

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the parents who have been in touch. It is lovely to hear from you. It is now confirmed that we will not be back to school until September. I am so sad that our time in junior infants has ended like this. Hopefully the good weather stays and we can enjoy lots of warm sunny days during the difficult time.

I know signing into lots of accounts is frustrating for you all. Last week I recommended opening an account that had lots of lovely reading books for the children. I have included it again this week.

I am asking for this week if you could take the time to join up to Folens online. Folens are the company that publishes the childrens maths books. As we cannot get access to the school books I would like to continue the work through their online site. You can print up the pages or just write down whats online on a page for your child to complete. They also have a range of online maths games which are fun and educational.

To join Folens online click (or copy and paste the link)

<https://www.folensonline.ie/registration/>

1. Select Teacher
2. Fill in a username, email and password
3. For the roll number use: Prim20

Once you are logged in you can search the book that you are looking for in the search bar.

If you go through the library and click the star in the top right hand side, this will then favourite the book. Thus will save you having to search for it each time.

Maths:

Oral: What day is it today? What month is it? What season is it? What is the weather like today?

- Revise number formation 0-5. Write numbers whenever possible at home. Use buttons, stones, pasta to form the letters.
- Access the Planet Maths Junior Infants workbook online as detailed above. Search Planet Maths Junior Infants in the search bar when you have registered. When you see it, click e-book under the picture of the book.
- Go to page 111 addition. Complete pages 111,112,113,114
- Revise missing numbers on page 97.
- There are maths games to play online if you click resources under the picture of the maths book when you get into the folens site.

English

CVC words: These are words that the children should be able to sound out. It is important to keep practising blending sounds. If your child is having difficulty with these just keep practising individual letter sounds in their phonics notebooks/envelopes. Check that all the

sounds are in their notebooks/envelopes as I know there were a couple of children who were missing sounds.

Here is a short youtube video about blending sounds for your child to watch.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAZ74S0vPqs>

This weeks CVC words are: cap, dot, did, rot, sat, had.

We are continuing with our Tricky Words this week. These are words that need to be learned off. Get your child to write them out and say them. Write them with chalk, trace them in shaving foam, roll out play-dough and make the word, play word snap/word matching games.

The words for this week are: are, all, you, your

For reading we will continue with the set of books I mentioned last week that are online. These can be your child's library books for the next few weeks. Read as little or as many as you like. If you repeat the same one for 2/3 nights your child will begin to recognise familiar words. They are aimed at their level too and the words light up as they read them. It takes a couple of minutes to log in but it's worth it. There is a little activity at the end if you click the orange circle. If they are too simple move onto the next band. Some of you registered last week. If you didn't here are the instructions again.

Go to www.connect.collins.co.uk/school/Portal.aspx

Click: Teacher sign in

Username is parents@harpercollins.co.uk

Password is Parents20! (don't forget capital P and the exclamation mark)

Click Collins Big Cat books

I ticked the pink band of books (the lowest level to begin). Or can go to the next band if you want a little bit more challenging.

Phonics

I hope you were able to access the games online to match the work we are doing in phonics.

It is easy to follow too so I would encourage you to get your child to try some of these out.

Click on the link <https://slp.cjfallon.ie/> (or copy and paste this link if it doesn't work directly)

Click on our phonics book -the first book on the screen 'Sounds like Phonics A'

Click on Unit 3 The Toy Shop. Then click on any sound to revise it. For example if you click on r you have an option of 6 activities. Follow the instructions for revising each sound. Revise sounds r, u,n,b this week and we will leave the rest for next week.

We have the pages with these letters completed in our books. So the children can practise the formation of these letters on a page or in a copy at home. Encourage and help your child to write a sentence with these letters in the sentence. E.g for 'r' they could write

I saw a robin.

This is good for handwriting and sentence structure skills.

Story

Here is a nice story for your child to listen to online.

This story is about Mr. Magee and his trusty dog Dee. They are enjoying a peaceful camping trip when along come a lumbering, marshmallow-loving bear and the excitement begins!

The next thing the two campers know, they are plunging down a mountain, racing down a river, and teetering on the edge of a waterfall!

The children can listen along to the story in the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oO0lz1LCCrA>

Activities:

Encourage your child to discuss the book. Did they like the book? What was their favourite part? Have they been camping before? Would they enjoy camping?

There are also some gorgeous stories on www.storyberries.com for the children to listen to (to give mummy and daddy a well deserved break!)

Gaeilge (optional!)

The topic the week is: Ag an Zú (At the zoo)

Please click the link below (if you have registered with folens) to access a story, games, songs, poems all based on this week's topic.

This week we will focus on:

Scéal (Story), Foclóir 1 (Vocabulary), Dán (Poem)

<https://www.folensonline.ie/home/library/programmes/abair-liom-junior-infants/resources>

Also : Cé tusa? Is mise

Conas atá tú? Tá mé go maith.

Conas atá an aimsir? Tá sé grianmhar, te, scamallach, fuar, ag cur sneachta...

Cad a d'ith tú don bricfeasta? D'ith mé tósta, callóga, leite (porridge), ubh...

S.E.S.E

This week we will be looking at Materials and Change. Young children often group things according to colour or how they feel, less often according to what they are made of.

This is a lovely Powerpoint exploring the effects water has on different materials

https://www.twinkl.ie/resource/materials-and-change-waterproof-junior-and-senior-infants-powerpoint-roi-sc-72?sign_in=1

P.E

This week we will focus on Athletics – Throwing & Catching. You can use a ball or small teddy for this.

1. Pass the ball/teddy around waist, ankles, knees and neck.
2. Throw ball/teddy in the air and catch with both hands
3. Throw ball/teddy in the air and clap once before catching with both hands

4. Throw ball/teddy at a target e.g a hoop

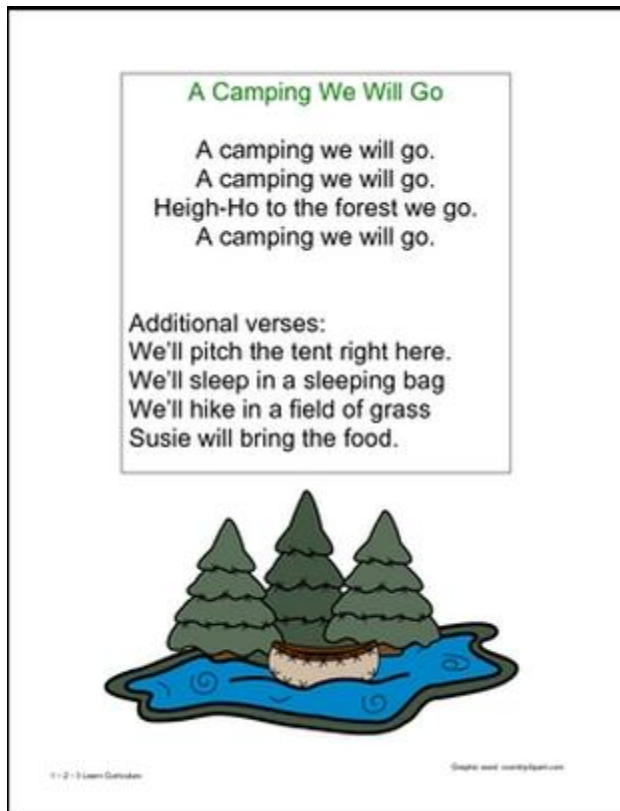
Throw ball/teddy to a partner. See how many times you can do this without dropping it!

Music

Camping song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69f9sCwhwYk&t=49s>

and the following song



For Fun!

-Build a tent / campsite in your bedroom or garden! Think of what you might need to bring with you if you were going camping. Be creative and have fun!

Please send me a photo, if you like, of something your child was doing this week. We have a couple of new photos on our Shutterfly share page. I miss all the boys and girls. The children have a school reading book in their bags. Please put these away safely and we will collect them in September. I will make some reading sheets for the remainder of the term and post them here.

Thank you,

From Miss Boland

(Please copy and paste any links if they don't work when you click on them thank you).