

Junior Infants Plan of Work

15/6/20-19/6/20

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was lovely to connect with so many of you last week and to hear that you are all keeping well. It's great to know that the children are all in good spirits. Encourage them to keep up the reading and maybe when the holidays come they could start to write a Summer Diary, it would be a nice way for them to remember the holidays and to keep practising their free writing skills until we are back to school.

The daily challenges are being continued again this week. The theme for this week is 'Minibeasts'. ☺

You will notice that for SPHE lessons this week I have included the topic of Farm Safety. In light of the time of the year, and with the children being at home, I feel that these lessons are important for the children to engage with.

Please contact me on my email address if you have any queries or concerns
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Keep safe everyone and keep up the great work,

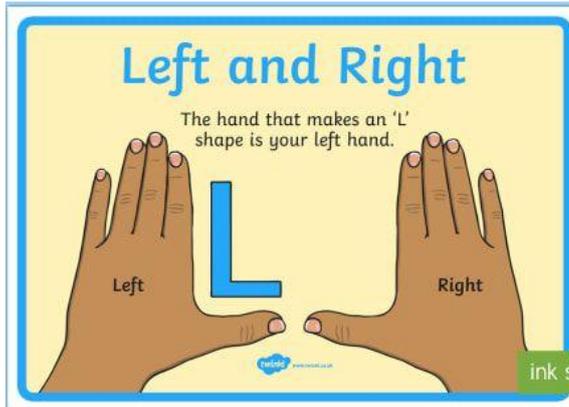
Catherine O'Brien ☺

Monday:

- **Maths:** Listen to this song about left and right.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9MLhGmyPko>

Encourage your child to dance along to the song. Play the song a few times so they become familiar with it. A tip that helps the children remember their left hand is that they can make a perfect L using their thumb and index finger on their left hand (see the picture below). If they did this with their right hand it would be a backwards L. Complete Maths Sheet 1 (attached below).



- **Phonics:** Revise all sounds on their sounds strip.
- **Dictation:** Call out the sounds (below) and have your child write them on a whiteboard/blackboard/in sand/on paper etc. Watch out for reversals or incorrect letter formation. Then get them to write the words below (encourage them to 'sound out' the word while writing).
Sounds: z,w,ng,v,oo.
Words: zoo, win, van, book, long, ring.
- **Reading:** Practice their tricky words by playing the fun game 'Swat the word' (Flashcards of the words are attached on the school website in the Junior Infants section. Or if you'd prefer to use less ink you could write your own flashcards). Here is a video demonstrating how to play 'Swat the word'. We played it in school. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7CEM4aBPnc>
- **Science:** This week we will be learning all about minibeasts. Minibeasts are small animals that do not have an internal skeleton such as insects. Click on the following links to engage with some fun powerpoints about minibeasts. These are on the twinkl website. (The instructions on how to join Twinkl for free are on the last page of this file. Twinkl is an excellent website with lots of resources for your child.) <https://www.twinkl.ie/resource/t2-s-1165-insects-photo-powerpoint>
- <https://www.twinkl.ie/resource/t-t-5144-minibeasts-videos-powerpoint>
- <https://www.twinkl.ie/resource/t-t-10417-minibeast-what-can-you-see-powerpoint>



- **Mindfulness Monday:** Take some time to relax by listening to this guided visualisation - <https://soundcloud.com/user-547419318/woodland-walk-visualisation-for-children-guided-by-nuala> . This week your visualisation takes you to the woods. Lots of minibeasts live in the woods. ☺

Tuesday:

- **Maths:** Revise the song about left and right again today.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9MLhGmyPko>
Encourage your child to dance along to the song. Play the song a few times so they become familiar with it. Complete Maths Sheet 2 (attached below).
- **Phonics:** Revise all sounds on their sounds strip.
- **Dictation:** (Same instructions as Monday).
Sounds: y,x,ch,sh,th.
Words: fox, chop, ship, that, yet, box. (Send me a picture).
- **Reading:** Play 'Swat the word'. Listen to this story about a ladybird.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jr3ha03MsK0>
- **Science:** Complete the 'Marvellous Minibeasts' sheet (attached below).
- **SPHE: Farm Safety.** Chat about the information on this link with your child.
<http://www.agrikids.ie/perch/resources/discussion-sheet-animal-behaviour-signs-infants.pdf> .Then complete the animal behaviour sheet (attached on the school website in the Junior Infants section).
- **Talented Tuesday:** Choose an activity from the Art section (below)
Email me a picture if you like.

Wednesday:

- **Maths:** Revise the song about left and right again.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9MLhGmyPko>
- Direct your child around your house/garden e.g. "Walk forward, stop, turn left, walk forward, stop, turn right walk forward, stop, turn around, walk forward, stop". You could give them directions from the table to the sink etc. If they are getting confused encourage them to use the L trick with their left hand. Have them direct you around the house/garden so that they become familiar with using directional language.
- **Phonics:** Revise all sounds on their sounds strip.
- **Dictation:** (Same instructions as Monday).
Sounds: qu, ou, oi, ue, er, ar.
Words: queen, out, oil, fuel, fern, car.



- **Reading:** Play 'Swat the Word'. Listen to this story 'Diary of a Spider'.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=et9oHM62UF4>
- **Work it out Wednesdays:** Create a pitfall trap to see what insects are in your own garden. Here is a helpful video to show you how you can create a pitfall trap. ☺ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNo_7qZwrgk It might be best to leave it out overnight. (**Send me a picture of the insects you find**).
- **Science:** Go on a minibeast hunt in your garden or at the park. If you have a magnifying glass bring it with you. Bring your 'Minibeast Hunt' sheet and a pencil with you. Tick the minibeast you find. Search under rocks, in soil, in grass, on leaves or the bark of a tree etc. Have fun!! ☺ Don't forget to tick off any insects you found in your pitfall trap.

Thursday:

- **Maths:** Complete Maths Sheet 3. Play the directions game from yesterday again.
- **SPHE: Farm Safety.** Chat about the information on this link with your child.
<http://www.agrikids.ie/perch/resources/discussion-sheet-farmyard-safety-infants-1.pdf> . After your chat play these online games with your child
http://www.agrikids.ie/gamezone/Safety_Farm/safety_farm.html **and**
http://www.agrikids.ie/gamezone/Safety_Signs/safety_signs.html
- **Phonics:** Revise all sounds on their sounds strip.
- **Reading:** Play 'Swat the Word'. Listen to or read the story yourself - "I Love Bugs!" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGxI6v-kIOY>
- **Writing:** Write some facts about your favourite minibeast into your SESE copy. Get an adult to help you. Draw a picture of your favourite minibeast to accompany your writing. (**Send me a picture**).
- **Tour Thursday:** Today we are going to go on a virtual tour to a farm. We will be learning about good bugs and bad bugs.
Click on this link - <https://vimeo.com/407022878>

Friday:

- **Maths:** Revise the 'Guess the number' game. Your child may use their number line to help them. Say "I am a number that is smaller than 4." Or "I am a number that comes between 5 and 7". Or "I am a number that is bigger than 5 but smaller than 8?". Your child can then ask you questions or have a guess.



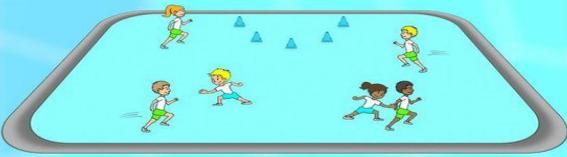
- **SPHE: Farm Safety.** Chat about the information on this link with your child.
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<http://www.agrikids.ie/gamezone/off-to-work/index.html>
- **Phonics:** Revise all sounds on their sounds strip.
- **Reading:** Play 'Swat the Word'. Listen to this story 'Superworm'. It is written by one of our favourite authors, Julia Donaldson. ☺
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G29aCmy6Gzk>
- **Science:** Complete the sheet 'Earthworm' attached below. **(Email me a picture)**
- **Fitness Fridays:** Continuing on with the minibeast theme ☺
- Check out this fun video on creating your own 'Spider Race'. (A dry erase or whiteboard marker works best)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=T-kBBRutFU&feature=emb_logo



Quick warm up games

'Waspital'

› Avoid getting stung by the wasps



Setup 

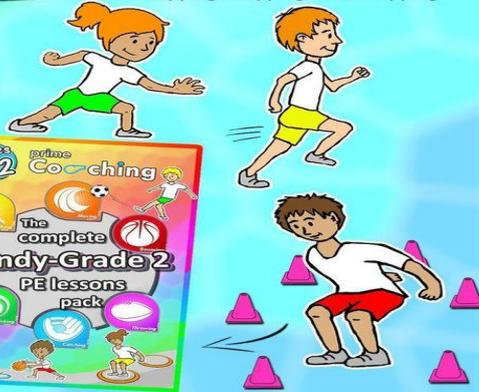
- › Choose 2 kids to be 'wasps' (taggers)
- › The rest of the class spread out around the playing area
- › Mark out a small area with cones to be the 'waspital'

Gameplay 

- › Each kid has 2 'band-aids' (2 hands)
- 1. Kids try to avoid getting 'stung' (tagged) by the 'wasps'
- 2. If tagged, put a 'band-aid' (hand) on where you got 'stung'
- 3. Keep running around, holding your hand where you got tipped (if tagged a 2nd time, put your other hand on that spot)
- 4. When you run out of band-aids (2 lives), go to WASTITAL
- 5. In waspital (coned area), you must do a challenge to get out:
 - › 10 star jumps or frog jumps
 - › 10 seconds running on the spot
 - › Balance on 1 leg for 10 seconds

Variations 

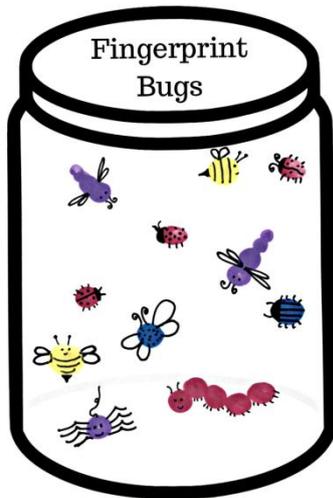
- › Change the method of movement:
 - skipping...hopping...side-stepping



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Art

Some minibeast crafts like the ones below might be fun to make.



www.messylittlemonster.com



Invitation To Create
Build A Bug
www.CuttingTinyBites.com



Free Printable
Walking Ant Puppets
kidscraftroom.com



PLAYDOUGH
bug fossils

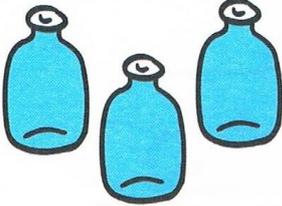


Video on how to make the walking ant puppet: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvOwmR-3S8c>

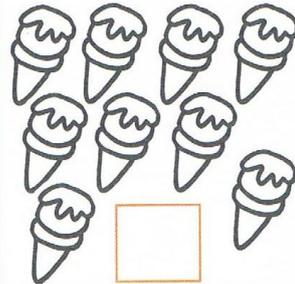
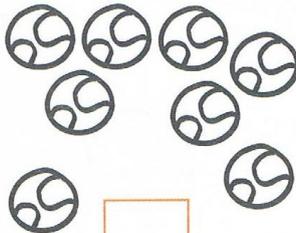
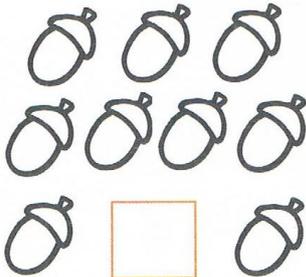
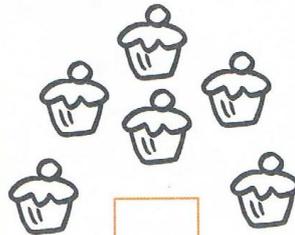
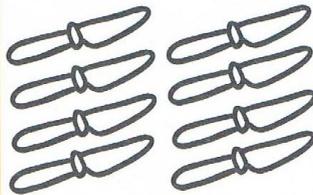
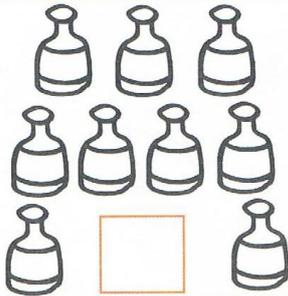
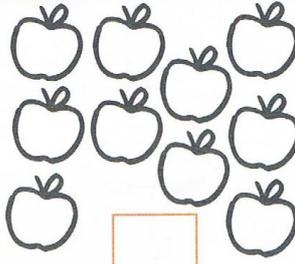
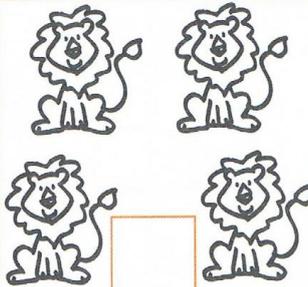
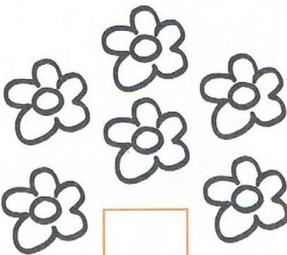
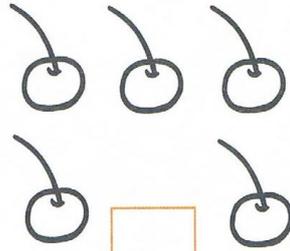
Maths Sheet 1.

Count

Count the objects. Write the correct number.
Colour.



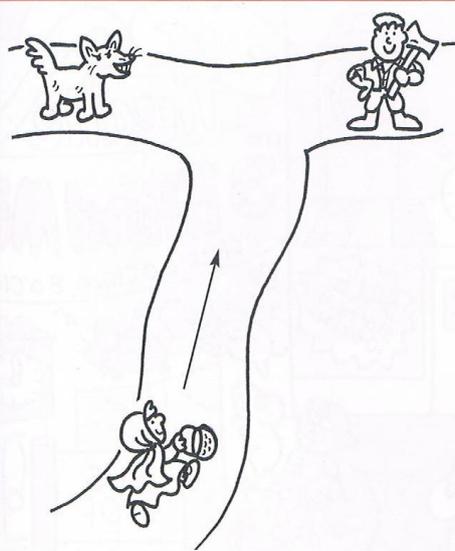
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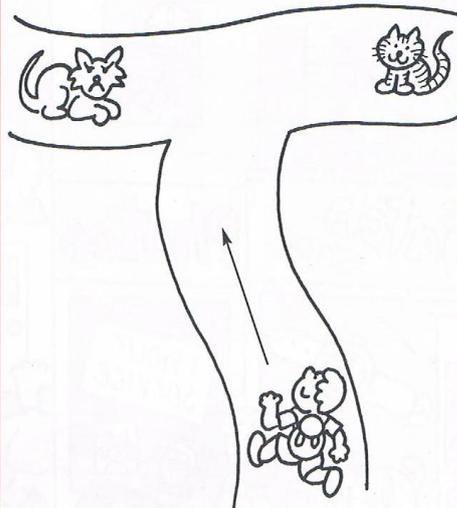
Maths Sheet 2.

LOCATING

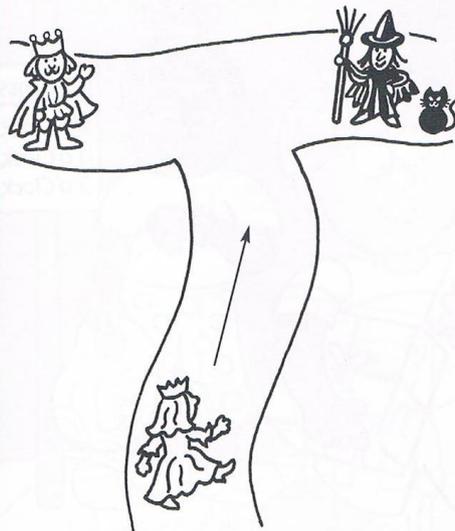
A Follow the path. Colour what they meet.



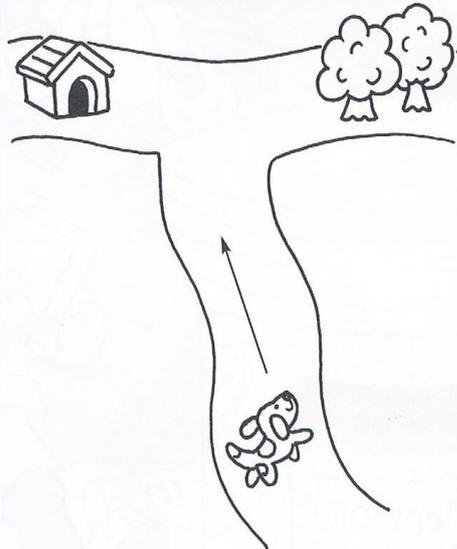
Turn left



Turn right



Turn right



Turn left

Maths Sheet 3.

Add

Add. Use the number strip.



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$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \text{ } \bullet\bullet\bullet \\ + 4 \text{ } \bullet\bullet\bullet \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \text{ } \bullet\bullet\bullet \\ + 4 \text{ } \bullet\bullet\bullet \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \text{ } \bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet \\ + 1 \text{ } \bullet \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Marvellous Minibeasts.

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Name the minibeasts.

snail spider butterfly fly caterpillar
ant woodlouse bee ladybird



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s _____



w _____



c _____



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a _____



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b _____

Minibeast Hunt.

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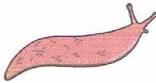
Tick the minibeasts that you have found!



spider



woodlouse



slug



butterfly



beetle



wasp



crane fly
(daddy-long-legs)



ladybird



earwig



dragonfly



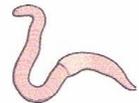
snail



ant



millipede



worm



fly



caterpillar



bee

Earthworm.



Earthworm

An earthworm has no arms, legs, eyes or teeth.
An earthworm lives in the soil and lays eggs.



Draw and name two other creatures that lay eggs.





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