

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are keeping safe and well during these times. This letter aims to give you an idea of the structure of your child's school work for the coming weeks and how to complete it. If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at juniorinfants.urlingfordns@gmail.com. I understand that these are difficult times for everyone so if I can be of any help please contact me.

Your child's school work will be uploaded to Aladdin every morning at 8.30am. It will include English, Maths and one other subject or activity. English and Maths will be kept relatively similar every day. There will be links for various activities which you can click into. I will have double checked all of the links before uploading them but **please remember to supervise your child when watching videos online**. The bag which you have collected from school includes:

-Sounds Like Phonics Book.

-Busy at Maths Book.

-Pencil case.

-Play-doh (can be used to play with/make letters and numbers etc.)

-Booklet of worksheets (I will inform you when and what pages to complete!)

-Sound bag (some of you have this at home in homework folders so it won't be included in the bag)

Outline of work.

English:

Sound Like Phonics Workbook:

I will outline on Aladdin when and what page to complete. There is also an interactive platform available to complement the pages being completed. I will make this link available to you on Aladdin. It is not necessary to do the online interactive activities but I will make it available to you if you wish to use it.

Sound Bag:

This contains the letter sounds which we have covered to date. We will revise all of these sounds for the month of January. If you find that practising the sounds becomes mundane your child could play games with the sounds. For example: put three or four letters in front of your child. Ask them to close their eyes. Take a letter (or two) away. Your child has to guess which letter was taken. It would also be a good idea to practise blending letter sounds to make words i.e. sounding out words. You can keep it simple, 2 or 3 letter words are perfect to start practising. Your child could also pick a letter and make it using their play-doh.

Tricky Words:

Our 'Tricky Words' are the front cover of the booklet. These are words which have to be learned off. They can't be sounded out therefore making them tricky! I will list which words should be covered as part of your child's work. We have covered some of these in school already so your child will be familiar with them.

Starfall:

This is a website which will be used to revise the sounds. I will link each sound every day.

Shared Reading (Raz-Plus):

This is the Reading platform which we have been using as part of homework. You can read a book from Raz-Plus to your child. Your child can also listen to the story as well as being read to. If you have trouble logging on or have lost the log in details then please contact me and I will re-send them.

Other activities:

I may list other activities to be completed such as 'think of words that rhyme with _____'. 'Count the syllables in the word _____'. These are activities which we have been doing in school so they should be familiar with them.

Maths:**Busy at Maths:**

Your child has 2 books for Maths. I will refer to them as Busy at Maths (big book) and Busy at Maths (small book) when setting work. There are also interactives for each page which I will include but it is not necessary to complete it. However, they do love participating in these interactive activities in school!

Number Games:

I will include a link for a number game daily. They love doing these in class!!

Booklet:

I have included a booklet of sheets for English, Maths and SESE (History/Geog/Science). Our 'Tricky Words' are the front cover of the booklet. Following this are other worksheets. I have numbered these pages starting from 1. You will find the page number on the top righthand

corner. I have not numbered the tricky word pages. There are other games separate to the booklet titled 'Roll and Colour' which will be completed over the coming weeks. When it comes to completing these don't worry about using a dice. Instead, you can write the numbers 1-6 on a page and cut them up. You can turn them upside down so your child can't see the numbers!

Please remember all of the learning that also happens outside of this structured school work. Using jigsaws, lego, paint, drawing, colouring, playing with siblings, being outside and being read to are all important aspects of a holistic education, especially for Junior Infants.

I would love to see some of your child's work during the week! Feel free to send some pictures or PDF's on through Aladdin Connect! It would be a great way of keeping contact and would also allow me to give feedback. Our first Zoom meeting will be on Wednesday 13th January at 11am. I hope to see as many from the class as possible participate and I'm sure the children will be delighted to see their classmates. Protocols for Zoom meetings will be outlined in the letter from Mr. Dunphy and I will notify you of the meetings through Aladdin.

Keep safe and best wishes,

Ms. Ahern.