

Hi Everyone,

I hope are all well. I have set up an email address greenmountclodagh@gmail.com so you can contact me if you wish, please email me if you need anything, no matter how small, I am available. Also, if some children would like to draw/paint/colour me a picture, please take a screenshot of it and forward it to me, I love getting these and it's nice for the children to have a connection with the school at this strange time. 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 are some activities to keep the children busy for the week. I need to stress that these are only guidelines. Unfortunately, I am fully aware that some families are struggling through this time for various reasons and being sent a mountain of work is only adding to that stress. Please only do what you think you can manage; every household will have a different opinion on what work they want their children to do at this unprecedented time. You, as parents, have the right to make that decision. For me, I feel it actually gives some routine to my day, gets us up and kills an hour or 2 each day.

Literacy

Phonics:

Revise Unit 1: letter names and sounds. - 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 such as mat, hat, sat, sit. 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.

Revise all 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 -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 good posture when writing and they are using the correct pencil grip
- The more practice the better!!!
- You can revise the 3 letters c, o, a, (already learnt in school) by using the above bullet points

Maths

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 Cjfallons.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:

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

"The Arctic"

- 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 'The Artic'
- 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 in the artic and learn something new about them.
- Talk about the people that live there and what they need to wear for the cold weather.
- Look at where the Arctic is on a map/globe
- Discuss igloos and what they are made of.
- Make/build an igloo using building blocks/Lego/sugar cubes
- 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 - 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 reading stories from the International Space Station (ISS)!
- Jolly Phonics - for revision of all letter names and sounds

Here is short outline of some of the many lessons we would teach each week. The oral language is a really nice one and children love learning and finding out new things about the world around them.

How the children feel during this time will stay with your child long after the memory of what they did during this period is long gone. Praise them. Talk to them. Snuggle under a blanket and read a story with them. Write your own story! Build and make - using odds and ends - paper, boxes, string, etc. Have fun and don't forget to send me on some lovely pictures!

Really hoping to see you all sooner than later so we can get back to normality.

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