

Suggested Activities for Junior Infant Students - week of 30/3/20:

- Ask your child to record their 'Weekend News' by drawing pictures on a page under the headings 'When?', 'Where?', 'Who?', 'What?', 'How?'. Label their pictures for them where needed. Encourage them to sound out and write simple labels themselves. Get your child to read their news to you afterwards.
- Go to Worldbookday.com under the 'The Big Little Book Corner' section, listen to the story 'The Gingerbread Man'. If you haven't access to the internet use any storybook you have at home. Draw three columns on a page and label them 'beginning', 'middle', and 'end'. Ask your child to draw a picture under each heading. They can explain each picture to you and you can record their sentence under each picture. They can then tell you by looking at their picture prompts what happened at each stage in the story.
- Revise a few sight words each day from your child's word box.
- Revise a few sounds each day from their sound notebook.
- Use a magnetic board and letters or cut up your own letters if you haven't access to one. Call out simple three letter words and ask your child to make them with the letters. For e.g. tin, pat, fog, tap, sip, jet, tag, fin, tug etc.
- Practice cursive letter formation with your child. Letters covered so far are s, a, t, i, p, n, c, k, e, h, r, m, d, g, o, u, l. You already have a sheet showing letter formation and a rhyme to go with each letter.
- Your child can work on 'My Phonics Book'. Continue on with the next four pages. They can draw pictures of objects that start with the sounds and attempt to label these drawings in their cursive handwriting. You can dot the letters to help where needs be.
- Give your child opportunities to write their name in cursive handwriting daily.
- Encourage your child to draw, colour, paint, print, make simple junk art constructions etc.
- Super Simple songs on YouTube have a great selection of songs and nursery rhymes for your child to enjoy and to sing along to.
- Cosmic Kids Yoga website have some yoga lessons for children to follow. Outdoor play in your child's own garden for physical exercise is suffice.
- Starfall website under 'learn to read' section have some nice books that your child could practice reading for e.g. 'Zac The Rat'.
- Print a number line from the Twinkle website or make your own. Cut it up and get your child to put the numbers in the correct order. Cover some of the numbers and get your child to guess which numbers are covered. Ask them for e.g. "What comes after 3 and before 5?" etc. Practice counting forwards to and backwards from 20.
- Topmarks.co.uk have nice games for your child to play. Such as 'Teddy Numbers', 'Underwater Counting' and 'Shape Patterns' games.
- Revise shapes with your child... circle, square, triangle, rectangle. Take turns pointing out these shapes in your environment. Play 'Shapes I Spy' together.
- Give your child a simple maths problem to solve daily. For e.g. "I have three balloons and Granny gave me two more. How many balloons have I now?", "I'm thinking of a number that's greater than five but less than seven. What number am I thinking of?", "I have four legs and a long tail. I'm smaller than a dog. What animal am I?"