

# Literacy

## Phonics:

Revise Unit 1: letter names and sounds. - t, a, s, m, i, h

- Google "cjfallon quicklinks"
- Click sounds like phonics
- Click Activity book A
- Click "unit 1 The Funfair". Here there are some different activities to click on in each letter.

Use these letters from the letter bag to make simple 3 letter words such as mat, hat, sat, sit. Get your child to say these words by sounding out each letter and blending them together.

Practice the next four sight words in your child's sounds copy.

**There are 3 pages of your child's phonics book attached.**

## Writing:

Revise making the cursive letters e, i, t and a and try new letter I

- Google "cjfallon quicklinks"
- Click Go with the flow
- Press Play button
- Click box A
- Click letter formation
- Click letter - I (capital I) - watch 'Flowie' the dog making the letter
- Ask your child to practice making the letter on the table, in the air, on your back, in some flour/sugar sprinkled onto a plate, write it on a chalk board/white board if you have one at home
- Write it with a pencil on blank paper. Ensure your child is sitting with good posture when writing and they are using the correct pencil grip (ask them to make their crocodile fingers and pick and flick the pencil)
- The more practice the better!!!
- You can revise the 3 previous letters (e, i, t, a) by watching the videos and carrying out the activities as above.

**There is one page from your child's school book attached, do plenty of practice before trying this!!**

# Maths

## The number 5

### Writing the number 5:

- Start at the top go down and around. Then put on its hat.
- Get your child to practice writing the number 5 on blank paper, on the table, in the air, on a chalk/whiteboard, on your back.
- Revise writing the number 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Use playdough to make the numbers

### Game: What's my number

Make one of the numbers 1-5 on your child's back. They must guess the number. When they guess it correctly they make a number on your back.

### Number 5 around us

Highlight to your child or get him/her to tell you where they might see the number 5 around them. For example: in calendars, doors, phones, in supermarkets, calculators, car registration plates, etc.

### Make towers/rows of 5

Give your child some coins/blocks/buttons/yoghurt cartons. Ask them to arrange them into towers/rows of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Ask them how many is in this group/set, can you show me number 3 etc. Write or get them to write the numbers 1 to 5 on small pieces of papers/post-its and place the correct number next to the correct tower/row.

### Sorting and Classifying

Collect items while on a walk e.g. pebbles, feathers, cones etc and have fun sorting and classifying. Try the same with collections of buttons / badges / lids etc. Use language with the child that will help them understand the concepts of more/less, the same/different, longer / shorter than and other comparisons.

Sort cutlery - count spoons etc.

**There are 4 pages of your child's Busy at Maths book attached.**

## Fine Motor

We cannot emphasise enough how important fine motor Activities are for your child.

Some ideas for this fortnight are:

Using playdough/marla:

- Roll it into a ball, flatten it into a pancake and poke it with each finger in turn.
- Roll it into a ball, then a long, thick sausage. Use a scissors or plastic knife to cut it into pieces.

Cutting with scissors:

- Cutting in straight lines, different shapes, zigzag lines

Putting together and taking apart nuts and bolts

Clothes pegs

- Peg onto a piece of paper/cardboard and take them off again using just thumb and pointer finger.
- Use a clothes peg to transfer items (small pieces of scrunched up tissue paper from one bowl to another).

## Oral Language

The planned Oral Language theme for the next fortnight is "The Arctic"

- Google cjfallon - see important notice at the top of the page and click in.
- Click Junior Infants/English/Rainbow Oral Language Online Book
- Click into the book and go to pages 52 and 53. Here is a picture of an Arctic Scene and some questions to ask your children.
- If you have any story books at home on the topic you could read them to your child.
- You could talk about some of the animals that live in the artic and learn something new about them.
- Talk about the people that live there and what they need to wear for the cold weather.
- Look at where the Arctic is on a map/globe
- Discuss igloos and what they are made of.
- Make/build an igloo using building blocks/Lego/sugar cubes
- If you have registered with twinkl.ie there are lots of fun ideas for this theme.

Poem

Polar Bear Polar Bear where did you go?

Up in the Arctic with the ice and snow.

Polar Bear Polar Bear what did you eat?

Fish and seals I hunt for meat.

Polar Bear polar Bear What did you wear/

A great white coat made with lots of warm hair.

Polar bear Polar Bear where did you sleep?

Curled up in my den so I don't make a peep.

## Tongue Twister

Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear, a bear was fuzzy wuzzy, but fuzzy wuzzy had no hair,  
so he wasn't fuzzy, was he?

# Gaeilge

Google: Abair Liom

Click trial now

Click Abair Liom Junior Infants Resources

Click on Lesson 22 - Ag féachaint ar an teilifís

Open:

1. Luascháirtí - shows new words
2. Póstaer - click scéal (story) Amhrán (song) Dán (poem) Foclóir 1 and 2 (word games)
3. Pléasc an Balún
4. Comhrá

An maith leat a bheith ag féachaint ar an teilifís?

Is maith liom a bheith ag féachaint ar an teilifís.

Ní maith liom a bheith ag feachaint ar an teilifís.

Here is a condensed version of our fortnightly plan. The oral language is a really nice one and children love learning and finding out new things about the world around them.

We understand that this is a very unusual time, this is not mandatory work so please do what you can find the time to do. How they felt during this time will stay with your child long after the memory of what they did during this period is long gone. Praise them. Talk to them. Snuggle under a blanket and read a story with them. Write your own story! Build and make - using odds and ends - paper, boxes, string etc. Have fun!

There are some worksheets attached from the children's books if you would like to print them off and complete.

Website suggestions-

-Oxford Owl for home - free ebook library for ages 3-11 with phonics, spelling and maths activities.

-10@10 on RTE jr - for P.E. at home!

-RTE Create. Don't contaminate

-Storyberries.com - free fairytales, stories and poems to read with your child.

-Go noodle - movement and mindfulness videos

-storytime from space.com - REAL astronauts reading stories from the International Space Station (ISS)!

natures web.ie - an Irish website for children.

- Jolly Phonics - for revision of all letter names and sounds

Wishing you all good health,

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