**Junior Infants Activities**

*We hope you are well. Here is a list of sample activities to help support your child’s learning while at home. We hope this is helpful and* ***one activity a day*** *from this list will be of great benefit to your child’s learning. Thank you for your help and co-operation!*

**English**

* **Writing-** Write a sentence with your child each day. It can be a sentence about their news or a funny silly sentence that the children enjoy. Draw a picture to go with the sentence each day.
* Practise the **letter formation** of all the sounds of the alphabet. Write into the copy supplied or a sheet of paper.
* **Sounds**- Practise all the sounds of the alphabet with your child. The Jolly phonics songs which the children are familiar with are available on you tube. Link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2HYM9VXz9k>
* Practise **Sight Words** with your child each day. Playing Snap is a fun activity that they will enjoy. Also Practise reading a word and putting it into a full sentence. (This can also be a silly sentence). Ask the children to find the sight words in text (example in books, stories/ nursery rhymes online, magazines or newspapers) if they have a child friendly scissors, they can even cut it out and stick on card or carboard.
* **Reading**- Read with the children as much as possible. There are lots of stories, fairy tales available online. Sign up for a free subscription to Twinkl.co.ie

And looks under story power-points.

* **Oral Language/Writing** - Encourage the children to use descriptive language. Show the children different pictures of spring -such as flowers, animals or weather pictures. Encourage the children to describe what they see -the colours, textures and animals. The children can even write a sentence about the picture example (I see a \_\_\_\_\_\_, Look at the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_) We will upload spring pictures for the children to describe and pictures are also available on Twinkl.
* **Fine Motor Skills**- The children can help practise their fine motor by cutting activities such as cutting out zig-sags, playdough activities, playing with lego and construction toys and drawing and writing activities
* **Nursery Rhymes** – The children enjoy singing their nursery rhymes and they are all available on you tube.

**Maths**

* **Number formation** – Practise writing numbers 1- 5 and writing of the number to correspond to the number of objects. (example, draw 2 butterflies and write the number 2 underneath).
* **Counting**- Counting forwards and backwards to 10.
* **Number lines-** Practise putting numbers 1- 10 in order forwards and backwards. Make simple flashcards using old cereal boxes or cardboard at home.
* **Sorting**- Practise sorting objects or toys at home. Example sorting cutlery into forks, spoons etc. Sorting old buttons, clothes, shoes, teddies etc.
* **Shape**- Game I spy a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(square, circle, rectangle, triangle)
* **Money-** Practise sorting coins -1c, 2c, 5c and 10 cent. Sample activity- The children could make a little play shop selling their toys at home.
* **Length**- Measure the length of different items at home and arrange in order of shortest to longest. Sample Activity- placing teddies in order of shortest to tallest.
* **Weight** – Weigh and measure different items at home on a weighing scale if there is one at home. Compare the weight of toys in palm of hand.

 **Physical Education:**

* Here are two great resources for keeping the children active.
1. [www.gonoodle.com](http://www.gonoodle.com) – There are lots of great dances, mindfulness activities, exercise routings and fun activities for the children on this website. The girls particularly like Pop-si-co and the Kids Bop routines
2. <https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe-1254.html-> Joe Wicks will be live streaming PE lessons each day at 9.00 on this website. A great way for the girls to have fun.

**Aistear and Art**

The Theme of this month was The Vets. Here are some sample activities of play- based learning that can be explored at home.

1. **Construction-** using lego, stick bricks, lollipop sticks or any recycle materials that may be at home to create things. (example- a rocket, a train, an aeroplane, anything from the children’s imagination)
2. **Junk Art**- using recyclable materials such as lids, cereal boxes, newspaper, toilet rolls etc. to make a rocket, spaceship, animal, unicorn or anything from the children’s imagination**.**
3. **Role Play-** Using the children toys/ animals the children can pretend to be a vet and care for the animals.