

Ms. Lynch's Senior Infants.

Monday 27th April 2020.

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

I hope everyone is well and continuing to stay safe.

I have updated the work for this week. I have added in our Google chrome assignments and another maths topic (Weight). I also added a new Gaeilge link, where your child will see the Bua na Cainte programme we use at school. They can listen to the stories and songs during the week and join in with the recordings. I added a sample daily schedule at the end of this note for any parents who find this format easier to work from. As always, don't let this work become a source of stress in your home. Do as much as you're able on any given day. There is no pressure to get everything done. I look forward to seeing some of the children's work and activities posted on Google classroom and I will respond to these postings.

Best wishes and take care,

Maureen Lynch

Gaeilge: Bua na Cainte

1. Songs and poems: Éadaí

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mmXb6YepWUxv7rl51HInWOkG-t3x_jCJ/view

2. Sa Bhaile: Stories and poem

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TwD2Gi0XfQVcjgn2bm8S8NAhwUuGZNAF/view>

Shared Reading:

Child's own books.

Storylineonline is a great resource where stories are read aloud to children.

Twinkl web site is free to all at the minute. Choose the Junior/Senior tab and click "English" and "Audio books"

[Story Berries.com](#) Lots of great stories here too.

[Epic digital library](#) Great selection of children's books online

Independent Reading:

[oxfordowl.co.uk](#) has loads of free e-books including the Kipper and Chip books.

You will need to register to avail of these free e-books.

[reading eggs](#) This website is free for a month.

[starfall](#) Click on the kindergarten tab. Select the "Learn to read" tab, "I'm reading" tab and "It's fun to Read" tab

[Children's own books.](#)

Phonics:

[starfall](#) Click on the kindergarten tab. Then, "Learn to Read". Look at games 6-10. (Long vowel sounds, also known as Magic E words)

[ixl.com](#) Select "English" and then "Senior Infants". Click "Long Vowels"

Click on the link at the end of this document to access and revise the [Jolly Phonics](#) sounds.

Tricky Words & Dolch Words in Words Copy

- Continue to revise sight vocabulary in word copies and play word games if included in your child's folder.
- I'm including the Dolch Lists in the link at the end of this document for the children who were working on these. Please select the next word list relevant to your child.
- Mrs. O'Shea's group: Dolch lists were added into your child's folder before Easter. These can be cut up (one list at a time) and used for the word games when/if your child has finished all the Tricky Words.

Handwriting: Capital letters

- Handwriting book: M, N (20th April) U, J (27th April)

- Practice these letters every day. Use extra copy/ spare pages etc. Check pencil grip. Make them using play dough if you have it, trace over highlighter ...etc. Ensure your child is forming the letters correctly.
- Practice the letter formation of these lower case letters also.

Dictation:

Before Easter, I recommended calling out simple words and encouraging your child to sound these out as they wrote them down. Eg: cat, man, drop, farm, etc. Also: **sh; ch; th** words Eg. Shut; chop; chat; much; that

- Add in the following sounds now if your child is doing well at the above words. **ai, oa, ie, ee, or**

(You can write these sounds on a page for your child to look at them when spelling out words initially) Samples include:

ai: rain, brain, pain, Spain, train

oa: goat, road, boat, oats, oak

ie: pie, tie, die, died, lie

ee: sheep, tree, creep, three

-As well as practising words in isolation, practise writing full sentences.

Eg: The man went to Spain; I see a goat at the tree.

-Encourage correct use of punctuation and watch for correct letter formation also.

(Call out 5 words and 1 sentence for dictation activity)

Free Writing: Encourage your children to do some free writing. E.g. Spring

- Help them to sound out the words as they write.
- Watch capital letters, full stops and letter formation.

Maths:

Topic: Capacity

- Follow the link below to find a PowerPoint to help your child work through this topic.
- Fill a basin with water and provide different containers. Eg. cup, jug, saucepan, milk carton, egg cup etc. Let your child fill and empty them into each other. Estimate first Eg. How many cups do you think will fill the jug/saucepan etc. (I always do this outside!)
- **Cracking Maths p.139/140**

Topic: Weight

- Look at objects around the house/outside. Compare things. Ask questions such as.. Which is heavier? Which is lighter? Which is the heaviest/ the lightest? Find something heavier/lighter than your school bag/the chair..etc
- Follow the link below to find a PowerPoint to help your child work through this topic.
- **Cracking Maths p. 117-119**

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1HwqWfISf_s9aHIn4IKMcqPQcb6QwOC4w

1. Dolch lists.
2. Jolly phonics Sounds
3. Capacity powerpoint
4. Weight powerpoint

Science:

- Floating & Sinking: -Investigate whether items float or sink in water. A good outdoor activity! Fill a basin and collect objects (E.g. lego, pebbles, tissue, leaf, small toys, cutlery etc.) Estimate first, then do the experiment.
- Signs of Spring: Go for a walk and take note of the signs of Spring. Look out for new buds, flowers growing, birds building nests...

Other Ideas:

- Cosmic kids (Guided Yoga lessons).
- The Body Coach TV" on Youtube: Guided workouts for children.
- Go Noodle: Guided workouts and dances
- See also the **Booklet of Resources** that was posted on the school website with lots of apps, websites, YouTube videos, podcast suggestions and educational resources.

Sample Daily Plan of Work

Monday 27th April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Shared Reading(See resources above) -Independent Reading(See resources above) -Words: Dolch Lists- revise/ learn words. (See information above) - Phonics: Starfall app. "Click Kindergarten, learn to read" Then "long vowel sounds" Games 6, 7 -Handwriting: Draw pictures of things that start with the letter "U". Complete lines 1 & 2 of the capital letter "U" -Dictation exercise: Call out 5 words and a sentence. (See information above) -Maths: Work on "Weight" PowerPoint. 	Tuesday 28th April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Independent Reading -Jolly Phonics: Starfall app. Click "Learn to Read" (games 6+7 Long vowel sounds) -Handwriting: Complete letter U page -Maths: Work on "Weight" PowerPoint. Complete page 117 in Maths school workbook. <u>See task on Google Classroom</u>: Take a picture of the work on this page and using Google Classroom, submit a photograph of the work. -Gaeilge: Click on the 2 links above to listen to the stories and sing along to the songs
Wednesday 29th April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Shared Reading. -Independent Reading: -Words: Dolch Lists- revise/ learn words -Jolly Phonics: starfall app as before. Games 8+9 -Handwriting: Draw pictures of things that start with the letter "J". Complete lines 1 & 2 of the capital letter "J" -Maths: Work on "Weight" PowerPoint. Complete page 118 in Maths school workbook. -Gaeilge: click on the links above 	Thursday 30th April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Shared Reading -Independent Reading -Jolly Phonics starfall app as before. Games 8+9 -Handwriting: Complete letter J page. -Maths: Work on "Weight" PowerPoint. Complete page 119 in Maths school workbook. -Floating and sinking activity. (See above) -Gaeilge: click on the links above <p><u>See 2nd task on Google Classroom</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -An activity I am enjoying
Friday 1st May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Shared Reading -Independent Reading 	

-Words: Dolch Lists- revise/ learn words
-Jolly Phonics: Starfall app. Long vowel sounds
(Games 8-10)
Use "Jolly Phonics Sounds" PowerPoint to revise all sounds.
Free Writing: Spring
-Maths: Work on "Weight" PowerPoint. Complete page 120 in Maths school workbook.
-Gaeilge: Click on the links

☺ Have a nice weekend! ☺