

29/3/20

Dear Parents

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I know this is a difficult time for you all and I am aware that you want to continue to support your child with their education. On the next few pages are lists of suggested work you could do with your child next week. I understand that everyone's circumstances are different (time-wise and access to the internet) so help your child to complete as many activities as you can. It is important to complete activities in the workbooks first. All other work should be written into their copies or on sheets of paper which could be stored in a folder for me to look at when next we meet. You may need to buy some copies and a folder/scrapbook.

Some of their work involves logging onto some websites. Hopefully you will be able to do that but I understand if that is not possible.

The websites you will need to access the most are

- folens.ie (for English, Maths and SESE).
- fallons.ie (for English)

(both websites are offering free access to parents at the moment)

Other websites that are useful are

- operation maths edco online- click on your class for Maths and English activities
- www.twinkl.ie It is offering free subscription to parents in light of the school closure. This is a great website for extra worksheets and art/craft activities if you have access to a printer. To sign up use the code IRLTWINKLHELPS: <https://www.twinkl.ie/offer>
- librariesireland- join the library online. Log into @BorrowBox to download ebooks and audio books.
- www.oxfordowl.co- good website for reading.You will have to register to gain access to the ebooks.
- www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics- links to phonics games.
- www.starfall.com- lots of games and reading activities based on abc's and simple words(Learn to read)
- www.communication4all.co.uk-Jolly phonics cards for matching, lotto game, letter formation worksheets.
- www.topmarks.co.uk- quality resources,click on early years
- Cula4.com and seomra ranga for Irish
- Facebook.com/futafata for Irish-at 11 a.m each day.
- Padlet.com for Junior and Senior Infant activities
- www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- www.iamanartist.ie and Pinterest for art ideas
- Cosmic yoga and gonoodle for physical activities (great way to be active).Joe Wicks(body coach) is doing a daily workout

www.youtube.com
- Askaboutireland(History, Geography and Science activities)
- Music- www.singup.org/home-schooling to learn new songs.

It is important to establish a daily routine for your child regarding their school work .Breaks need to be factored in between written activities so it is important to encourage your child to do lots of other activities which are not school work based .

Ongoing activities which you can include each day.

- Kicking/throwing/rolling a ball
- Hopscotch
- Twister (if you have it)
- Play Simon Says
- Read to your child and ask them questions about the books. Encourage your child to read a variety of books
- board games
- puzzles
- construction-lego, blocks etc.
- Action poems from website topmarks.com
- cooking/baking
- gardening
- free writing- writing without any help. Write simple sentences.
- Shopping lists
- Continue to cut, paste colour, draw, play with playdough. (If you don't have playdough I have included a recipe which you can make with your child
- dot-to-dots, mazes, stencils
- nature walks

I know it will be hard to juggle everything during these difficult weeks but doing some school work each day and keeping a routine while having time to play in and outdoors will be very important for your child. If you have any questions regarding any of the work please contact me using the email drinaghtteachers@gmail.com

Kind regards and happy Easter

Nora Perkins

Recipe -Playgough

Ingredients

- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup salt
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups water
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons vegetable oil
- Food colouring (optional)

Directions

Sift dry ingredients. Mix liquids and add colouring if desired. Pour dry ingredients into liquid mixture. Cook over low to moderate heat, stirring constantly until thickened mixture begins to loosen from sides of the pan. Knead. Cool. Store in a plastic bag or sealed airtight container.

Junior Infants

**** Remember this is a list of suggested activities. Do as much as you can each day. Don't forget to have time to play in the Spring weather.**

Monday 30/3/20

English

- Reading: You may have finished the class reader **Wow** at this stage. Please check your child knows all the words in this reader. For your reading this week you will need to log onto **fallons.ie to read an ebook**. If you can't access this I will put down some words and sentences at the end of this paragraph for you to practise.
Go to fallons.ie, click Primary, Junior Infants, English. Scroll down to New Friends Core Reader 1, click on it.
When the reader appears in the box click on the eye symbol beside it. Each day this week we you will be reading this reader.
- New Friends: Read pg.2-4 together and then ask your child to read it on their own. New words (Luke, are, friends). Find these words on the pages and make sentences with **are** and **friends**. If you have magnetic letters or playdough then you can make the new words with them. Discuss the pictures and ask your child questions about these pages.
- (If you can't access fallons.ie then help your child to learn the words **are** and **friends** also. If you have magnetic letters or playdough then you can make the new words with them. Help them to make sentences with these words e.g. We are friends. Danny and Emma are friends. Josh and Danny are friends.)
- Draw a picture of you and your friends in your copy and under it write the sentence **We are friends**. (don't forget to leave a space between each word)
- Phonics: Letter of the week **w**. Go to youtube jollyphonics for **w** song and activities to do. Show your child how to write **w**. Find things around the house beginning with **w**. Draw pictures of these objects and label them. Look for the letter **w** in books.
- **Rhyme of the week** : The Little Duck. Go to fallons.ie and find the Rhyme Away book under Junior Infants English. Say and clap the rhyme with your child.
- **Practise Read to the Star sheets**
- **Practise writing your name each day**

Maths

- **Ongoing Maths: Practise writing numbers 1-5 as often as possible.**
- Operation Maths website is good for Maths activities for your child. Try and do some activities on it each day. Topmarks.com is also good for number rhymes and Maths activities.
- Operation Maths Book pg.64. Once you have coloured all the bears colour the rest of the picture. Then ask them some questions e.g, Are there more/less red bears than yellow bears? How many red and blue bears? etc.

Irish

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- Click on **Lesson 01 -Is mise**
- Listen to the Comhra and repeat what they say. Get your child to say their name in Irish- Is mise _____.
- Click on **Ceisteanna**- click on the right person.
- Open **Postaer**: Sing Amhran **Me-Fein**(learn the words with your child)

Religion

Religion for the week is The Easter story. Visit the Veritas Grow in Love website . Click on Junior Infants and find Holy Week and Easter. Look at the videos of the Easter story. You could encourage your child to write a sentence or 2 about the Easter Story and draw pictures. If you can't access Veritas go to twinkl.com for the Easter story or maybe you have a children's bible where you can read the story together.

Tuesday

English

- Reading: **New Friends (ebook fallons.ie)** pg. 5,6. (New words **Pip, too, not, Rags**). Find the words in the book and make sentences with the words **too** and **not**. Make the words with magnetic letters or playdough. Discuss pg. 5,6.
(If you can't access fallons.ie then help your child to learn the words **too** ,**not**. Make sentences with the words **too** and **not**. Make the words with magnetic letters or playdough. Find the words in other books)
- Danny and Zeb Skills Book pg. 36
- Rhyme The Little Duck- say and clap the rhyme. How many **w** can you find in the poem.
- Phonics: Sing **w** song from youtube. Sounds Good Phonics pg. 97. Practise writing the letter **w**
- Look at pg. 30 in your Handwriting book and practise this pattern in your copy.
- Practise Read to the Star sheets
***Early Finishers: Can you write sentences with the words **too** and **not**

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- Practise counting items in the kitchen e.g. spoons/forks etc. Are there more/less spoons or forks? How many altogether? Can you put 5 spoons on the table etc
- Operation Maths Book pg. 65. Ask similar questions to yesterday- Are there more/less blue sweets than yellow sweets? How many blue and red sweets?

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- Click on Lesson 01 Is Mise
- Listen to comhra again
- Open **Postaer** : Sing Amhran **Me-Fein**. Say **Dan Lamh, Lamh Eile** (get your child to point to different parts of the body using the words from the poem.) Click on **Focloir 1** : Do this activity a few times with your child so they can learn the new words.
- Practise saying your name in Irish- Is mise _____. Ask your Mum/Dad - Ce he tusa?

SESE- History/Geography

Log onto folens.ie Unlocking SESE Junior Infants

- Go to ebook pg. 17. Discuss pictures on pg.17-19. Tell your Mum/Dad what you do in the different rooms of the house. What is your favourite room? How has your house changed? Look at photos to see if your house has changed.

Wednesday

English

- Reading: New Friends (fallons.ie) pg. 7. New words coat, small. Find the words in the book and make sentences with the words **coat** and **small**. Make the words with magnetic letters or playdough. Discuss pg. 7
(If you can't access fallons.ie then help your child to learn the words coat, small. Make sentences with the words **coat** and **small**. Make the words with magnetic letters or playdough. Find the words in other books.
- **Rhyme**: The Little Duck- find the rhyming words in the poem (duck/luck, shoes/choose) . Can you think of other words that rhyme with these words. Say and clap the poem again.
- **Phonics**: Sing w song. Handwriting book pg.61. If you have playdough make the letter w with it. How many worms can you make?
- Practise Read to the Star sheets.
- Look at Handwriting Book pg. 30 and practise that pattern again.
- ** Early finishers: Can you write sentences with the words coat and small

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- Operation Maths Book: Look at pg.67. Revise 2-D shapes. Ask your child to name the shapes and to find them on the house.
- Use the shapes in that page to draw your own house.
- Shape Hunt around the house. Can you find squares, circles, triangles and rectangles around your house e.g door is a rectangle, clock might be a circle etc. Write how many you find of each.

Irish

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- Open **Postaer**: Sing Amhran **Me- Fein** and say Dan **Lamh, lamh eile**. Click on **Focloir 2**- do this activity a few times to help your child learn the new words.
- Practise saying your name in Irish- Is mise _____. Ask your Mum/Dad - Ce he tusa?

SESE/Science

Log onto folens.ie Unlocking SESE Junior Infants

- Go to ebook pg. 20. Draw each animal in your copy and draw the correct house beside each animal.

Thursday

English

- Reading: New Friends pg. 8-10 (no new words)
- Danny and Zeb Skills book pg.37
- Phonics: Sounds Good Phonics pg.87
Read the w words with you- wet, web, well, will, wig, win, wick. Can you make these words with magnetic letters/playdough. Can you write these words.
- Rhyme: The Little Duck- can you say it off by heart. Play :I spy something that rhymes with _____
e.g (hair/chair)
*** Early Finishers- can you write sentences with the w words

Maths

- **Operation Maths website is good for Maths activities for your child. Try and do some activities on it each day. Topmarks.com is also good for number rhymes and Maths activities.**
- Operation Maths Book pg.68
- Draw your own map. Include your house, friend's house ,pathways and your friend. Make it as colourful as you can. Draw route from your house to your friend's house.
- **Ongoing Maths: Practise writing numbers 1-5 as often as possible.**

Irish

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- Open Postaer: Click on Sceal. Listen to the story a few times. Go back over Focloir 1 and 2
- Sing Amhran Me-Fein and say dan Lamh, lamh eile.
- Practise saying your name in Irish- Is mise _____. Ask your Mum/Dad - Ce he tusa?

SESE

Log onto folens.ie Unlocking SESE Junior Infants

- Look at ebook pg. 20 again- animal homes.
- Go out to the garden and use twigs, stones etc. to make a home for an animal of your choice. If you can draw the home or take a photo of it and stick it in your copy to share later.

Friday

English

- Reading: ebook New Friends. Go back over pg. 2-10 and revise all words. Ask your child to think of a word that rhymes with **coat, small, not, too** eg. Coat/boat
- Word Games
 1. write all the words on flashcards. 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.
- Phonics: Sounds good Phonics pg. 88. Revise **w** sound and **w words** from Thursday. Play I spy something beginning with **w**. Practise writing the letter w again.
- Handwriting Book pg. 17

Maths

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- Practise writing numbers 1-5

- **Number Trail:** Go around the house. Count how many doors, windows, beds, chairs, tables etc in your house. Your Mum/Dad will help you write the answers. Ask your child question- Are there more /less doors or windows etc.
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- Go back over everything you have done in Irish this week.
- Open **Pleasc an Balun**- play the matching game.
- Draw a picture of yourself including all the body parts . Colour and maybe Mum/Dad could help you write Is mise _____.

Visual Arts

- Go to **twinkl .ie**:Type in Easter cards and print off Easter card for your child to colour. Write a message inside. If you can't print off the card draw your own Easter picture on the card.

Books your child can read on their own.

Go to **fallons.ie** and look for the following ebooks

- Len likes to Hide
- Jen plays tricks
- The Picnic
- Where can GG Sit?
- Use the websites from my letter to find other books for your child to read.
- Check websites for phonic and rhyming words activities. Check Sounds like Phonics A on fallons.ie website for phonic activities.
- Continue to practise Read to the Star sheets. Your child could write the words and make simple sentences with them.
- 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.