

Junior Infants Plan of Work

27/4/20-1/5/20

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all in good spirits and enjoying some quality time at home with your families. Please let your child know I am missing everyone in the infant classroom and I hope we will all be back together soon! It was lovely hearing from everyone who responded to my emails this week and to hear how the children are doing.

Work for the coming week is outlined below. Sheets do not have to be printed, children can write onto spare paper or into copies they have at home if this is easier. The websites and tasks are just suggestions it's not mandatory to complete them. They are just to help you if you wish to use them. I have put them in a day to day format. Again, this does not have to be followed.

As you may already know Lisronagh NS is taking part in the Active School initiative and we have been working towards gaining an Active Flag. National 'Active SCHOOL Week' takes place every April and is a really enjoyable part of the school year for many children. This year, because of COVID-19, it is not possible for this to go ahead so we are inviting the families of our school to participate in the 'Active HOME Week' challenge instead. Please go to the Active School Flag section on the school website to read the information letter for parents and access the files you need for 'Active Home Week' if you wish to participate. I would recommend saving the challenge chart file to your computer as you can then fill it in on your device instead of printing it off. This way it will be easier for you to email in back to me on May 3rd when 'Active Home Week' ends. This is intended to be a fun activity the children can do on their own or with their siblings/parents.

I fully understand some parents are still working or working from home/caring for others, so please don't feel under pressure to complete all tasks. Everyone's efforts are appreciated and that is all that is expected. I would suggest prioritising maths, phonics, sight words and light reading.

Please feel free to continue to send me pictures for the school website's photo story; I would love to see any activities your child is enjoying at home e.g. cycling, art, gardening, whatever! Send them to my email if they would like to be included. I hope to see all my lovely Junior Infants again soon, tell them all I say hello!! If you have any queries please email me at cobrienlisronaghns@gmail.com

Keep Safe and keep social distancing,

Catherine O'Brien ☺

Monday:

- **Maths:** Complete pgs 114+115 in their Planet maths book. Adding to 5. Revise modelling the language "Altogether, 5 is the same as 3 and 2", "Altogether, 5 is the same as 4 and 1" etc.
- **Gaeilge:** Bua na Cainte (instructions near end of this file). Go to An Teilifís and complete the activities in Ceacht 5. Then complete Bua na Cainte pg 38. New vocab bó=cow, lao=calf, caora=sheep, uan=lamb, muc=pig, banbh=piglet. This link can help with pronunciation. Just type the word into the grey box.
<https://www.teanglann.ie/en/fuaim/buic%C3%A9ad>
- **Writing:** Creative Writing copy. Write a list of what they would buy at a Garden Centre in their creative writing copies. (Chat about the list first. Use your sounds, mistakes are allowed, this is not formal writing, the emphasis here is on writing for fun ☺. Draw pictures at the top to accompany his/her writing).
- **Phonics:** New sound 'ou'. Read the 'ou' story (attached at the bottom of this file) to your child. Get them to practice the action and the sound. Just phonics book pg 72. Revise sounds strip.
- **Music:** Sing along and perform the actions to the Jolly Phonics songs by clicking on the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2HYM9VXz9k>
- **Reading:** Continue to encourage your child to read a storybook every day. Keep a record of what your child reads during the school closure on their reading log (sent last week). Practice their tricky word list (attached).
- New sight words 'my' and 'by'. Play the game on the website below and then complete pg 93 in their Over the Moon book. See the sight words ideas sheet attached at the end of this file.
- Our English plan is based on the 'Over the Moon' scheme by Gill Education.
 - Go to this address <https://www.gillexplore.ie/products>
 - Then select 'Primary titles', English, Junior infants.
 - Click on the Over the Moon Junior Infants book.
 - After that you need to go to 'All Chapters' and select Unit 7.
 - Scroll down and click on 'Oral Language & Interactive resources'. Have your child play the 'Balloon Pop' game today to revise their sight words.
 - **PE:** 'Active Home Week' - If you are participating. Choose 4 activities from 'Ideas word cloud' which is on the Active School Flag page of the school website and fill it in on your challenge chart. (This chart can be typed on, which might make it easier to email back to me on May 3rd when 'Active Home Week' ends. There is no need to print off the challenge chart).

Tuesday:

- **Maths:** Planet Maths pg 116. Use the same vocab as yesterday. Play this online maths game for free. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/mental-maths-train> . Click on the + symbol and select 'Up to 10 – one more'. Your child could make a number line from 1-10 to help them play the game.
- **Gaeilge:** Follow the instructions to download Bua na Cainte (near end of this file). Go to An Teilifís and complete the activities in Ceacht 6. If you can't download it I have alternative activities for Irish at the end of this file on the page titled 'Gaeilge'.
- **Handwriting:** All Write Now big book pg 48 (ou).
- **Phonics:** Revise sounds on sounds strip. Especially 'ou'.
- **English:** Over the Moon pg 91. Sound out the -et words. Play the corresponding game on the website below.
- Go to this address <https://www.gillexplore.ie/products>
 - Then select 'Primary titles', English, Junior infants.
 - Click on the Over the Moon Junior Infants book.
 - After that you need to go to 'All Chapters' and select Unit 7.
 - Scroll down and click on 'Oral Language & Interactive resources'. Have your child play the 'Odd One Out' game today to revise their sight words.
- **Reading:** Continue to encourage your child to read a storybook every day. Fill in their reading log from last week. Practice their tricky word list (attached).
- **SPHE:** Name a variety of feelings and talk about situations where these may be experienced. Explore the variety of ways in which feelings are expressed and coped with. SPHE copy - complete the two pages I had headings on 'Draw a time when you felt happy/angry/sad/nervous'.
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Wednesday:

- **Maths:** Planet Maths pg 117. Play this online maths game for free. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/mental-maths-train> . Click on the + symbol and select 'Up to 10 – one more'. Your child could make a number line from 1-10 to help them play the game.
- **Gaeilge:** Follow the instructions to download Bua na Cainte (near end of this file). Go to An Teilifís and complete the activities in Ceacht 7. If you can't

download it I have alternative activities for Irish at the end of this file on the page titled 'Gaeilge'.

- **Handwriting:** Jolly Phonics 1 (white book) pg 35.
- **Phonics:** Revise sounds on sounds strip.
- **English:** Vowel sounds. Watch this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fR-BLFZyAWs> .Over the Moon pg 95. Write the middle missing vowel sound in each word. Use their sounds strip to help. Play the corresponding game on the website below.
 - Go to this address <https://www.gillexplore.ie/products>
 - Then select 'Primary titles', English, Junior infants.
 - Click on the Over the Moon Junior Infants book.
 - After that you need to go to 'All Chapters' and select Unit 7.
 - Scroll down and click on 'Oral Language & Interactive resources'. Have your child play the 'Middle Sounds' game today to revise their sight words.
- **Reading:** Read the story 'The Farmer and his Sons' to your child (attached below). Fill this in on their reading log. Practice their tricky word list (attached).
- **History:** Discuss the meaning of first, next, last. Recap on the story. Draw pictures to sequence the story 'The Farmer and his Sons' on the sheet attached at the end. (If you don't have a printer your child could write the following sentence into their SESE copy 'Hard work brings its own reward' and draw a picture of the farmer and his sons in the picture area).
- **PE:** 'Active Home Week' - If you are participating. Choose 4 activities from 'Ideas word cloud' and fill it in on your challenge chart.

Thursday:

- **Maths:** Planet Maths pg 118. Play this online maths game for free. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/mental-maths-train>. Click on the + symbol and select 'Up to 10 - one more'.
- **Gaeilge:** Download Bua na Cainte (instructions near end of this file). Go to An Teilifís and click on the symbol of a book to access 'Scéal - An Feirmeoir'. Listen to the story. If you can't download it I have alternative activities for Irish at the end of this file on the page titled 'Gaeilge'.
- **Handwriting:** Jolly Phonics Pupil Book 1 (white book) pgs 36.
- **Phonics:** Revise sounds on sounds strip. Over the Moon pg 99 (middle sounds).
- **Reading:** Continue to encourage your child to read a storybook every day. Fill in their reading log. Practice their tricky word list (attached).
- **Geography:** Discuss the work of the farmer. Discuss certain crops that are grown on farms with an adult. Are any being grown near you? Distinguish

between fruit and veg. Gather fruit and veg from your house. Sort them into two groups 'Fruit' and 'Vegetables'. Can you name all the different fruit and vegetables you have gathered? What is your favourite/least favourite in each category? Why?

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Friday:

- **Maths:** Planet Maths pg 119. Play this online maths game for free. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/mental-maths-train>. Click on the + symbol and select 'Up to 10 - one more'.
- **Music:** Sing along and perform the actions to the Jolly Phonics songs by clicking on the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2HYM9VXz9k>
- **Phonics:** Revise sounds on their sounds strip. Play a phonics game from their coloured laminated sheet in homework folder.
- **English:** Over the Moon pg 100. Problems and resolutions.
- **Reading:** Continue to encourage your child to read a storybook every day. Fill in their reading log. Practice their tricky word list and sound strip.
- **Religion:** Grow in Love workbook pgs 44+45. Discuss with your child that we can pray anywhere at all, but that church is a special place to pray.
- **Geography/Art:** Colour in the fruit and vegetable dictionary sheets attached. Can you name them all? (If you can't print have your child draw these into their SESE copy and colour in/label).
- **PE:** 'Active Home Week' - If you are participating. Choose 4 activities from 'Ideas word cloud' and fill it in on your challenge chart. Please email me back the chart if possible when you are finished as we will be submitting these charts when applying for our Active School Flag. If you printed it please keep a copy of it for when we return to school.

Aistear: (Not compulsory).

Remember lots of learning in the infant classes is done through play.

Our Aistear theme this week is 'The Farmers' Market', the children could recreate the stations that we had in the classroom for Aistear! (Choose one a day etc.).

1. Playdough: Making fruit and vegetables.
2. Roleplay: At the Farmers' Market (shopkeeper, customer etc.).
3. Art: Draw fruit in a fruit bowl. Printing with fruit and vegetables (Put paint on some fruit and vegetables and make prints onto paper e.g. corn on the cob, cut an orange or lemon in half etc.
4. Puzzles: Assembling various jigsaws based on the farm.

Art: (Not compulsory - pick and choose from these suggestions).

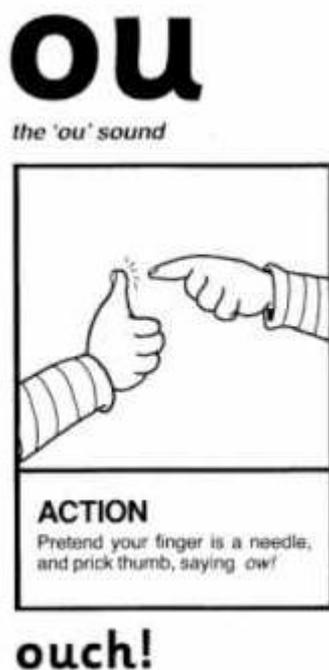
- Learn how to draw fruit on this website
http://www.hellokids.com/r_694/drawing-for-kids/drawing-lessons-for-kids/how-to-draw-fruits
- Try something here or go to Pinterest.com and search for Fruit and vegetables crafts/art for kids. Linked to the Aistear theme of 'The Farmer' Market'.



'Ou' Story.

Emily has gone to stay at her grandmother's house. Emily's grandmother does a lot of sewing. Emily asks if she can do some sewing, too. Her grandmother gets out a piece of cloth from her sewing basket. Emily has found a reel of black cotton and her grandmother helps her to thread the needle. She sits down on the couch and does a few stitches. Then, as she pushes the needle through, she pricks her thumb. She frowns and shouts "ou! ou! That hurt!" "You must be careful, Emily," says her grandmother. By the end of her visit, Emily has done a lot of sewing. She is much better at it now, and she has made a little mat as a present for her parents. She has embroidered a brown owl on it.

Action: Pretend your finger is a needle and prick thumb saying ou, ou, ou.



Phonics:

- Continue getting your child to practice their sounds on their sounds strip daily.
- Make words and sound them out using their sounds cards. Play the phonics games on the coloured laminated card they have in their Homework folder.
- The Jolly Phonics App may be beneficial at this time also please get your child to sing along and perform the actions to the Jolly Phonics songs by clicking on the following link or googling 'Jolly Phonics songs' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2HYM9VXz9k> . So far the Junior Infants have learned as far as the ou sound

Sight Words Ideas.

Junior Infants.

Put them on post-its around the house. Each time your child sees it say the word.

Find the tricky words in books.

my

Write the words in sand/flour/rice

Put the words into sentences

by

Make the words using playdough

Paint the words

Play X's and O's

	by	my
	by	
my		

Play 'matching pairs' or 'snap' with the words

Junior Infants - 'Tricky Words'

Revision:

the	was	she	I
we	me	said	to
he	be	are	all
do	they	you	your

New words:

March words

come	some	here	there
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April words

that	one	my	by
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May words

go	no	so	like
for	have		

June words

give	live
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Revise all the words covered this year again.

The Farmer and His Sons

One day, there was an old farmer who had worked hard all his life. He was very ill. He had three sons. He wanted them to be good farmers.

He said to them, "There is a treasure in my land. Promise me that you will look for it."

Sadly, the father died. The sons looked for the treasure. They dug and dug the soil.



"What will we find?" they said to each other.

Soon, they had dug up all of the land. They had not found any treasure. They were upset.

"All that hard work for nothing!" they said.

But the crops began to grow in the soil that they had dug. They sold the crops and made a lot of money.

Now, they knew what their father had meant by the great treasure.

The sons worked hard on the land and lived happily ever after.

Hard work brings its own reward.



The Farmer and His Sons

Name _____

Date _____

What is the setting?

Who is the main character?



What happens first?

What happens next?

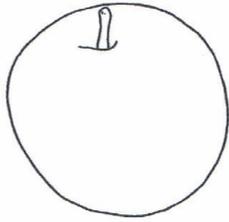
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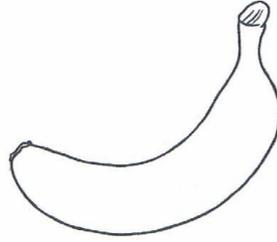
Fruit Dictionary

Colouring sheet

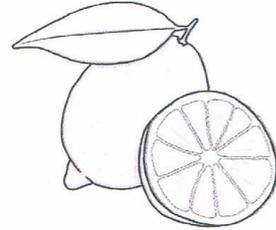
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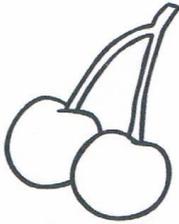
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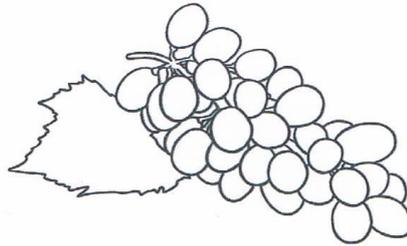
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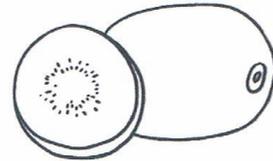
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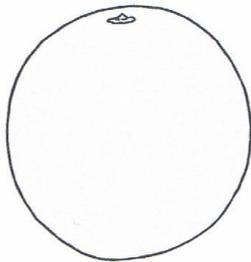
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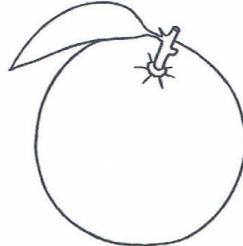
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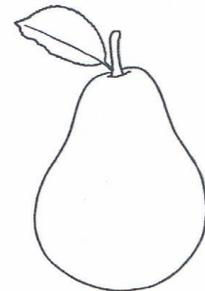
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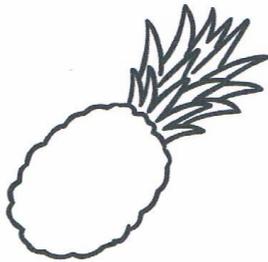
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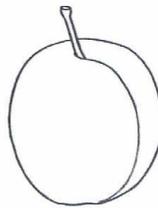
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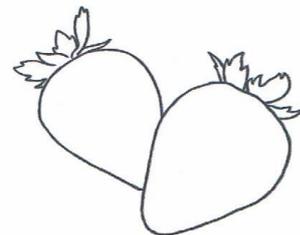
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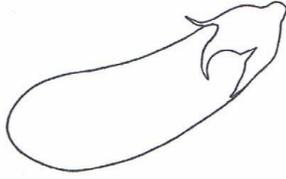


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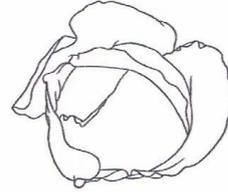
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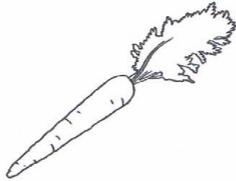
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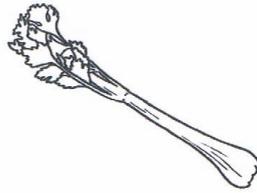
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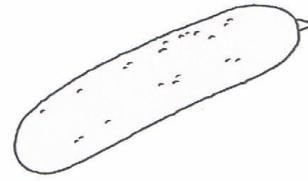
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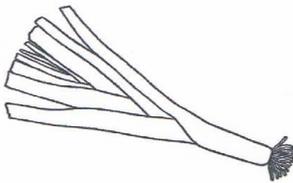
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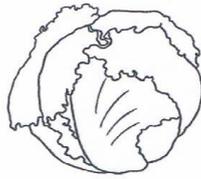
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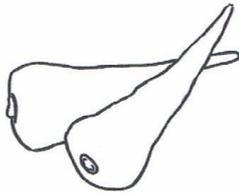
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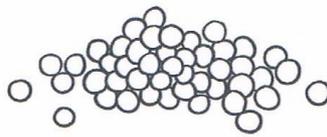
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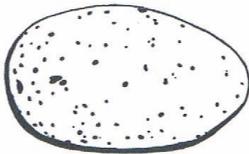
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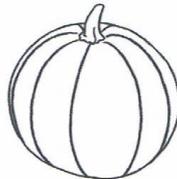
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pepper



potato



pumpkin



tomato

Gaeilge:

This year we are following the Junior Infant Bua na Cainte programme. You can download the programme (if you wish).

Please note that Bua na Cainte works on PC and Mac computers only.

To access Bua na Cainte's interactive programme at home, for a limited period, please follow the instructions below.

1. Go to www.edco.ie/bua
2. Select the file which suits your computer:
PC or MAC
3. Select the Class Level you require, and then click on it to start a download of the file.
4. Once the download has completed, click on the file to install and follow the on-screen instructions.
5. A Bua na Cainte icon will appear on your desktop. Once you select this icon a login page will open where you will need to enter the details included below.

The login details below can be used for all class levels.

Login: trial
Password: trial

If you can't download Bua na Cainte your child can do this instead:

- **Monday:** Pg 38 Bua na Cainte workbook. Look at the pictures. New vocab bó=cow, lao=calf, caora=sheep, uan=lamb, muc=pig, banbh=piglet. This link can help with pronunciation. Just type the word into the grey box.
<https://www.teanglann.ie/en/fuaim/buic%C3%A9ad>
Point at an animal. Can they say its name? You call out the Irish word. Can they point to the animal?
- **Tuesday:** Revise what they did yesterday.
- **Wednesday:** In your child's Gaeilge copy have them draw the animals they have been learning about in the picture part of the next page. Label each animal in Irish - bó=cow, lao=calf, caora=sheep, uan=lamb, muc=pig, banbh=piglet.
- **Thursday:** Scéal - An Coileach Codlatach. Listen to the story on this link.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWiVU1PKYms>

Accessing Twinkl:

Contains a wide variety of resources like worksheets, stories, powerpoints covering all the different subject areas.

**Signing up for our
School Closure Offer**

STEP 1:
Go to www.twinkl.ie/offer

STEP 2:
**Enter your e-mail address and
create a password.**

STEP 3:
**Enter the Offer Code
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Extra suggestions:

Some Useful websites: **Many of these websites are free or are offering a free trial month** . There is a longer list of websites on our school website too.

Literacy:

- <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/> (Free ebooks for your child to read).
- <https://readingeggs.co.uk/>
- <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/?fbclid=IwAR23cbA8zWwoa-JmSZVnIJIb-tXQUx3XCnDOiTURcK3rec-ZKbuBR9uwxA> (free audio stories).

Maths websites:

- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> (Maths games website).
- <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>