

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.

Wishing you all the best and stay safe.

Kind regards

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

Junior Infants

Start each day (if you can) with fine motor activities e.g. lego, jigsaws, using clothes pegs, playdough for a few minutes each day. See more activity ideas linked below

<https://theimaginationtree.com/40-fine-motor-skills-activities-for-kids/>

Continue with cutting skills worksheets. Try and do these when you can.

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

Week beginning 11-5-20

Monday

English

- **Reading:** log onto fallons.ie to read an ebook. If you can't access this, practise the new words suggested each day.

Go to fallons.ie, click Primary, Junior Infants, English. Series:Rainbow Stage 1. Scroll down to **Fun at Home Core Reader 2 click on it.**

When the reader appears in the box click on the **eye symbol** beside it.

Print off and cut up list of words (included at the end of this week's work .)

- Fun at Home: Read pg.9 together and then ask your child to read it on their own. **New words (helps,likes)** Find these words on the page and make sentences with the new words. If you have magnetic letters or playdough then you can make the new words with them. Discuss the picture and ask your child questions about this page.

**(If you can't access fallons.ie then help your child to learn these words helps,likes If you have magnetic letters or playdough then you can make the new words with them. Make sentences with these words and see if you can find them in other books.

- Phonics: Letter sound of the week **qu**. Go to youtube jollyphonics for **qu** song and activities to do.
Tell your child that the letter **q** always has his friend **u** with it and together they make the **qu** sound.
Show your child how to write the letter **q**.
Can you draw pictures of things beginning with **q** and label them. Look for the letter **q** in books.
- Rhyme of the week : log onto topmarks.co.uk. Type nursery rhymes into search.
Find **Hickory Dickory Dock** and sing it with your child.
- **Writing:**Make sentences with the new words likes, helps in your copy.
Don't forget to leave a space between each word.
- Practise Read to the Star sheets and rhyming word cards.
- Practise writing your name each day

** Extra work: If you have time you could write a sentence about something you did at the weekend. Write Monday above the sentence, and add a picture.

Maths

- Ongoing Maths: Continue to do the number formation booklet I included if you haven't finished it already. Practise counting with your child as often as possible. Practise Days of the week regularly.
- Operation Maths Book pg.88.
- topmarks.co.uk – click on Maths Early Years and then find the game **Ways to Make** .
Do the activities for the houses **3-5**.
- topmarks.com also has plenty of Maths activities for your child to do . When you log in click on Primary School Maths and then click on Maths Practice ages 5-15. Open Junior Infants and do the number activities.

Irish

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

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

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- Click on Lesson 05-**An Bosca Éadaigh** (the clothes box)
- Listen to the Comhrá and repeat what they say.

Tá gúna orm.(I have a dress on me)

Tá stocaí /bróga/t-léine/bríste/hata orm

Click on Ceisteanna- click on the right picture.

- Open Póstaer:Click on **Dán: Rólaí Pólaí**. Say poem with actions.
(The words of the poem are included at the end of the week's work.)
- Click on Foclóir1. Listen and click on the correct picture. Repeat the words after you click on the correct picture.
- Colour of the week glas (green). Play Feicim le mo shúilín rud glas. (I spy with my little eye something green
Play this game each day.)

** Practise Irish words and phrases from list I gave you.It will help your child to practise speaking Irish daily. This list might be useful if you have difficulty logging onto the Folens website.

**If you find this difficult to do, try the websites for Irish in my letter before Easter.

SESE: Children of Lir

Open Powerpoint of The Children of Lir. Read and discuss the slides and ask your child questions about the story.

When you have finished print off pg. 1 of the pdf of The Children of Lir. Draw what happened in the beginning and at the end of the story.



-The-Children-of-Lir-Literacy-Activities-Sheet.pdf

If you can't open the powerpoint find the story of The Children of Lir on youtube.

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

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:** Fun at Home (ebook fallons.ie) pg. 10. **New words : (Beth, now)**. Find the words in the book and make sentences with the words. Make the words with magnetic letters or playdough. Discuss pg. 10 Can you find the word that rhymes with **cow** on. Can you think of other words that rhyme with **cow**

(If you can't access fallons.ie then help your child to learn the word **now**. Make sentences with the word. Make the word with magnetic letters or playdough. Find the word in other books)

- Handwriting Book pg.40
- Rhyme : Hickory, Dickory, Dock- clap the rhythm of the rhyme as you sing it (topmarks.co.uk)
- Phonics: Sing **qu** song from youtube. Practise writing the letter **q**.
Sounds Good Phonics pg. 98.

***Extra work: Can you write a sentence with the word- now

Maths

- topmarks.co.uk- click on Maths for Early Years and then **Ways to Make** game and do the houses 3-5 again.
- Ongoing Maths: Practise writing numbers 1-5 as often as possible. Counting forwards and backwards to 20.
- Operation Maths Book pg. 89- match the dinosaurs and colour the matching pair the same colour.
- topmarks. com also has plenty of Maths activities for your child to do . When you log in click on Primary School Maths and then click on Maths Practice ages 5-15. Open Junior Infants and do the number activities.

Irish

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- Click on Lesson 05: An Bosca Éadaigh
- Listen to comhrá again and repeat the sentences from Monday.

Your child could say what they are wearing e.g **Tá bróga orm**

- Open Póstaer :
 1. Say Dán : Rólaí, Pólaí
 2. Click on Foclóir 1- revise what you did yesterday.

Practise **Taispeáin dom(show me)** with your child using pictures from Foclóir 1

Taispeáin dom gúna -dress, bríste-trousers, sciorta-skirt, geansaí-jumper

Your child should say Seo é bríste etc.

- 3 Click on **Cuardach 1** : Click on different pictures and listen to the Irish sentences.

SESE: Children of Lir

Yesterday your child drew pictures of the story. Today please help your child to write a sentence or 2 about each picture. There are a lot of key words beside in the worksheet to help them with their sentences.

Wednesday

English

- **Reading:** Fun at Home (fallons.ie) pg. 11. **New words: Everyone, happy.** Find the words in the page and make sentences with the words. Make the words with magnetic letters or playdough. Discuss pg. 11. Discuss what makes you happy.

(If you can't access fallons.ie then help your child to learn the words **Everyone, happy** .Make sentences with the words. Make the words with magnetic letters or playdough. Find the word in other books.

- **Rhyme:** Sing Hickory Dickory Dock. Can you find the rhyming words : dock/clock. Can you think of other Words to rhyme with clock and dock.
- **Phonics:** Sing qu song. Handwriting book pg.46. If you have playdough make the letter q with it.

- Sounds Good Phonics pg. 93

Practise Read to the Star sheets and rhyming cards.

** Extra work: Can you write sentences with the words Everyone, happy.

Maths

- topmarks.co.uk- click on Maths, Early Years and find the game Counting on in Ones and do the activity See Pencils Fall (within 5).
- Ongoing Maths: Practise writing numbers 1-5 and counting as often as possible.
- Download and print off ways of making numbers up to 5 pdf. Draw the spots on the ladybird.



ways-of-making-numbers-up-to-5-activity-sheet-.pdf

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Irish

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Click on Lesson 05: An Bosca Éadaigh

- Open Póstaer: Click on Cuardach 2 and say the sentences le chéile(together) with the computer.
- Click on Amhrán : Éadaí Sing the song with your child – sing it a few times.
(words of the song are included at the end of the week’s work)
- Click on Foclóir 2. Repeat the words after you have clicked on the correct picture.
Bróga-shoes, t-léine-t-shirt,hata-hat, stocaí-socks
Say Poem: Rólaí, Pólaí with actions.

SESE: Life-cycle of swan

Print off and complete pdf of swan life cycle. Discuss how the swan grows and changes.



swan-life-cycle-activity-sheets-.pdf

Thursday

English

- **Reading:** ebook Fun at Home. Go back over pg. 9-11 and revise all words.
 - Word Games
 1. Use flashcards of words you printed off. Put out 3 or 4 words. Take one away. What word did I take away?
 2. Make 2 sets of each word and play memory or snap with the words.
 - Danny and Zeb Skills book pg.43
 - Phonics: Sounds Good Phonics pg.99
 - Rhyme: Hickory, Dickory, Dock- sing the rhyme . Play I Spy- I Spy something that rhymes with _____.
- *** Extra work- draw a picture of something that makes you happy and write a sentence about it.

Maths

- Ongoing Maths: Practise writing numbers 1-5 as often as possible
- topmarks.co.uk- click on Maths, Early Years and find the game **Counting on in Ones** and do the activity
See the Cards Fall (within 5).
- Download and print pdf of dinosaur addition sheet.
- Practise lots of addition sums orally e.g. I have 3 spoons and 2 forks. How many altogether?



-dinosaur-addition-up-to-5-worksheet.pdf

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Click on Lesson 05: An Bosca Éadaigh

- Open Póstaer: Click on Cuardach 2 and say the sentences together again.
Say Amhrán : Éadaí

- Click on Foclóir 2. Listen and click on the correct picture.
Do Taispeáin dom with your child.
Taispeáin dom bróga/t-léine/hata/stocaí
- Ask your child to tell you what they are wearing- Tá stocaí orm. etc
- Click on Dán: Rólaí, Pólaí

SESE

Log onto folens.ie Unlocking SESE Junior Infants

- Go to ebook pg. 73. Discuss all the places you see water-river, lake, pond, sea.
- Go to pg. 74. Look at the river habitat. Discuss the picture and the creatures and plants you see in the river.
- Do the drawing activity from pg.74 in your copy. Write the title- **The River**
- Discuss and name the water creatures on pg. 75. If you go for a walk near a river or lake try and look out for these creatures.

Friday

English

- **Reading:** ebook Fun at Home..
- Word Games
 1. Use flashcards of words you printed off. Put out 3 or 4 words. Take one away. What word did I take away?
 2. Make 2 sets of each word and play memory or snap with the words.
 3. Hide the words around the house and see if your child can find the words. They can only keep the word if they know it.
- Phonics: Sounds Good Phonics pg.100
- Write a sentence about something you did this week and draw a picture under it.
- Print pdf of rhyming words activity. Do pg. 1 and discuss pg. 2
*** Extra work- do pg. 2 of rhyming words activity sheet.



rhyming-words-cut-and-paste-activity-sheet.pdf

Maths

- Ongoing Maths: Practise writing numbers 1-5 and counting as often as possible
- topmarks.co.uk- click on Maths, Early Years and find the game **Counting on in Ones** and do the activity

See the Cards and Pencils Fall (within 10).

- Download and print pdf of fruit addition sheet.
- Play a board game using dice or play snap with cards. Your child could also order the playing cards starting with the lowest card.



-fruit-addition-up-to-5-worksheet_.pdf

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Click on Lesson 05: An Bosca Éadaigh

- Open Póstaer: Click on Foclóir 1 and 2 and do again. Sing Amhrán : Éadaí
- Click on Scéal and listen to the story.
- Click on on the icon Tráth na gCeist and answer the questions.
- Click on Dán: Rólaí, Pólaí

Visual Arts

Look at pdf of We are all different self-potrait frames. Print one off and draw and colour your portrait.



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

helps	helps	likes	likes
Beth	Beth	now	now
Everyone	Everyone	happy	happy

Amhrán: 'Éadaí'

Cén sórt éadaí atá ar Shíofra?

Tá gúna ar Shíofra, ar Shíofra, ar Shíofra.

Tá gúna ar Shíofra, gúna glas.

Cén sórt éadaí atá ar Sheán?

Tá geansaí ar Sheán, ar Sheán, ar Sheán.

Tá geansaí ar Sheán, geansaí dearg.

Cén sórt éadaí atá ar Shíofra?

Tá stocaí ar Shíofra, ar Shíofra, ar Shíofra.

Tá stocaí ar Shíofra, stocaí buí.

Cén sórt éadaí atá ar Sheán?

Tá bríste ar Sheán, ar Sheán, ar Sheán.

Tá bríste ar Sheán, bríste gorm.

Dán: 'Rólaí Pólaí'

Rólaí pólaí suas suas suas,

Rólaí pólaí síos síos síos,

Rólaí pólaí amach amach amach,

Rólaí pólaí isteach isteach isteach.

- **www.phonicsplay.co.uk** is a very good website to practise cvc words and the sounds your child has been learning during the year. Please practise these sounds/words as often as possible. It also has activities for rhyming words. This website has a lot of free activities at the moment to help your child practise their sounds. Please visit it .

You need to register first but they give you the username and password. Once you have logged on click on the icon Resources and find the following games

The following games are worth trying :Picnic on Pluto Phase 2, Buried Treasure Phase 2 and Cake Bake Phase 1. You could also try the games on Tricky Words which help you practise words you can't sound out.

Use rhyming cards and match the rhyming pairs and play snap and memory with them. Please play these games during the coming weeks.