

Dear Parents and children

I hope you are all keeping well and safe at home. These are certainly difficult and challenging times for us all especially now we know that schools won't re-open until September. As the days get longer and the weather improves I know it will be hard to keep your child on task to complete the work set for them.

I know that each child is different and will progress through the work at their own pace. The list of suggested work is not meant to cause stress or pressure. Only do what you can. Remember English and Mathematical activities can be done in practical ways e.g. reading recipes/instructions, writing lists, or clues for a game, counting items for dinner, playing shop etc. I will include a link at the end of this letter for you to check out. It has suggestions for some nice activities for you to do with your child. As always encourage your child to read lots and read as often as possible to them. You can do this outside when the weather permits!

I would encourage you to send a photo, a drawing or a piece of writing your child has done to the teacher's email address. I am sure your child would love to see something they have done up on the school website.

I am aware that circumstances vary from household to household , so it is important to stay positive and stay safe in these times.

If you have any questions about the work set please contact me on [drinaghteachers@gmail.com](mailto:drinaghteachers@gmail.com).

Wishing you all the best and stay safe.

Kind regards

Nora Perkins

<https://tinyurl.com/130-activities>

## **1st Class**

**\*\* Remember this is a list of suggested activities. Do as much as you can each day.**

### **Week beginning 11-5-20**

#### **Monday**

##### **English**

- **Reading**

Starlight Combined Skills Book Unit 7b- Noises in the Night

Read the story together with your child a few times. Go through the focus words at the bottom of pg.58 and explain any difficult words to them.

Answer the questions in Activity A pg. 59.

##### **Learn the focus words**

- **Spellings**

Spellbound Week 28: Blocks 97, Exercise 1. Choose a word from blocks 97 to put into a sentence in your

Copy.

Spelling list: Practise a word each night.

- Phonics: In your copy write as many words as you can ending in –oat ( e.g coat) and put 4 of these words into sentences.
- Diary Entry: Each day write a diary entry in your copy and draw a picture under it. Don't forget to write the day and date.

\*\* For extra work go to folens.ie and find Starlight 1st Class resources. There are printable activities linked to the reader. Any activity from 4b onwards can be printed off. (If you have time)

Visit Phonicsplay.co.uk You will need to register first. You are provided with a username and password. Once you have logged in click on the icon Resources . There are many games here to practise sounds, syllables and Tricky Words. You will need to click on Phases 3, 4 or 5 for each game.

## Maths

- [www.topmarks.co.uk /maths-games/daily 10](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily-10). It is a good game to practise Mental Maths  
Click on **Level 1 and Addition**. Each day this week you will be doing the Addition activities.
- Monday Mental Maths
- Tables: Subtraction tables -5 (Sing your tables each day like we used to do in school)

This week your child will be doing activities on Money You can support this by giving them lots of opportunities to use real money. Ask them to make amounts to 50c and then try larger amounts to 1 euro.

- Print 1<sup>st</sup> Class coin sorting cards pdf. Cut out the cards and stick them in the correct place.  
Ask your Mum/Dad for a collection of real coins and sort them.
- go to folens.ie click on Planet Maths 1<sup>st</sup> Class. Click on Strand Unit and click on the icon **Money**. Play the 3 games in this section.



first-class-coin-and-coin-values-sorting-cards.pdf

## Irish

Listen to some well-known stories like The Gruffalo as Gaeilge on

<https://padlet.com/maire8/iv5c9jic9h6i>

- Activities C and D.

Oral Irish: If you can log into folens.ie. Go to Abair Liom C for 1st Class.

Click on Lesson 05: Bricfeasta sa Leaba

- Lesson 05: Open comhrá and listen to the conversation and get your child to repeat it.

Try asking each other

Ar mhaith leat sú? ( would you like juice)

Ba mhaith liom sú. ( I would like juice)

Níor mhaith liom sú. ( I would not like juice)

( You will be using these sentences during the week)

**Do the ceisteanna in this section also.**

- Click on **Póstaer**: Learn the **Dán/poem : Bricfeasta**. Say it a few times.

Do **Foclóir 1**. Do Taispeáin dom ( show me) with your child using the pictures from Foclóir 1.

Taispeáin dom im/calóga/bainne/arán/subh.

**\*\* Practise the Irish words and phrases from the list I gave you. It will give your child the opportunity to practise speaking Irish Daily. This list might be useful if you have difficulty logging onto the Folens website. You could also visit the Irish websites I had in my letter before Easter.**

**Your child should tell you the day and the weather in Irish each day.**

## **SESE: Maps**

- Look at the different maps on the pdf of Maps of **Places in the Community. Now it is your turn to draw a map.**
- You are working on a Campsite and the Manager wants you draw a map for the visitors so they can find their way around.
- I want you to draw a map of a campsite in your copy. Think about what things should be included and don't forget to add labels. Colour it to make it look like a proper map .Don't forget to add the title **The Campsite**.



places-in-the-community-maps.pdf

The PDST PE team have created a series of PE at Home videos called Beyond the Classroom

[www.scoilnet.ie/pdst/physlit/beyond](http://www.scoilnet.ie/pdst/physlit/beyond).

This week why not work on your throwing skills-all you need is a tennis ball or a rolled up pair of socks. Look at the throwing skill video and you can try the three home activities over the week.

## Tuesday

### English

- **Reading**

Starlight Combined Skills Book Unit 7b- Noises in the Night

Listen to your child read pg. 58 .Check the new words.

Do Activity B on pg.59. In your copy make sentences with 4 of the focus words at the bottom of pg.58.

**Don't forget to draw 3 items you would need for a camping trip and explain why you might need them.**

- Spellings Week 28: Block 98 Exercise 2. Choose a word from Block 98 and put into a sentence.
- Spelling list: Practise a word each night.
- Phonics: Sounds Good Phonics pg. 45
- Diary Entry

**\*\* Extra work:** In your copy make a list of other words that end with -nk

### Maths

#### Topmarks.co.uk : Play Daily 10 Addition

- Tuesday Mental Maths
- Planet Maths pg. 151

In your copy draw around the coins you would need to buy the items in each bag in Section B

- Tables: Subtraction tables -5 ( Practise singing the tables)
- topmarks.co.uk to play the **Coin Game**. Click on euro flag at the bottom to get euro coins.

Play the **Sorting Game**

## Irish

- Bun go Barr : pg. 58,59. Read the captions on both pages. Make a list in your copy of 10 things( from these pages) that you would buy.
- Oral Irish: Abair Liom C for 1st Class. Click on Lesson 05: Bricfeasta sa Leaba
- Listen to the Comhrá/conversation again. Try having this Irish conversation with your Mum/Dad.
- **Open Póstaer**
  1. **Cuardach 1.** Click the cursor on different things to hear the Irish. Encourage your child to repeat the phrases.
  2. Do **Foclóir 1** again: Ask your child –Ar mhaith leat \_\_\_\_? ( would you like?)  
Ar mhaith leat im/calóga/bainne/aran/subh?  
Your child should reply- Ba mhaith liom( I would like) or Níor mhaith liom( I would not like)
  3. Say **Dán: Bricfeasta**
  4. Do the **Ceisteanna**
- Practise words/phrases from Irish sheet. **Your child should tell you the day and the weather in Irish each day.**

## SESE : Children of Lir

Download pdf powerpoint of **Children of Lir** story. If you can't download it find the story on youtube. Read the story together and then print off pg. 3 of **The Children of Lir Activity sheet**. Today draw the pictures of what happened in the story in the correct order.



The-Children-of-Lir-Retelling-Differentiated-Activity-Sheet.pdf

## Wednesday

### English

- **Reading**

Starlight Combined Skills Book Unit 7b – Noises in the Night

Read pg. 58 once more.

Check you know all the focus words on pg.58.

Can you find and make a list of any adjectives on pg. 58. **An adjective is a word that describes an Objecte.g. soft, quiet.**

Read the next page of your novel Mouse Trouble together. Put any difficult words into sentences.

Do Activity A and B on pg. 60. **Don't forget to do the Star part in section B.**

Go to folens.ie and find Starlight 1st Class resources and do Grammar activity 7b –Noises in the Night

### Spellings

Week 28: Block 99 Exercise 3. Choose a word from Block 99 and put it into a sentence

- Spelling list:
- Phonics: In your copy write as many words as you can ending with –oan e.g. moan
- Handwriting Book pg. 56
- Diary Entry

**\*\*Extra work:** Make sentences with 4 of the words from the -oan word list.

### Maths

**Topmarks.co.uk : Play Daily 10 Addition**

- Wednesday Mental Maths
- Tables: Subtraction tables –5 ( ask your child some of the tables.Mix them up.)
- Print pdf of 1<sup>st</sup> Class cut and stick euro activity . Cut and stick the correct coins into each piggy bank.

topmarks.co.uk to play the **Coin Game**. Click on euro flag at the bottom to get euro coins.

Play the **Ordering Game**



first-class-cut-and-stick-euro-activity-sheet.pdf

## Irish

- **Bun go Barr** : pg. 60. Read and trace the words. Colour the pictures.
- Oral Irish: Abair Liom C for 1st Class. Click on Lesson 05: Bricfeasta sa Leaba
- ( click on Póstaer) Open Cuardach 2. Press play and say the Irish sentences. You will need to say these sentences a few times.
- Dán/Poem : Say Poem on your own if you can!
- Do Foclóir 2. Use the pictures in Foclóir 2 to do Taispeáin dom \_\_\_\_\_.  
Taispeáin dom tae/ubh/tósta/leaba/sú.
- Sing Amhrán/song : Mo Bhricfeasta ( sing it a few times)

**Your child should tell you the day and the weather in Irish each day.**

## SESE: Children of Lir

Download pdf powerpoint of **Children of Lir** story from yesterday. If you can't download it find the story on youtube.

Read the story together again and today write a sentence or 2 about the pictures you drew yesterday.

## Thursday

### English

- **Reading**

Novel **Mouse Trouble** : Revise the page you read yesterday and any new words. Read the final 2 pages together .Put any difficult words into sentences. Discuss the ending with your child.

Check you know all the focus words on pg.58 from Starlight Combined Skills Book and do the activity

pg. 61.

- Spellings Week 28 Block 100 Exercise 4. Choose a word from Block 100 and put into a sentence.
- Spelling list:
- Phonics :Sounds Good Phonics pg. 46
- Diary Entry

**\*\* Extra work:** In your copy make sentences with 4 words from pg.46 Sounds good Phonics.

## Maths

### Topmarks.co.uk : Play Daily 10 Addition

- Thursday Mental Maths
  - Tables: Subtraction tables –5 ( ask your child some of the tables. Mix them up.)
  - Planet Maths : pg. 153. In your copy draw around the coins you would need to buy the items in the sums 1-7 on pg. 153
- topmarks.co.uk to play the **Coin Game**. Click on euro flag at the bottom to get euro coins.
- Play the **Counting Game**.

## Irish

- Bun go Barr : pg. 61. Read the words.

**Now read and write these sentences in your copy. Draw a picture for each sentence.**

1. Thug Mamáí léine do Dhaidí. ( Mammy gave a shirt to Daddy)
2. Thug Daidí calóga do Rossa. ( Daddy gave cornflakes to Rossa)
3. Thug Mimí subh do Rólo. ( Mimí gave jam to Rólo)
4. Thug Neasa bainne do Chliona. ( Neasa gave milk to Cliona)

- Oral Irish: Abair Liom C for 1st Class. Click on Lesson 05: Bricfeasta sa Leaba
- ( click on Póstaer) Open Cuardach 2. Press play and say the Irish sentences.You will need to say these sentences a few times.
- Dán/Poem : say the poem.Bricfeasta
- Do Foclóir 2. Use the words from Foclóir 2 to in the following conversation.  
Ar mahith leat tae/ubh/tóstaubh/sú ? ( would you like)  
Your child should reply: Ba mhaith liom \_\_\_\_\_. Or Níor mhaith liom\_\_\_\_\_.  
\*\* Swap over and and your child could ask you: Ar mhaith leat\_\_\_\_\_?
- Sing Amhrán/song : Mo Bhricfeasta

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## SESE: Natural Features

- Print off activity sheet on The Earth's Natural Features. Write the answers on the sheet and colour the pictures.
- Now help your child to look up and name the following natural features in Ireland
  1. A mountain
  2. A river
  3. A lake
  4. A beach
  5. A waterfall
- Make a list of them in your copy.



earth features048.pdf

## Friday

### English

- **Reading**

Novel **Mouse Trouble** : Revise the pages you read yesterday and any new words.

Check you know all the focus words on pg.58 from Starlight Combined Skills Book

**Creative Writing:** Pretend you went on a Camping Trip. Plan your story like pg. 61 in Combined Skills Book.

Draw 4 pictures in order about what happened. Think about who went with you, what exciting thing happened on your trip. Try to include some adjectives in your story.

Don't forget to give your story a Title.

- Spelling test of week 28 from Spellbound and the 4 spellings from the Spelling List. Choose any 10 spellings from Week 28 and write the spellings in the correct section at the back of the book. The 4 spellings from the Spelling List can be written in the copy.

- **Dictation:** Call out these sentences a word at a time for your child to write in their copies.

Sentences to Dictate

1. The boat can float in the moat
2. Put on the clean coat
3. I moan when I have to clean my room.

- Phonics :Print off and do codecracking vowel sheet ( Remember the vowels are A,E,I,O,U. All the other

letters are consonants.

- Diary Entry

**\*\* Extra work:** In your copy write a list of things you would take on a camping trip. If you can make your own Camp and pack your bag!



-codecracking-for-beginners-vowels-and-consonants-activity-sheet-.pdf

## Maths

### Topmarks.co.uk : Play Daily 10 Addition

- Friday Mental Maths
- Tables test. Choose any 10 of -5 tables for the test. Do the test at the back of the homework copy.
- Print pdf of Adding euro coins worksheet and complete the activity. Draw around real coins as you make each amount.
- topmarks.co.uk to play the **Coconut Ordering** game. Click on the **Prices** icon and click on **euro flag** at the bottom to get euro coins.



Adding-Euro-Coins-Worksheet.pdf

## Irish

- Oral Irish: Abair Liom C for 1st Class. Click on Lesson 05: Bricfeasta sa Leaba
- Open Póstaer and do Foclóir 1 and 2 again.
- Say Dán/poem and sing Amhrán
- Listen to the Scéal. Then click on the icon Tráth na gCeist and do the activity.
- **Writing:**Read and write the following sentences in your copy.

Write the heading: **Mo Bhricfeasta**

1. **Ba mhaith liom sú.** ( I would like juice)
2. **Ba mhaith liom calóga.**(I would like cornflakes)
3. **Ba mhaith liom bainne.** ( I would like milk)
4. **Ba mhaith liom arán.** ( I would like bread)

**Draw a picture of yourself having breakfast under the sentences.**

**Your child should tell you the day and the weather in Irish each day.**

### **Visual Arts**

Look at pdf of We are all different self-portrait frames. Print one off and draw and colour your portrait. Maybe you could send it to the teacher's email and have your portrait up on the school website. (You always did some beautiful drawings.)



we-are-all-different-self-portrait-frames-with-face-shape-.pdf

Twinkl have developed a range of resource packs for each class. Each pack contains fun, challenging and interactive work for your children. So you can visit their website and download and print the pack.