

Junior and Senior Infants List 7

Reading	Writing	Maths	Other Areas
<p>Reading: Junior Infants: Junior infants have 'The lost Ball' in their homework folders. Each week the pupils can try 4 new pages. Firstly, they need to look at the new words from these pages (at the back of the book). In order to help the pupils learn these words you could encourage writing them into a copy and drawing a picture to match. Try and re-visit these words as often as possible before reading. Senior Infants: Senior Infants have 'Stop That Dog' in their homework folders. Each week the pupils can try 4 new pages. Firstly, they need to look at the new words from these pages (at the back of the book). In order to help the pupils learn these words you could encourage writing them into a copy and drawing a picture to match. Try and re-visit these words as often as possible before reading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The most important thing you can do is encourage children to look at books and 	<p>Writing: Junior Infants: This week we will concentrate on writing 'g' and 'o'. Pupils can use lots of different materials to practice these letters. For example, Play dough, trace in the sand, write on a whiteboard, and write with a pencil. The children could also make a sound diary where they cut out objects beginning with these sounds and stick them on to a 'g' page or an 'o' page. Senior Infants: Senior Infants should be able to write 3\4 sentences on each suggested topic. It is not necessary to spell the words for them. Encourage them to sound them out. It doesn't matter if they spell them wrong. Suggested topics for this week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My Grandparent(s)/My Auntie/Uncle/My Godparent/My Sister/Brother My Favourite School Subject <p>Suggestions for online writing activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jolly phonics app <p>Phonics Junior & Senior Infants: This week we will concentrate on the</p>	<p>Maths Junior Infants should know their numbers 1-10. Pupils need continuous practice writing and counting within 1 -10. If they are competent counting forwards try counting backwards and from random points. This can be practiced regularly. Challenge: With the weather being so good boys & girls, I'm setting you a challenge this week! If you are at the beach, I want you to write your numbers from 1 to 5 in the sand (use your finger or a stick or stone) and don't forget to write your name underneath. (Send me a picture/video if you can) If you cannot make it to the beach; paint or write your numbers using crayons/markers, chalk them onto a blackboard/whiteboard or use stones or pebbles to form them.</p> <p>Senior Infants should know their numbers 1-20. Pupils need continuous practice writing and counting within 1 -20. If they are competent counting forwards try counting backwards and from random points. This can be practiced regularly.</p>	<p>P.E. Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play outside as much as possible (everything else is just a suggestion) Hula hoop as much as you can. (Get someone else to count) Get out the skipping rope or any old piece of rope to suit your height and skip. Set up an obstacle course (Station 1: Run between two objects as fast as you can, Station 2: hop over the stones on one leg, Station 3: crawl to the next marker/tree/ stone, Station 4: run the egg & spoon race to the finish line.) Don't forget to get involved with Mr. Fortune's challenge this week <p>Art:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw/paint your favourite minibeast, for example, a ladybird or a butterfly Try some directed drawing to draw a spider <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HI03je6inoY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use an old fork to create a lovely bunch of tulips. <p>https://www.funlittles.com/spring-art-tulip-painting/</p>

listen to lots of stories.

Suggestions for online levelled reading activities:

The website mentioned below allows free access to levelled readers and if you register and fill in a short survey regarding your child's reading age and ability, they will recommend a series of suitable ebooks. Don't worry about levels or stages. Your child should be able to read the book with a sense of satisfaction. If they are having difficulty with several words on the one page, it is too difficult and simply go back a level or two.

- www.oxfordowl.co.uk

sounds g and o. Encourage the pupils to think of lots of things starting with these sounds. Maybe even try a sound hunt. Pupils could find things all around them starting with and then draw them onto a page. They could then do the same for the letter o.

Senior Infants – How many words can you say/write with the sound 'ai' in it? For example, train, pain etc (Parents it is important to note here that children will say words that sound like 'ai' but are actually spelt with 'ay', for example day or pray etc. For now, the focus is on the sound. Point out that this is the correct sound but it is an 'ay' spelling. For this week, encourage them to write a list of 'ai' words. Draw some pictures to match your 'ai' words.

Suggestions for online Phonics activities:

- Revise all your jolly phonics songs on You Tube (Just type 'Jolly Phonics sounds in order' into Google & listen to them sing!)
- Jolly phonics app
- Teach your monster to read

Challenge: With the weather being so good boys & girls, I'm setting you a challenge this week!

If you are at the beach, I want you to write your numbers from 1 to 10 in the sand (use your finger or a stick or stone) and don't forget to write your name underneath. (Send me a picture/video if you can)

If you cannot make it to the beach; paint or write your numbers using crayons/ markers, chalk them onto a blackboard/whiteboard or use stones or pebbles to form them.

Other activities:

- Some parents have requested further maths ideas & suggestions.
- Folens.ie have opened up their resources (free of charge) to everyone. You can access their site by registering with your email address and putting in Prim20 when it asks for school roll number. Here you can search Planet maths for Senior Infants and the children can explore games and videos under various maths topics. Alternatively they can answer questions based on maths topics in the ebook section.
- Length – How far can your family jump? Draw a starting line and measure how far each member of your family can jump. Measure using anything you can find. It's important to use the same measuring object for every family

S.E.S.E.

- Go on a minibeast hunt in your garden. (See how many of the following you can find: worm, ladybird, snail, caterpillar, butterfly, beetle, spider, moth, centipede, dragonfly)

Watch a short educational piece on minibeasts here

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuHg5oWF_mo

Listen to this song on minibeasts and join in

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

Aistear:

There is nothing like learning through play. This is an extremely important part of the curriculum in Infants. We encourage this in whatever format it presents itself in each household. Let them off to explore. We will offer suggestions on a weekly basis and this week the theme is 'School'. Have fun!

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E.g. Dad – jumped 3 sticks

Peter – jumped 1 and a bit
sticks

Kate – jumped 2 sticks