

11 January 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are well.

We find ourselves heading back into distance learning again and although it is not what any of us wish for, it is where we are. It is important that the progress made since September is maintained and built upon.

Work will be uploaded to Aladdin every morning at 8.30am. The majority of this work will be done in the books and copies returned recently. It will include English, Maths and one other subject.

Fortunately, the Raz Plus reading scheme has been put in place in our school and it is vital that reading be practised every day. There is a facility on Raz Plus to record your child reading which I would encourage you to do each school day. If you cannot access the Raz Plus please contact me at the email below and I will try to sort it.

As you know, the internet is not always the safest place for children and it is strongly recommended that children should not have access to the internet without supervision, for their own safety. All of the links I will be sending are child friendly, however watch out for ads and suggested videos on YouTube.

Our first Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 10am. I hope to see as many from the class as possible and I'm sure the children will be delighted to see their classmates.

The Aladdin homework page has the option to send completed work back to me as a photo or pdf. This is optional; however, it is a great way to keep regular contact between home and school and it also allows me to give feedback which enhances progress.

Using jigsaws, Lego, painting, drawing, colouring, playing with siblings, being outside and being read to are all important aspects of a holistic education.

If you have any queries or would like to get in contact please email me at [seniorinfants.urlingfordns@gmail.com](mailto:seniorinfants.urlingfordns@gmail.com).

Stay safe,

Mr Doyle.

## English

### **B2 copy; small handwriting copy with red and blue lines.**

Use this copy to practise letter formation. One letter each day with about 6 – 8 letters per line. Please ensure that the letter is written as closely as possible to the example.

The following link demonstrates how each letter is formed;

Letter Formation plane - <http://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/skyWriter/index.html>

### **Project writing copy.**

I will give a word to be put into a short sentence each day eg “cat”. The sentence can be written out for him/ her and he/ she can copy it carefully into their copy. A suitable sentence might be “The cat is in the car.” Don’t forget to skip a line.

When the page is full, after 2/3 days he/ she can draw a picture at the top of the page to go with one or all of the sentences.

### **Jolly Phonics.**

2 or 3 words will be prescribed each day. Get your child to sound out the word, say the word and put it into a sentence. (No need to write it down unless your child wishes to.)

### **Reading.**

Reading is very important, especially reading aloud, and it is necessary to keep practising it with Raz Plus. There is a huge range of books available to your child and he/she can choose a book to read each day.

There is a facility to record your child reading which will then be forwarded to me. When he/ she has opened a book, click on the microphone icon and then press the ‘record’ button and start reading. When he/ she is finished the book and clicked on “Done” the recording will automatically be forwarded to me.

## Maths

Busy at Maths. When your child has to do a page in the book there is a corresponding interactive page online. The following link will lead you to it. To get to the appropriate page change the number ‘51’ in the link to the page number required.

<http://data.cjfallon.ie/resources/19602/activity-51/index.html>

## **Senior Infant Work Booklet;**

The photocopied sheets in this booklet are for SESE, Maths and English. The pages to be done will be included in the work each day.

## **Gaeilge**

As a number of people had difficulty accessing Bua na Cainte during the last Lockdown we have decided to leave the teaching of Irish for the three weeks of January. If remote learning continues after that time we will review how best to teach Irish.