

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. Joe Wicks (body coach) is doing a daily workout www.youtube.com
- Askaboutireland(History, Geography and Science activities)
- Music www.singup.org/home-schooling.
- RTEHomeSchool is launching a daily virtual classroom for Primary school children on RTE2 from 11am.

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 ½ cups flour
- ¾ cup salt
- 1 ½ cups water
- 1 ½ 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.

Senior 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: What a Box pg.30. New word "**gate**". Find the word on the page and make a sentence with it. Read the page a few times. Ask your child questions about the page. Count all the full stops. What capital letters can you find?
- Phonics: Look Listen and Learn pg. 26 . **Challenge** :write words that rhyme with" gate" e.g. date
- www.phonicsplay.co.uk is a good website to practise cvc words and the sounds your child has been learning during the year- sh, th, ch, ai, oa,ee,ue,ie,oi oo. Please practise these sounds/words as often as possible.
- Phonics:fallons.ie- click on Sounds like Phonics B to practise sounds you have done during the year.
- Zeb and Friends Skills Book pg. 64.

**** Early finishers:** Can you make word shapes for the following words- ball,spade,house.

Maths

- www.topmarks.com is a good website for Maths games and activities.
- **Ongoing Maths:** Practise writing and adding numbers to 10 as often as possible
- Planet Maths pg. 85. In your copy write the days of the week.
- Go to folens.ie. Log onto Planet Maths Senior Infants. Click on **Strand** and find **Measures**, then click on **Topic** and find **Time**. Do the activities on the Days of the week.
- **Diary for a Week:** Each day this week in your copy write the day, draw a picture of something you did today and write a sentence under it.

Irish

Go to folens.ie and click on Abair Liom B

Click on lesson 23 An Chaisc

- Open **Comhra**. Listen to comhra and try to repeat what they say. Click on **ceisteanna** and do this activity.
- Open **Postaer** and listen to and learn **Amhran Cuig hUibhe**. Sing it a few times.

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

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 about the 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 : What a Box- go back over pg. 30. Read pg. 31. New word "**bus**". Find it on pg.31. Count all the bus words on the page. Ask your child to find the "?" "Can you make a question to ask your parent about this page?"
- Zeb and Friends Skills Book pg.65
- Phonics: Write a list of words that rhyme with "big".
- Phonics:fallons.ie- click on Sounds like Phonics B to practise sounds you have done during the year.
- Handwriting Book- do lower case "w" page.

Maths

- **www.topmarks.com** is a good website for Maths games and activities.
- **Ongoing Maths: Practise writing and adding numbers to 10 as often as possible**
- **Folens.ie Planet Maths-** go back over Days of the week activities.
- Planet Maths pg. 86. Clocks -Explain long/short hand and minute/hour hands.
- Can you help your child to make their own clock.
- Tuesday diary (day/picture/sentence)

Irish

Folens.ie Abair Liom B : Lesson 23

- Open **Comhra**- listen to conversation and copy the sentences.
- Open **Postaer**. Sing **Amhran Cuig hUibhe**.
- On **Postaer** click on **Focloir 1**. Repeat this activity a few times so your child can learn the new words.

SESE-Geography

Log onto folens.ie. Open Senior Infants Unlocking SESE ebook

- Go to page 21. Look at different homes. Discuss differences.
- Go to pg. 22 and do the activities in your copy. Draw your house.

Wednesday

English

- Reading What a Box- go back over pg. 31. Read pg. 32. New words- beach, laughed, Our, Yippee. Find the new words on pg. 32. Make sentences with the new words.
- Handwriting- Capital "W" page
- Phonics: Look Listen and Learn pg. 67. Sh sound
** Early finishers- can you find other words in books with the "sh" sound. Make a list of them in your copy.

Maths

Folens.ie Planet Maths – activity on clocks

- **www.topmarks.com** is a good website for Maths games and activities.
- **Ongoing Maths:** Practise writing and adding numbers to 10 as often as possible
- Planet Maths pg. 87. Discuss what they are doing in the pictures.
- Wednesday Diary
- If you made a clock yesterday ask your child to show you different times on the clock e.g. 6 o'clock etc.

Irish

Abair Liom B on folens.ie : Lesson 23

- Open **Postaer**- Click on **Dan An Coinin Casca**. Say it a few times with your child.
- Click on **Focloir 2**. Do this activity a few times so your child can learn the new words.

SESE- History

Log onto folens.ie. Open Senior Infants Unlocking SESE ebook

- Open ebook and go to pg. 23. Discuss differences between old and new buildings.
- Use lego or blocks to make your own house. If you can take a photo of it and stick it into your copy.

Thursday

English

- Reading: What a Box - read all of the story The Club House together.
- Word Game: Write the words from pg. 18 on flashcards. Write a number (1-6) on the back of each flashcard. Throw a dice or call out a number. Your child picks up the flashcard with that number on it. If they know the word they can keep it. If they don't know it they must put it back. Please help them with the words they have difficulty with.
- Phonics: fallons.ie- click on Sounds like Phonics B to practise sounds you have done during the year.
- Zeb and Friends Skills Book pg.66. Make sentences in your copy with the new words e.g. playing (revise - ng sound)

Maths

- **www.topmarks.com** is a good website for Maths games and activities.
- **Ongoing Maths:** Practise writing and adding numbers to 10 as often as possible
- Look back at Planet Maths pg. 87. Discuss things you do in the morning/afternoon, evening/night. Divide a page in your copy into 4 boxes. Draw what you do in the morning/afternoon, evening/night. Label the pictures with these words.
- If you made a clock practise the time- o'clock only.
- Thursday Diary

Irish

Abair Liom B on folens.ie : Lesson 23

- Open **Postaer**- say **Dan An Coinin Casca** and sing **Amhran Cuig hUibhe**
- Listen to **Sceal** and revise **Focloir 1 and 2**

SESE- Science

Log onto folens.ie. Open Senior Infants Unlocking SESE ebook

- Open ebook pg. 24. Discuss pictures of people caring for their locality. In your copy draw a picture of you taking care of your local area. Help your parents to take care of your house/garden.

Friday

English

- Reading: Play dice/flashcard word game again. Check your child knows all the words on pg. 18. If you have time write some clues to do your own Treasure Hunt for your child. Use words from the Story Club House so they can read the clues on their own.
- Phonics: Read and write the sh words- shell, shop, shut, shed, ship, fish, wish, push, mash
** Early Finishers: Make sentences with the **sh** words.

Maths

- **www.topmarks.com** is a good website for Maths games and activities.
- **Ongoing Maths: Practise writing and adding numbers to 10 as often as possible**
- Folens.ie Planet Maths Senior Infants- go back over the days and clock activities.
- Do seasons activity on folens.ie. Discuss seasons on pg.84 in Planet Maths. Find the picture of the season we have now- Spring. Go outside and look for signs of Spring. Draw the signs of Spring in your copy or take photos of them.
- Friday Diary

Irish

Abair Liom B on folens.ie : Lesson 23

- Open **Postaer**- say **Dan An Coinin Casca** and sing **Amhran Cuig hUibhe**.
- Open **Cartai Meaitseala** and play matching game.
- Draw a picture of **An Coinin Casca (Easter Rabbit)** and write the words under the picture.

Visual Arts

- Go to **twinkl .ie**: Type in **Easter cards** and print off an 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.

****** For extra reading if you don't have suitable books to read at home log onto **fallons.ie** and find Senior Infant section. Some ebooks for your child to read are

- Ella goes to the Airport
 - Globby Helps Out
 - Globby's Football Match
 - Pip and Rags- core reader 4
 - Magic in the Sky- core reader 5
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- Check websites for phonics and rhyming word activities. Go to fallons.ie website and find **Sounds like Phonics B** to practise sounds you have been doing in school this year. www.phonicsplay.co.uk has games to practise sounds also.
 - Continue to practise Read to the Star sheets. Your child could put these words into sentences.
 - 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.