Hi Everyone,

I hope are all well. It's that time of the week again! Thank you so much to the boys and girls who sent me lovely pictures this week by email. Well done to the Moms and Dads that screenshot them and sent them on, they are so special and I love them! Please send some more this week, they really cheer me up!

A special note to say a belated happy birthday to Reagan and Shauna who had their birthday after St Patricks day, we all hope you had a lovely day! We are sorry we couldn't celebrate together in school.

I am available daily if you need anything at all, this is my email address greenmountclodagh@gmail.com If you are worried or have come across an area you feel your child is struggling I may be able to help with resources etc. I have set up an individual account for each child on studdyladder.co.uk so if you feel like you would like extra work for your child don't hesitate to contact me for their own personal log on name and password.

Here is some suggested work for the week. Again don't put yourself under pressure to finish it all. Words/blending would be important at this stage as is number, this week we remain focused on number five. Also think about oral language, just talking to your children about different topics building on their vocabulary.

Literacy

Phonics:

Revise Unit 1: letter names and sounds. - m, i, h (Don't forget to revise t,a,s)

- Google "cjfallon quicklinks"
- Click sounds like phonics
- Click Activity book A
- Click "unit 1 The Funfair". Here there are some different activities to click on in each letter.

Use these letters from the letter box (in your child's folder that was sent home) to make simple 3 letter words. Get your child to say these words by sounding out each letter and blending them together.

The blue frame in their folder will help with this.

Try blending these words this week

Sit, pan, tip, sat, in, ant, pat, sap, it, tap, pip, nap, and don't forget to make up some of your own.

New tricky words for this week, me, we, be, was, to. Also revise all other tricky words in the sound box, firstly ask them to show you the word e.g. show me 'he', show me 'the' etc and then progressing to "what is this word?"

Writing:

- Google "cjfallon quicklinks"
- Click Go with the flow
- Press Play button
- Click box A
- Click pre-writing activities
- Click Tracing and copying -watch 'Flowie' the dog making the pattern
- Ask your child to practice making the pattern on the table, in the air, on your back, in some flour/sugar sprinkled onto a plate, write it on a chalk board/white board if you have one at home
- Write it with a pencil on blank paper. Ensure your child is sitting with god posture when writing and they are using the correct pencil grip
- The more practice the better!!!
- You can revise the 3 letters d, g, q, (already learnt in school) by using the above bullet points

Maths

Please complete all the same activities for number five this week, they will need plenty plenty practise of below activities to grasp the full concept of number five, different work pages are included, just click on link to complete, if you feel you would like more interactive work for the number five, just email me and I can add some interactive activities to your child's studyladder account.

Work pages: http://data.cjfallon.ie/resources/19596/activity-87/index.html

http://data.cjfallon.ie/resources/19596/activity-88/index.html

http://data.cjfallon.ie/resources/19596/activity-89/index.html

The number 5

Writing the number 5:

- Start at the top go down and around. Then put on its hat.
- Get your child to practice writing the number 5 on blank paper, on the
- table, in the air, on a chalk/whiteboard, on your back.
- Revise writing the number 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Use playdough to make the numbers

Game: What's my number

Make one of the numbers 1-5 on your child's back. They must guess the number. When they guess it correctly, they make a number on your back.

Number 5 around us

Highlight to your child or get him/her to tell you where they might see the number 5 around them. For example: in calendars, doors, phones, in supermarkets, calculators, car registration plates, etc.

Make towers/rows of 5

Give your child some coins/blocks/buttons/yoghurt cartons. Ask them to arrange them into towers/rows of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Ask them how many is in this group/set, can you show me number 3 etc. Write or get them to write the numbers 1 to 5 on small pieces of papers/post-its and place the correct number next to the correct tower/row.

Sorting and Classifying

Collect items while on a walk e.g. pebbles, feathers, cones etc and have fun sorting and classifying. Try the same with collections of buttons / badges / lids etc. Use language with the child that will help them understand the concepts of more/less, the same/different, longer / shorter than and other comparisons.

Sort cutlery - count spoons etc.

If possible log onto Cifallons.ie

- Click on Student Resources
- Click on Primary Junior Infants -Maths-Busy at Maths-Junior Infants
- If possible complete pages 82,85 and 86 online.

Fine Motor

I cannot emphasise enough how important fine motor Activities are for your child.

Some ideas for this week are:

Making jigsaws

Colouring / Dot-to-dot

Using playdough/marla:

- Roll it into a ball, flatten it into a pancake and poke it with each finger in turn.
- Roll it into a ball, then a long, thick sausage. Use a scissors or plastic knife to cut it into pieces.
- Cutting with scissors:
- Cutting in straight lines, different shapes, zigzag lines

Putting together and taking apart nuts and bolts

Clothes pegs

- Peg onto a piece of paper/cardboard and take them off again using just
- thumb and pointer finger.
- Use a clothes peg to transfer items (small pieces of scrunched up tissue
- paper from one bowl to another.

Oral Language

"On the Farm"

- Google cjfallon see important notice at the top of the page and click in.
- Click Junior Infants/English/Rainbow Oral Language Online Book
- Click on 'On the Farm'
- Click into Lesson menu and only do what is in the recommended amount for the Lesson, for example day 1 -Look and discuss the Interactive Poster and play the Vocabulary Game 1 and so on.
- If you have any story books at home on the topic you could read them to your child.
- You could talk about some of the animals that live on the farm and learn something new about them.
- Talk about the people that live there and what they need to wear for working there
- Discuss farm animals and their babies eg sheep lamb , cow calf .
- Make/build a farm using building blocks/Lego/toy animals etc
- If you wish register with twinkl.ie there are lots of fun ideas for this theme

Gaeilge

Google: Abair Liom

- Visit Folensonline.ie
- Click register
- Select teacher option
- Fill in a username, email and password
- Fill in the roll number as Prim20
- Click Abair Liom Junior Infants Resources
- Click on Lesson 22 (Please spend another week at this chapter as it can be difficult to learn without teacher helping you) - Ag féachaint ar an teilifís

Open:

- 1. Luascháirtí shows new words
- 2. Póstaer click scéal (story) Amhrán (song) Dán (poem) Foclóir 1 and 2 (word games)
- 3. Pléasc an Balún
- 4. Comhrá

An maith leat a bheith ag féachaint ar an teilifís?

Is maith liom a bheith ag féachaint ar an teilifís.

Ní maith liom a bheith ag feachaint ar an teilifís.

Website suggestions-

- -Study Ladder, please email me for your child's log in name and password as I have created an account for each child if you feel they need extra work than what is out lined above.
- -Oxford Owl for home free ebook library for ages 3-11 with phonics, spelling and maths activities.
- -10@10 on RTE jr for P.E. at home!
- -RTE Create. Don't contaminate
- -Storyberries.com free fairytales, stories and poems to read with your child.
- -Go noodle movement and mindfulness videos
- -storytime from space.com REAL astronauts read ing stories from the International Space Station (ISS)!
- Jolly Phonics for revision of all letter names and sounds

I really hope you are having fun during these lessons and are enjoying the interactive element, remember to include plenty snuggles and lots of stories!! All the boys and girls love snuggles and stories! Don't forget to send on your precious pictures to greenmountclodagh@gmail.com, I can't wait to start receiving them again this week!

Really hoping to see you all again soon.

Clódagh.