

## Junior Infant Work Suggestions 18<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Hi All,

We hope you are all well and safe. It has been great to be in touch with you in and thank you for forwarding on the girl's work. We understand that this time is very challenging and would like to remind everyone that the work below is offered as a suggestion, please do what you think the girls will like and whatever you feel will be helpful.

Please feel free to send on any work that the girls might like to share with us, even if it's not on the suggested list. We would love to see it and have contact with you and your family. Please also get in touch if you have any questions about the work set to date or if the girls are finding anything difficult. Our email addresses are:

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Kindest Regards,

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## **Literacy:**

### **Link to Over the Moon:**

<https://content.yudu.com/web/1yssw/OA224cw/OTMSBJnrInfs/html/index.html?refUrl=https%253A%252F%252Fwww.gillexplore.ie%252Fgill-explore-resources%252Fover-the-moon-junior-infants-skills-book>

The letters for the next two weeks are X and Qu. As before, we suggest you do one sound a week.

The Jolly Phonics song for X is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSadirablKc>

and you will find the X activities on page 61 of Over the Moon.

The song for Qu is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NdsA67mxt1o>

and you will find the Qu activities on page 63 of Over the Moon.

### **Please revise CVC group 1 SATPIN**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ovJlxTQpsU>

<https://www.twinkl.ie/resource/t-l-527169-phase-2-phonics-cvc-blending-powerpoint>

<http://more2.starfall.com/m/word-machines/short-a/load.htm?d=demo&n=main&y=1&&>

### **Other suggested literacy activities:**

- Rainbow letters – ask the girls to write one of the letters they know in as many colours as possible on a page. You may need to write the letter in the middle of the page so that they have something to help them
- Writing letters in flour, sand, lentils or lentils using their fingers or a stick
- Letter Scavenger hunt. Give the girls a letter sound and ask them to find items in the house that start with that letter. They could then take a picture and send it on to us
- Practice writing names and sight words covered so far
- Write 'My News' and send it on to us (a template is included at the end of the document)
- Word hunt – find a target word such as 'the' in a book or highlight the word in a newspaper or magazine
- Letter collage – ask the girls to find pictures of items starting with a letter that you have chosen in a magazine or catalogue, cut them out and stick them on a page
- Make letters or words from things such as playdough, tinfoil, painting with water on a path outside, writing on a path with chalk, using blocks to try to make words or letters or use wool to form letters
- Twinkl have lots of printables and <https://www.themeasuredmom.com/> is another good site with free printable for literacy and maths
- Continue to read with the girls or get them to tell a story using the pictures in the book

## **Gaeilge:**

Continue to encourage the girls to sing the songs or say the rhymes we have learned so far. Bua na Cainte is available free to download (link below), The username and password is 'trial'. The girls could listen to the songs on that if you would like to download it. They also enjoy the stories on Bua na Cainte

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2l9k7prhpldw0od/AACvW1YAwQfDlaeDnbWBc1X0a?dl=0>

<http://www.seideansi.ie/>

## **Maths:**

- **Link to Busy at Maths:**

<https://my.cifallon.ie/preview/student/7386>

Keep encouraging the girls to count, write numbers, make sets, order and sort things. Counting forwards and backwards is useful as is filling in or finding the number that is left out when counting. Most of the ideas for practicing letter formation can also be used in maths to practice the number formations. Board games, throwing and catching games or anything like this is also really beneficial. If you're baking with the girls allow the girls to count out the number of spoons of flour, sugar, baking soda etc. Encourage the girls to then write out the recipe and draw a picture!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0Ajq682yrA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D4K9oi7oBM>

## **Money :**

A suggestion for the next two weeks would be to look at money. The girls should become familiar with 1c, 2c and 5c. Using real money or printable sheet attached, allow the girls to become familiar with the size, shape and colour of the coins. The girls can compare the size of the different coins and begin to recognise the different pictures and designs on each coin. To explore this, allow the girls to do some coin rubbing using crayons or twistables and some coins. Using the rubbings cut them out and ask the girls to put all the 2c together 1c together and 5c together.

The 'Shopping Game' is a great way to encourage the use of money. Use paper or cardboard to make price tags with 1c, 2c and 5c, the children can then find items around the house to put in their shop. Encourage the girls to make their own shop from cereal boxes and draw and cut out some shop essentials! The girls can then begin to use the language of money,

'How much?', How many do I need? How much is the toothpaste and the toilet roll altogether? and so on. This is a great game that the girls could play with their siblings.

There are some good printables about money on Twinkl as well activities in the Busy at Maths book that start at page 115,116.

Please find attached Scoilnet link below;

[http://www.sess.ie/sites/default/files/Resources/Cirricular\\_Material/Money\\_worksheet\\_1\\_coin\\_recognition.pdf](http://www.sess.ie/sites/default/files/Resources/Cirricular_Material/Money_worksheet_1_coin_recognition.pdf)

### **Project: Mini Beasts**

We are spending lots of time in our gardens and the outdoors, the weather has been so beautiful, and we received lots of emails and updates about the Dandelion project. The work was fantastic and very innovative with some girls even using the dandelions to make prints! This fortnight we would encourage the girls to explore mini beasts and nature in the garden.

We suggest the girls try the following:

- Scavenge for mini beasts, often they will be hiding under rocks, pieces of wood, on walls, under trampolines etc. you can use an empty jam jar to get a good look at your mini beast once you have found one!
- Look closely at the mini beast– what colour is it? Does it have any legs? How many legs? Does it have a shell? Does it fly or walk? Does it have wings? Does it live in a bright place or a dark place?
- Measure and draw, paint or sketch the mini beast.
- Create a snail hotel or a wormery using a medium sized plastic container, the girls can explore the mini beasts in greater detail
- Explore what the mini beasts eat, fruit veg grass etc. ensure to keep the enclosure partially open to ensure the home is ventilated!
- Explore <http://www.scoilnet.ie/uploads/resources/1830217983.pdf>
- Sort and group living things into sets according to what features you have observed for example, 'Does it have wings?', 'Does it have legs?' 'Can it fly?'
- The girls can share their findings with the family and with us using videos, photographs or drawings.
- If you have a magnifying glass, ask the girls to take a close look at the minibeast and see what they observe.
- Explore [http://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/other/education/primary/nature/EPA\\_education\\_nature\\_who\\_crawls\\_there.pdf](http://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/other/education/primary/nature/EPA_education_nature_who_crawls_there.pdf)
- [https://www.schooleartheid.ie/pdf/intouch/ZoomMiniBeasts\\_April2012.pdf](https://www.schooleartheid.ie/pdf/intouch/ZoomMiniBeasts_April2012.pdf)
- Complete an outdoor mini beast hunt and tick off the things that you found whether on a walk or in your garden. There is a sample template attached below
- Listen and observe garden birds and their song.

Please find attached mini beast hunt activity sheet & digital book Wild Things at School written by Eanna Ni Lamhna.

<http://images.app.goo.gl/hhH3sYnfyCEJTKnS6>

<http://www.heritageinschools.ie/content/resources/Wild Things at School.pdf>

### **Play:**

Travel: Some suggestions for play are:

- Build an airport, ferry, boat or holiday home with Lego or blocks. The girls could draw a plan for their buildings before they begin and take a photo of the finished piece to compare it to their plan. They could send these pictures to us email addresses above.
- Imaginative play – pretend to be someone from transport services, ‘What vehicle are you in? Where are you going? What do you transport?’.
- Make up a story about Transport Services and make a video, drawing or try to write the story and send it on to us
- Use imaginative play to pretend to be pilots, ship captains, bus drivers, train drivers, sailors.
- If there are people in your family that work in transport, write about them and draw a picture, maybe you could phone them to ask them some questions about their job.
- Use cereal boxes and large cardboard boxes to make ships, buses, ferries and different modes of transport.

### **PE**

- The girls can learn the dance through our website with Mr. Gleeson, go to <http://johnstowngns.com/music-dance/>
- GoNoodle has lots of fun dances and movement for girls, ‘Bananas Bananas Meatballs’ was a favourite!  
Our P.E teacher Grainne has also included some exercise videos that the girls might enjoy <http://johnstowngns.com/exercise/>
- Keep practicing the GAA skills of kicking the ball with the straps or laces of their shoes. Try kicking with both feet and practice with the weaker foot. If they can, practicing throwing the ball to another person
- We’re going on a bear hunt on cosmic kids yoga  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAT5NiWHFIU>

### **Useful Websites/Resources:**

- Niall Breslin (Bressie) hosts a live kids mindfulness session on Instagram every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5pm. The videos are also uploaded to his Facebook page
- Dublin Zoo are hosting virtual tours of the Zoo each Monday on their YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/dublinzoovideos/videos>
- The Get Well Soon Channel on YouTube can be useful. There are videos about sneezing, germs and how to stop germs spreading as well as general health themed videos. It can be found here <https://www.youtube.com/user/OfficialGetWellSoon/videos>

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