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. It may also be a good idea to display any words the children are having difficulty with around the house.  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	Jur con Pup mai For the and every hat cours show to pi the mai is more writty were
encourage writing them into a copy and drawing a picture to match. Try	Sug acti
and re-visit these words as often	

Reading

 The most important thing you can do is encourage children to look at books

as possible before reading.

Writing

nior Infants: This week we will ncentrate on writing 'h' and 'r'. pils can use lots of different terials to practice these letters. r example, Play dough, trace in sand, write on a whiteboard, d write with a pencil. Pupils may en be able to write a few words. u could call out some words and ey could try writing them down: t, ham, rat, rat, rag. The children uld draw a picture to match. nior Infants: senior infants ould be able to write 3\4 ntences on each suggested oic. It is not necessary to spell words for them. Encourage m to sound them out. It doesn't atter if they spell them wrong. It more important that they are ting! Suggested topics for this ek:

- My best Memory
- My favourite zoo animal

Suggestions for online writing activities:

- Jolly phonics app
- https://ie.ixl.com/ela/jrinfants/find-a-word-in-asentence

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.

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.

Other activities:

- Addition Up to 5 for Junior Infants/Up to 10 for Senior Infants.
- Lots of addition and subtraction activities can be found online eg. <a href="https://ie.ixl.com/math/jr-infants">https://ie.ixl.com/math/jr-infants</a>

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting

Maths: Time. Create 'My Day Book'. Get 5 segments of paper. Ask your child to draw the first thing they do

## P.E. Ideas

 Play outside as much as possible (everything else is just a suggestion)

Other Areas

- Try out Joe wick's on youtube
- Play with bubbles. See how many you can catch!
- Dance to some music. "Just Dance" is available on Youtube and is an excellent form of exercise on rainy days.

Art:

- Make a fairy house. Use some old toilet roll holders or shoe boxes. Let your imagination go wild.
- Why not try some directed drawing. Maybe even draw a clock! <a href="https://www.youtube.com/w">https://www.youtube.com/w</a> atch?v=daVViMt3nsg
- Try some shadow drawing.
   Pick an object and place it on
   A4 paper. Place it in a way
   that creates a shadow.
   Children trace around it!

## S.E.S.E.

 Pick one place of work and try and think of all the jobs

- and listen to lots of stories.
- Both classes may enjoy listening to and joining in with nursery rhymes: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdqijhv">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdqijhv</a>

Suggestions for online reading activities:

- www.oxfordowl.co.uk (This is a great resource: pupils from Junior Infants should start at level one)
- Storyline online
- Borrowbox (This is linked to the library)

## **Phonics**

This week we will concentrate on the letters 'h' and 'r'. 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 h and then draw them onto a page. They could then do the same for the letter r.

Suggestions for online Phonics activities:

- Jolly phonics app
- Teach your monster to read
- Slp.cjfallon.ie: Activity book A for Junior Infants. Activity Book B for Senior Infants

- each day on the first strip. Then ask what they do last in the day and draw that on the last segment. Now, think about other things you do during the day and fill the other segments.
- Why not draw a funny clock: seniors can try putting the numbers in the correct order. Juniors try drawing a few numbers.
- that need to be done there. For example in a hospital you could have nurses, doctors, carers, cleaners, shopkeepers etc.
- Read the story 'The
   Enormous Turnip': discuss
   how the turnip changed
   from a seed to a turnip.
   Encourage the children to
   draw the story in sequence
   of what happened first etc

## Aistear:

As you're aware children in school learn much of the curriculum through play. Children are usually extremely good at this and won't need much help. However, each week we will offer a suggestion of different Role play/pretend play they can try. This week is 'The vet's'.