Senior Infants March 30th- April 10th

Dear Parents,

Please see recommended resources and activities below for the following two weeks. These activities have been chosen to allow the children to continue to learn and practice their skills at home. At the same time, we appreciate this is a challenging time for families so please do not feel under pressure to complete this work. Your well-being and the well-being of your family takes priority at this moment.

Please note also that we are sharing many resources, videos, songs, and other media on our class Padlet, which can be found at the following link:

<https://padlet.com/conndonovan9/d2hliybqm6wf>

Kind Regards,

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* Phonics:

 /**ng/ sound**

Videos for words with these sounds available on the Padlet link (Geraldine the Giraffe). Children can write words ending with this sounds in copybooks or other copy books/paper that is available at home

**Phonics revision**: 42 Jolly Phonics Sounds available on the Padlet link

* Stories/Poem

**Hansel and Gretel, The Gruffallo, Mr Bunny**

Please read these books to your children or watch the videos of them online. You could ask them questions about the books (how he did feel? what do you think is going to happen next? Why did he/she do this? Is there anything confusing in this story? What did you like about this story?) and ask them to re-tell you the story. Online links for these stories will be posted on Padlet.

Children should be encouraged to draw **picture responses** to the story and try to write some of the **words** they saw/heard in the story

The children can sequence the story of Hansel and Gretel (worksheet on Padlet)

* Rhyme

**Rhyming Song**: “Hot Cross Buns” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=re3gXNTtwig>

**Rhyming worksheets and Games** to be posted on Padlet

* Writing:

This might be a nice time for the children to write a daily diary/journal. This can follow a similar structure every day to allow the children build up their confidence in writing on their own. The following structure is recommended.

 Today is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 It is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 I can see \_\_\_

The children can make sentences with Aldi/ Lidl catalogue. They can cut out words/ pictures and make sentences using these cut outs. We will put a video up on Padlet to show you an example of this.

* Oral Language: Using the map of the Zoo and the webcam link and Edinburgh Zoo the children can talk about the zoo, name the animals that you might find at the zoo and talk about their favourite zoo animals. Here are the links:

<https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/>

<https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/map/>

* Maths

Number **worksheet** and **maths games** are uploaded on the Padlet link.

Video to follow about teaching children how to **read the clock**

* Irish

Since we are in our homes a lot, we are going to be learning some new words in Irish about things we can see in our **houses**!

**Irish Words**: There is an App available from ‘TG4’ which is called ‘Cúla4’ and can be downloaded for free. The section ‘**Féach’** has cartoons and TV shows in Irish and the section ‘**Spraoi’** has a word bank of words in 14 categories which the children can click on to hear the Irish. The children will already know many of the words in the Colours, Numbers, Body Parts, Food, and Farm sections but we would encourage you to allow the children explore the other sections if possible. They can pick their favourite words to make a **poster**.

* Science experiment videos will be made available on Padlet that you can do with your child. These include ways to make a bridge, watching colours mixing, and growing seeds from things that we might find at home (avocados, peppers, etc)
* Art

As **Easter** is coming, we will be giving the children some egg coluring sheets to design interesting Easter Eggs

**Egg shell art:** The children can decorate egg shells using paints and or markers. There is a step by step method for how to clean the egg out on Padlet and this video might also be helpful. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8c3qEM2xA8>

We will also be learning about a famous artist, Henri Matisse and trying to make some artwork inspired by Henri at home using things we have in our houses

* Physical Activity: useful **dances, games, and movement breaks** that can be done at home will be available on Padlet.
* Music: **Percussion**: The children can use different types of body percussion; Clapping, clicking fingers, stamping feet etc. A video will be available on Padlet.
* Please tell the children that Mr. Stack and Mr. Donovan would love to hear stories when we are back in school of how boys and girls were **helping** their moms and dads with little jobs while at home.
* **Baking**: Easy child friendly recipes will be available on the Padlet also. The children can draw a picture of what they made or write a recipe by drawing the step by step method. We will share an example of this on Padlet.
* We would also encourage the children to enjoy **playing** with their board games, Lego, toys, books, paints and other materials which you might have at home.

Thank you for all your support and help parents! If you need any help or assistance, please do get in touch with the school and we will be more than happy talk to you.

Useful websites:

* We hope to have all parents registered for the ‘**Nessy’** reading and spelling App shortly. Please check Aladdin and your email addresses for updates.
* **Roy the Zebra** is a is a free resource that’s all about supporting emerging readers with their literacy skills, it’s used at schools and at home <https://www.roythezebra.com/>
* Both **Dublin Zoo and Edinburgh Zoo** have webcams installed. The children might like to see some of the animals at each zoo. The children could draw a picture of their favourite animal.

<https://www.dublinzoo.ie/animals/animal-webcams/>

<https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams>

* The ‘**Khan Academy Kids’** is a free educational app for children between the ages of 2 to 7. There are lots of books, games, videos available. Many of the books are good quality and although the level might be high for Senior Infants, there is a ‘Read to me’ option available.
	+ <https://learn.khanacademy.org/khan-academy-kids/>
* The **Oxford Owl** website has access to over 100 books for the ages of 3 to 11. All ebooks are also tablet friendly. There is also a ‘Read to Me’ section. The website is free but you need to register first with an email address.
	+ <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>
* ‘**Rivet’** is a great reading tool but unfortunately the App has not yet launched in Ireland. It can still be used online for free. The children can select a book to read from a large library and if they can’t read a word, they can click on it to hear it
	+ <https://rivet.area120.com/read/#/libraryScreen>
* ‘**Storyline Online’** has dozens of picturebooks which are read out by actors, comedians and some famous people. All content is free and child appropriate. Stories can last for 5 to 15 minutes. Free App also available for Phones/Tablets

 <https://www.storylineonline.net/library/>