

## **Suggested Activities for Junior Infant Students – 18/5/2020-29/5/2020**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you are getting on well at home. We appreciate that this a challenging time for everyone. Below is a list of suggested work and ideas. Please feel under no pressure to complete all the work suggested. Prioritise revising sounds, sight words and reading with/to your child. We miss all of you very much and look forward to seeing you again soon. We hope you are enjoying all the fine weather and getting some time to play outside.

Kind Regards

Mrs Neville and Mrs Ryan

- **Oral Language/ Writing**: Ask your child to record their '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.

- **English**: Go to [Worldbookday.com](http://Worldbookday.com) , listen to the story “Elmer”. (Put Elmer into the search box and Elmer stories will pop up). 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.

- **Sight Words**: Revise a few sight words each day from your child's word box.

New sight words

yes

can

with

as

out

when

(No more sight words will be added in June)

- **Sounds**: Revise a few sounds each day from their sound notebook.

- **Rhyming Words**: Make a list of words that rhyme with “at” and “in”

Mat, cat, rat, sat, fat etc

Pin, tin, bin, win etc

Call out the words for your child and ask them to write the word. Write the word for them ask them to copy the word if they find it difficult initially. Ask your child to think of words that rhyme with at and in that they could add to the list.

- **Writing**: 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 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.
- 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
- [Topmarks.co.uk](http://topmarks.co.uk) have nice games for your child to play. Such as 'Teddy Numbers', 'Underwater Counting' and 'Shape Patterns' games.
- **Maths:** Number/Adding sets of objects up to 5. Draw 3 large circles on a page. Put up to 5 objects in the first circle (crayons blocks etc) and the same in the second circle. Move all the objects to the third circle saying eg. 3 crayons and 2 crayons make 5 crayons. Encourage your child to repeat the activity with objects that make a total of 5 at most to start
- **Problem solving:** 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?"

**Irish:** Revise colours

Dearg (red)

Buí (yellow)

Glas (green)

Gorm ( Blue)

Dubh (black)

Bándearg (pink)

Corcra (purple)

Simple sentences to describe the weather

Tá sé te. (It is hot)

Tá sé fuar. (It is cold)

Tá an ghrian ag taitneamh.(The sun is shining)

Tá sé gaofar. ( It is windy)

Tá sé ag cur báistí.