

Dear Parents,

Hope ye all had a great week. Make sure to enjoy this lovely weather and get out and about as much as possible. Please remember we are here to answer any questions throughout the week via email. Thanks everyone for the emails, updates and feedback.

### **Phonics:**

New sound y (yes, yak)

Day 1 <https://slp.cjfallon.ie/> Click on this link – Sounds Like Phonics A – Unit 4 ‘y’ – Mystery boxes, Introduction to letter animation, mouth position video.  
Sounds Like Phonics A Workbook page 64

Day 2 Find objects in the house/garden or talk about words that begin with y. <https://slp.cjfallon.ie/> Sound discrimination activity, Letter discrimination activity. Listen to Jolly Phonics y song. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=futQOVUnHV5>

Day 3 <https://slp.cjfallon.ie/> Letter formation, Rhymes embedded letter discrimination. Sounds like Phonics workbook page 65 – activity a (top of page) read the words and colour the words with y.

Day 4 Online interactive game <https://www.starfall.com/h/abcs/letter-y/>  
Write letter y in purple writing copy and in space at top of page draw some ‘y’ objects, use sounds to make words. Watch this educational clip  
Alphablocks y <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yalhPXqzZ0Q>

Day 5: Sounds like Phonics workbook page 65. Write the ‘y’ words at top of page. Can you listen to the words and then write them? Use your sounds – yes, yak, yum, you. Complete page 65 of workbook.

### **Literacy:**

#### **Language development**

**For the month of May, our theme will be The Supermarket/Shopping.**

#### **Revision/Catch up work:**

If you have signed up for Folensonline and have internet access click on this link to view Starlight Poster 14 The Supermarket (if you need to register, follow these steps, please let me know if you cannot access this website)

1. [www.folensonline.ie](http://www.folensonline.ie)
2. Register.
3. Select Teacher. Fill in a username, email and password.
4. For Roll Number use the code: Prim20.

[https://content.folensonline.ie/programmes/Starlight/JI/resources/posters/SL\\_JI\\_ACT\\_CH14\\_005/index.html](https://content.folensonline.ie/programmes/Starlight/JI/resources/posters/SL_JI_ACT_CH14_005/index.html)

Discuss the supermarket; why you go there, who works there, different areas/aisles, making shopping lists, how you pay for items, etc.

New poem: **The Shopping Basket**

*I bought two loaves of bread.  
I bought one piece of meat.  
I bought three big, green, apples.  
I bought one sticky sweet.  
I bought one custard pie.  
How many things did I buy?*

Read, discuss, pick out rhyming words, put actions to it. Count the items, swap words for other words, etc.

Continue use of word bag to make sentences, **New word this week: you. Add you into wordbag. Make sentences: You were happy. I can see you. Etc.**

Keep up the reading, focusing on Tricky words, rhyming words, identify the sounds, make predictions, talk about the characters, etc.

**Reading Activity:** See attachment for sentences to read this week focusing on new words. If you can, print off and stick into Reading Copy, otherwise read from screen.

**Shared Reading books:** The books we use in school for shared reading are available online.

- Go to connect.collins.co.uk <https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/teacherlogin.aspx>
- Select teacher login
- Username: [parents@harpercollins.co.uk](mailto:parents@harpercollins.co.uk) Password: Parents20!
- Select Collins Big Cat Primary Reading Scheme and book bands pink or red. (use other colours if you wish)

### **Handwriting:**

Ready Steady Write A workbook pages 20 and 21 (y) and y pages in Homeschool Ready Steady Write

Practice making letters with playdough.

### **Maths:**

Topic: Money. We will be exploring this topic for a few weeks.

Money is a difficult concept, so take your time with it.

Vocabulary: money, how much, coins, 1c, 2c, 5c

Continue to sort the coins (put all 1c, 2c, 5c coins together) look at the shape of the coins (order them for size) Swap coin values – e.g. use 1c coins to make 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, note that there is no such thing as a 3c or 4c coin.

Set up a little toy shop/Supermarket. Make price tags (1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c) for each item.

Practice using 1c coins to pay for the item.

Operation Maths Workbook page 90 and 92.

### **Science:**

#### **Theme/Topic: Waterproof materials**

Discuss what waterproof means, why things need to be waterproof, etc., if something isn't waterproof, it lets water in – absorbent. Using everyday items such as kitchen roll, rubber gloves, plastic gloves, tin foil, cotton wool, newspaper, sponge, wellies, runners, rain coat, cloth, towel, etc., submerge these items in water/pour water over them to check if they are waterproof or absorbent.

In Fun copy or on sheet of paper, divide page in 2, one side 'Waterproof' other side 'Absorbent' and draw/right in the items into the correct box.

### **Gaeilge:**

I know some of you are worried about Irish and not pronouncing the words correctly, etc. In Juniors, the most important thing is for children to listen to the words and phrases. If possible, listen to a small bit of Gaeilge through the Abair Liom programme everyday. If you have access to the online resources on Abair Liom, this weeks topic 'An Siopa Breagain' is here [https://content.folensonline.ie/programmes/AbairLiom/JI/resources/Poster/AL\\_JI\\_ACT\\_Postae\\_r\\_L11\\_001/index.html](https://content.folensonline.ie/programmes/AbairLiom/JI/resources/Poster/AL_JI_ACT_Postae_r_L11_001/index.html) encourage your child to practice their Irish words, by listening to and practicing the words and phrases, listen to the song/rhyme, and enjoying the interactive games on this website. This weeks focus: Dia duit/Dia is Muire duit, Ba mhaith liom\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Select Teacher. Fill in a username, email and password.
4. For Roll Number use the code: Prim20.
5. Select Abair Liom A

Cula 4 Ar Scoil <https://www.cula4.com/en/shows/cula4-ar-scoil/>

### **Art and Craft**

Make an umbrella for Incy Wincy Spider. (link with Science – make an umbrella that is waterproof and one that is not) Watch this youtube clip for ideas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kauDngXyh3Y>

### **Music:**

Listen to the song -Incy Wincy Spider. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAJynCIsNUg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77Zozl0rw7w> Listen to this relaxing and mindfulness music piece. Discuss how it makes you feel, respond to the music, draw a picture if you wish.

### **Grow in Love:**

During the month of May, we would be focusing on the importance of Mary the mother of Jesus. If you wish, set up a May Altar for Mary (something we would do in school).

Prayer:

Mary Mother of Jesus I want to be like you, help me to be like Jesus and help me to be like you.

Workbook page 62 and 63.

Online resources: <https://app.growinlove.ie/en/user/lesson-resources/65>

To log in use: Email: [trial@growinlove.ie](mailto:trial@growinlove.ie) Password: growinlove

Children enjoy listening to the song to Mary 'When Creation was Begun'

**PE:**

**Make your own obstacle course**

Use items from the house/garden to create activities so you can crawl, balance, throw, run, jump, hop, roll.

Send us a video of your obstacle course and we will send one of us too!

**SPHE:**

Theme - Recycling

Revise the concept of recycling – reduce, re-use, recycle.

Look at your recycling at home – what can be recycled/what can't, what needs to be done to recycle – eg. Rinsing, cleaning out, taking off plastic films, etc.

We would love to see your favourite piece of work from the week or a fun activity that you did. Do not feel under pressure to complete this plan of work but it would be good if you could send one or two completed activities to us.

Kind Regards,  
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