks which produced some surprising results.

**REMINDER:** Children need to be wearing appropriate footwear in school and for PE. They should wear black shoes with their normal uniform and have plimsolls or trainers for PE lessons.

### Key Stage 2

#### Year 3

## Dinner menu - Week 3

### Monday

- Vegetarian sausages with mashed potato & red onion gravy
- Pasta with tomato & basil sauce or cheese sauce
- Carrots & garden peas
- Marbled sponge with custard

### Tuesday

- Chilli con carne & Mexican rice with a taco sail
- Baked sweet potato & spinach pasta in a mozzarella cheese sauce
- Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
- Cauliflower & green beans
- Ice cream

### Wednesday

- British roast chicken, sage & onion stuffing & roast potatoes with traditional gravy
- Five bean enchilada casserole with roast potatoes
- Wholemeal pasta with vegetarian bolognese sauce
- Roasted seasonal root vegetables & broccoli
- Poached apple & pear crumble with custard

### Thursday

- British beef burger in a bun with homemade tomato relish & hand cut potato wedges
- Vegetarian burger in a bun with homemade tomato relish & hand cut potato wedges
- Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
- Sweetcorn & BBQ coleslaw
- Carrot cake with custard

### Friday

- Fish fingers & chips
- Pasta with tomato & basil cause
- Baked beans & garden peas
- Baked banana flapjack

Salad bar & freshly baked bread available daily

This week the children have been exploring dialogue and adverbial phrases when adapting the story 'How the camel got his hump'. In science the children looked at water transportation in plants and used celery, carnations and food colouring to investigate how water moves through the plant. **REMINDER:** Please remember children need to have full P.E kits in school. This includes appropriate P.E shoes as many children have been unable to participate in outdoor P.E.

## Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have been learning about newspaper reports. We will be writing our own report all about the story 'The Wings of a Butterfly'. Within maths lessons we have carried on learning new ways to multiply bigger numbers and have had lots of success with the learning of times tables. **REMINDER:** Children need to be wearing appropriate footwear in school and for PE. They should wear black shoes with their normal uniform and have plimsolls or trainers for PE lessons.

## Year 5

Year 5 have been using a green screen to film presentations about the Anglo Saxons. In maths we have been learning about fractions and are looking forward to a cooking skills lesson in DT and creating a collage in art.

## Year 6

This week Year 6 have continued to learn about the Ancient Greeks and have researched the Ancient Greek gods and goddesses and created Top Trump cards about them. Continuing with our topic theme, in English, they have planned their own Greek myth set in Ancient Greece. **REMINDER:** Please remember to read daily and record in reading books. Also, a PE kit must be in school for Wednesday and Friday.

## 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

**Future Dates:**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Southend Makes Music, 7pm at the Palace Theatre (KS2 Choir)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Infant Music Festival, 1pm Freight House, Rochford (Year 2 Music Making)

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

More details to follow.

## French

This week Year 2 are completing their learning of vegetables; Year 4 are talking about birthday dates, and Year 5 are completing their reading, listening, and speaking about the wolf.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Due to having a child in the school with a severe egg allergy, we are an EGG FREE SCHOOL. We ask parents not to put any egg products in their children's pack lunches. Thank you.**

