

Dear Parents,

Thanks everyone for the emails and updates received so far. It is obvious from reading your emails and looking at photographs that children are learning lots of new things through outdoor play, indoor play, baking, and all the activities that ye are in engaging in. As we say, the plan of work is only a guide, which may give a structure to the learning environment. Just a reminder that Monday is a bank holiday so don't start formal work until Tuesday.

We are planning to make a collage/slideshow of "Juniors Learning at Home" for the school website (with no names attached) from the pictures we have received. If you do not wish your child's pictures to go on the school website, please let me know.

Phonics:

New sound v (van, vet)

Day 1 <https://slp.cjfallon.ie/> Click on this link – Sounds Like Phonics A – Unit 4 'v' – Mystery boxes, Introduction to letter animation, mouth position video.
Sounds Like Phonics A Workbook page 66

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

Day 3 <https://slp.cjfallon.ie/> Letter formation, Rhymes embedded letter discrimination.
Sounds like Phonics workbook page 67.

Day 4 Online interactive game <https://www.starfall.com/h/abcs/letter-v/>
Write letter v in purple writing copy and in space at top of page draw some 'v' objects, use sounds to make words. Watch this educational clip
Alphablocks v <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCPhZ7CGjKU>

Literacy:

Language development

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

If you have signed up for Folensonline and have internet access click on this link to view Starlight Poster 14 The

Supermarket 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: were. Add were into wordbag. Make sentences: We were at the _____ (shop/park). Mark and Kate were _____.**

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

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 Password: Parents20!
- Select Collins Big Cat Primary Reading Scheme and book bands pink or red.

Handwriting:

Ready Steady Write A workbook pages 54 and 55 (v) and v pages in Homeschool Ready Steady Write

Practice making letters with playdough.

Maths:

Topic: Money. We will be exploring this topic for a few weeks, and as it is the first week we will not assign any written work. Money is a difficult concept, take your time with it.

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

Sort the coins (put all 1c, 2c, 5c coins together) look at the shape of the coins (order them for size), examine the numbers on the coins, make rubbings, draw around them, etc.

Continue work on making sets of objects and numbers (draw 4 lollipops and write the number 4 beside it, etc.)

Geography/History

Story/Theme: We're going on a bear hunt

If you have this story book at home, read it with your child. If not, listen to it at this

link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gyI6ykDwds>

Take about the story, make predictions, discuss where they are going, add actions. In fun copy or on a page, draw 6 boxes and in each box draw where the family went, e.g. box 1 grass, box 2 water, etc.

Sequence the story: close your eyes and tell me where they went first/next/last.

Gaeilge:

I know some of you are worried about Irish and not pronouncing the words correctly, etc. If you have access to the online resources on Abair Liom

here https://content.folensonline.ie/programmes/AbairLiom/JI/resources/Poster/AL_JI_ACT_Postaer_L21_001/index.html encourage your child to practice their Irish words, by listening to and practicing the words and phrases, and enjoying the interactive games on this website.

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

Revise chapters 21 An Siopa Milseain (linked with money in maths and the Supermarket)

Cula4 are doing 'Cula4 Ar Scoil', just like RTE School Hub but through Irish. They also have lots of cartoons through Gaeilge, and it might be nice for the children (and yourselves!) to just listen to Irish and pick up a few words.

<https://www.cula4.com/en/shows/cula4-ar-scoil/>

Art and Craft

Vegetable printing. Using vegetables you have at home, cut, make prints with paint on paper. Also, make 'Vegetable characters' with crayons, markers, paint or any materials you have. I would love to see the finished product.



Continuing the bear/Teddy bear theme – Draw and design your own Teddy Bear.

Music:

Listen to the song -Teddy Bears picnic. If you would like to have a picnic with Teddy bears and listen to/sing the song. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDndFOtBy-E>

Listen to this song 'My Teddy Bear' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=666UZRBO5q8>

Grow in Love:

Continue work on the theme 'The Church'. Complete pages 44 and 45 in Grow in Love Activity book.

PE:

Active Week.

Bring your Teddy for a walk.

Continue being active for 60mins everyday. Fill in the Challenge Chart with your activities and send us some pictures/videos.

Ideas for being active:

Garden obstacle course, balloon volleyball, penalty shoot out, running races, egg and spoon races, family 3 legged races, wheelbarrow races, 10 minutes Go noodle/Just Dance for kids, any dancing you like, marching, hopping, skipping, etc.

If you would like to challenge Muinteoir to do something active, (within reason!!) we will complete it and send video reference. See school website to look at how the Muinteoiri have been getting involved. <http://www.ballinaprimaryschool.com/active-school-week-2019-2020>

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,

Muinteoir Aine and Muinteoir Ciara