Senior Infants April 20th to May 1st 2020

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:

  **/oo/ sound**

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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

**Pirates Love Underpants**

**Dear Greenpeace**

**Strega Nona**

Please read these books to your children or watch the videos of them online. Online links for these stories will be posted on Padlet.

* Rhyme

**Rhyming Song**: “Rocco the Rhyming Rhino”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAUdQZ8Xivw>

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

* Writing:

We encourage you to continue to support the children to write their daily news.

We will also be practising writing postcards (like in the story ‘Dear Greenpeace’. A video will be uploaded to the Padlet showing the children what a postcard is and what you can write on it. It might be a nice time to practice postcard writing for friends and family we cannot visit.

* Oral Language:

We typically learn about the Post Office in Aistear in April. There are some nice videos which the children can watch at the link below from ‘An Post’

[http://www.anpost.ie/AnPost/Schoolbag/Primary/Our+People/The+Journey+Of+Your+Mail/](http://www.anpost.ie/AnPost/Schoolbag/Primary/Our%2BPeople/The%2BJourney%2BOf%2BYour%2BMail/)

After watching the video, you could ask your child if there were any new words for them or anything they didn’t understand. We will post a list of words for this theme on Padlet

* Maths

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

We are going to revise the ‘copper’ coins this week (1c, 2c, 5c) and introduce some ‘golden’ coins (10c and 20c)

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

* 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 experiments

**Pasta Party:** see instructions on Padlet

* History

The story of Icarus (powerpoint on Padlet)

* Art

 **Icarus: design your own wings / Matisse Cut Out Art** instructions on Padlet

 **Strega Nona Stained Glass:** instructions on Padlet

* Physical Activity: useful **dances, games, and movement breaks** that can be done at home will be available 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/>
* 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>