

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This work is not mandatory but a small bit every day should help your child to maintain their engagement in materials that are being covered this year. We would like to note that it is not essential to print worksheets, you can always transfer to a piece of paper. The following are ideas we have comprised:

- **Literacy**

- Any practice of the phonics sounds in their copies that we have covered to date (be it making words, reading words, writing words/sentences) will be very helpful. It would also be beneficial for you to call out words with the sounds and ask your child to write the words on paper/blackboards/whiteboards.
- Reading and writing the sight words will give your child a boost. You could also play some word games such as snap or a matching game using these sight words.
- Read, read, read, this is a great time for Senior Infants to read as much as they can
- Read your child's favourite story book and perhaps let them identify some words they know. Also ask them to find capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and speech marks. Encourage them also to find the front and back covers and where to find the Author and Illustrator.
- Read the story 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson to your child. Can be found on YouTube. Encourage your child to write some words or sentences based on 'The Gruffalo'. Find word cards attached.
- Encourage your child to tell and write their news each day (Today is _____. It is _____. We did _____.) Remind them to use a capital letter and full stop.
- Practice letter formation from a-z and practice writing their names using correct pencil grip (Pick and Flick).
- Single Sentences p.9-13
- Continue to discuss the oral language theme 'The Library', discuss aspects of a book, the different types of books and what they would do on a visit to the Library. Also talk about the author and illustrator and what they do

- **Maths**

- Continue to practice counting forwards and backwards to 20
- Continue practicing number formations for numbers 0-9
- Practice adding 2 and 3 numbers using counters/cubes/pasta etc.
- Roll a dice and write and add the numbers
- Go through ordinal number with your child – 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. You can engage in lots of activities on this topic such as races, lining up, line up their toys etc. Ask who is 1st, last etc.
- It would also be beneficial for your child to practice weight – Which object is heavier/lighter? If you have a balance scales, you could practice weighing objects using counters/pasta/cubes etc.
- Number Book 2 p.58, 98, 100, 103, 104, 106

- **Gaeilge**

- Folens have now opened up their online resources – see in other section how to log on. Once logged in, search for Abair Liom B Senior Infants. 'An Cháisc' is the lesson, here you will find the plan for the week (plean creachta) along with the comhrá, póstaer luaschártaí and cúpla cluichí. Click on póstaer. Here you will find all resources for the week – dán/amhrán/scéal/foclóir. Focus on the focail nua mostly

along with the dán/amhrán. Encourage your child to make sentences and maybe play a game of Fíor nó Bréagach (True or False).

- Log onto www.seideansi.ie, go to Naíonáin Mhóra section and explore 'Cé leis...?'
- Practice using some fráasaí at home – Dia duit. Dia is Muire duit. Cad is ainm duit? _____ is ainm dom. Cén sort aimsir atá ann inniu? Tá sé fuar/te/fliuch. Slán. Go raibh maith agat.

- **Religion:**

- Grow in Love – Complete the next chapter – Jesus Dies on the Cross
- Continue practicing prayers

- **SESE:**

- Listen to stories and sequence them using the words beginning, middle and end
- Discuss different types of animals – what do they do, eat, their sound etc.
- Identify the names of animals and their babies. Matching worksheet attached.
- Discuss the homes in which animals live. View PowerPoint and discuss animals that live in the 4 locations – sea, farm, earth, trees. They could draw some animals in their homes.

- **Music**

- Encourage your child to sing songs we have learned in class
- Listen to and sing nursery rhymes
- Listen to and sing 'Old McDonald had a Farm'
- Make some animal noises using their voice or homemade instruments

- **Art**

- Colouring, drawing, painting, cut and paste etc.
- Using white or black card or paper, create the deep dark woods from 'The Gruffalo' using chalks/pencils/markers. They can then either colour and cut out the Gruffalo and other characters or draw them. Find templates attached.
- Junk Art – Using recycling materials, let children make what they want from their imagination

- **Drama**

- Encourage your child to engage in role-play based on 'The Gruffalo'.

- **SPHE**

- Revise Stay Safe topics covered in class eg. Friendship, Bullying and Asking for help
- Practice washing hands
- Discuss healthy eating with your child focussing on the importance of fruit and veg.

- **PE**

- GoNoodle and Cosmic Yoga are fantastic resources which Senior Infants love, we use them as movement breaks to help the children have a break from school work and move around
- YouTube – Just Dance videos, Joe Wicks Classroom workout videos
- RTE – 10 @ 10

- **Other**

- Fine Motor Activities – Cutting and Pasting, playdoh, building lego, peg boards, using clothes pegs, make jigsaws, threading
- Twinkl are offering a free month to parents, this is a fantastic website used by all teachers. It is full of printables for everything. Simply go to www.twinkl.ie/offer and use the code IRLTWINKLHELPS.

- You can also make a scoilnet account where you will find lots of resources including World Book Online where your child can listen to stories and nursery rhymes
- **Folens:** Visit FolensOnline.ie, click register, select teacher, fill in username, email and password and fill in roll number as **Prim20**
- These are a list of websites that may be beneficial in supporting your child's learning:
www.storylineonline.net
www.topmarks.co.uk

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