



Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 12th March 2021

Sneak peek at our week

Early Years

Nursery

This week we said goodbye to Mrs Eldred who has been with us for a year covering a maternity leave. Having taught in both Year 1 and Reception, she helped support the school during the strangest of years and has been an invaluable member of the team. The staff and children will all miss her and we hope to see her again soon.

We have had a fantastic start back to Nursery life. It was so wonderful to see our older Nursery children back, who seem to have grown so tall!!! We also welcomed some new friends. We have been having so much fun investigating all the toys and activities again and sharing and playing as part of a group. Well done, everyone.

REMINDER: We continue to check SeeSaw so please send in messages and photos via the app. Also please remember to use your home/school book .

Thank you

Reception

Wow! What a first week back! It has been fantastic to see the children again. We hope the children have enjoyed being back at school. They have settled well in class, catching up with friends and enjoying valuable time playing indoors and outdoors. The staff are really working hard to nurture the children's well-being, through making positive changes to routine and identifying the children's needs to help them flourish.

REMINDER: We continue to check SeeSaw so please send in messages and photos via the app. We also share what has been uploaded with the rest of the class. It really provides a good talking point for the children.

Key Stage 1

Year 1

We have had a fantastic first week all back together. The children have shared 'something positive' from being at home including learning new skills like riding a bike, cooking and spending time with family. The children have settled back into school routine and have been enjoying our new foundation area and updated creative area.

REMINDER:

PE is every **Monday**

Reading books are changed every **Thursday**

Year 2

We have enjoyed welcoming the children back to school. They have settled in well and adjusted to the school expectations quickly. We have been discussing the positives from lockdown and learning about ways to keep ourselves clean. In English, we have been revising basic skills and we have started to look at instructions. In maths, we have been revising basic number work and we have enjoyed exploring different areas of number. In science we have been learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Well done, Year 2!!

Dates for the diary

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 7th

INSET Day

Dinner menu - Week 2

Monday

- Margherita Pizza
- Mexican 5 bean & vegetable Tostada with pomegranate
- Jacket potato with a 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 vegetable & sweetcorn

Friday

- Battered fish with homemade tomato ketchup or salmon fishcake in a bun & chips
- Falafel & carrot wrap with salsa & chips
- Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
- Baked beans & peas
- Banana flapjack

Freshly baked bread available daily

Key Stage 2

Year 3

It has been wonderful to be back together again this week. Year 3 have been practising the 4 operations in maths through calculations within word problems. We have been sharing what we already know about rainforests and discussing what we would like to find out before researching the endangered animals there. In art, we have been exploring camouflage and replicating examples of animal print in our sketch books. We have been learning about the purpose of a skeleton in science.

Year 4

This week we have been learning about mystery stories. We have been inspired by the Mayan folktale 'The chocolate Tree' which is all about how The Mayans found chocolate. In maths we have been learning multiplication and division facts.

REMINDER: Remember to read at home often and bring reading books into school.

Water bottles are essential – these can be left in school if you wish.

PE kits and trainers need to be brought in again as the children will be doing more PE outside.

Year 5

This week we have been focusing on number work in maths by practising the 4 operations and applying these skills when solving word problems. In English, we have looked at non-fiction texts and poems and answered various comprehension type questions. We have planned a science experiment about heat insulators and thought about how to make it a fair test.

REMINDER: Please make sure that PE kits are back in school and a reminder that water bottles should be brought in to school each day.

Continue to read as often as you can with your child and remember there are a range of books to read on the Oxford Owl website. (Login details are found on Seesaw)

Year 6

This week Year 6 have been reading the book *The Boy at the Back of the Class* and exploring the book's theme in greater depth. In maths we have been focusing on arithmetic skills and solving time problems. During our PSHE lessons we have learnt about resilience and how the children have shown it during the past year and how to continue to develop it.

REMINDER: Please remember to bring in a PE kit for Wednesday and Friday and to continue to read daily.

Music

As a welcome back to music, Year 2 have been playing boomwhackers, Year 4 ukuleles and Year 6 are studying the Dr Who theme tune and the work of the BBC Radiophonic workshop.

'Live' lessons have resumed for pupils learning the drums. Other instrumental lessons will be back to normal after the Easter break. Any payment for these lessons is due by Friday 26th March.

French

Welcome back to French everyone: Year 3 are studying clothes, Year 1 are learning about colours, and Year 6 are refreshing their knowledge of how to give opinions about the weather.

