

Home Learning for 4th class

If your child is well but needs to be absent from school for COVID-19 reasons e.g. if they have been asked to self-isolate, if they are awaiting a COVID test or test results; please find below some ideas for work to do during this time.

LITERACY

Reading - read every day and talk about what you are reading.

- Read the next chapter of Starlight at home.
<https://www.folens.ie/books-and-programmes/primary/starlight/digital-resources/4th>
- Read your class novel
- Read as many books as you can.
- Read aloud in different ways. Use a funny voice (squeaky, growly), a different accent or different emotions (angry, sad, excited).
- Reading scavenger hunts (see below)
- Time yourself reading a page aloud.
- Record yourself reading a page aloud.

Writing

- Answer the comprehension questions from Starlight in your copy.
- Complete the vocabulary, grammar and writing skills exercises from Starlight in your copy.
- New Wave English - continue on and do one a day.
- Choose a writing genre that you have talked about in school; recount, report, procedural, narrative, explanation or persuasive. Revise it. Make a plan and write something. Use the writing prompts below if you need some ideas. (Also see writing prompt link in online activities)
- Write about a favourite character you've been reading about.
- Write a blurb or a summary of your favourite book or story.
- Research something you're interested in and do a project on it, e.g. a country, an animal, a sport, a historical event etc. (See tips below)
- Keep a diary of your time off school.
- Write a poem about the season we are in. Use lots of descriptive language.

NUMERACY

- Online access to Busy at Maths 4 is still available throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. You can pick up where you left off in class.
<http://my.cjfallon.ie>
- New Wave Mental Maths - do a test a day
- TABLES - Now is a great opportunity to revise and learn multiplication and division tables. Get someone to test you. Play 'Buzz' with the family. Practice counting up in 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 6s, 7s etc.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make up your own sums. Generate random big numbers (2, 3 or 4-digit) by rolling a dice or picking from a pack of playing cards, to make addition, subtraction, multiplication or division sums. Check your answers on a calculator. • Try the Daily 10 every day on topmarks. (See link in online activities) 	
GAEILGE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Léigh sa Bhaile - continue reading a page a day. • TG4/Cúla 4 na nÓG - watch some Nuacht or cartoons in Irish www.Tg4.ie 	
ART & CRAFT	PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junk art - make something out of the things in your recycling bin. • Draw and paint or colour the view from your bedroom window. • Do crayon or pencil rubbings of some different textures from around the house and garden e.g. rough wall, grooves, bumpy surfaces, wood grain, leaves, pathway etc. • Sketch a self-portrait in front of the mirror. • Do some mindful colouring. • Upcycle - make a new outfit for a doll or teddy out of something old and unwanted. • Sketch your favourite toy. • Illustrate a scene or character from your favourite book or story. 	<p>Design an obstacle course in your back garden. Here are some ideas for it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prop a broom across two buckets and jump over it or crawl under it. ➤ Lay down a skipping rope and walk across it like a tightrope. ➤ Throw beanbags or tennis balls into a bucket from a distance. ➤ Place balls or even stuffed toys in a line to create slaloms that you can run or walk backwards through. ➤ Do 10 skips or hula-hoops. ➤ Bounce a basketball 10 times. ➤ Do 10 scissors jumps. ➤ Remember to stretch before and after! <p>Try some yoga on https://www.cosmickids.com/ Keep up your dance moves with https://www.gonoodle.com/</p>
ONLINE ACTIVITES	
<p>Maths online activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.oxfordowl.co.uk • www.topmarks.co.uk • www.splashlearn.com • https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10 	<p>English online activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.oxfordowl.co.uk • http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/writing-prompts/

Writing Genres

<p>Recount</p> <p>A sequential retelling of events, eg a diary entry, newspaper report, factual story based on people or events.</p>	<p>Instructions and Procedures</p> <p>Guides the reader by stating how to do or make something, or how to take care of something, eg a recipe, a set of instructions for playing a game.</p>	<p>Narrative</p> <p>Generally a fictitious story although may be based on fact. Can be written in different genres, eg traditional tale, adventure, science fiction, historical.</p>
<p>Report</p> <p>Describes what something is or was like and provides information about it, eg a leaflet, a report on a school project, a letter, news report.</p>	<p>Explanation</p> <p>Explains how or why something happens or works. Eg presentation slides to explain how a bicycle works, a written explanation of what causes the seasons.</p>	<p>Persuasion</p> <p>Presents an argument for a particular point of view. Eg a letter to convince a council to keep the local swimming pool open, advertisement, leaflets, brochures, posters.</p>

Writing prompts

<p><u>Recount</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a recount of your last birthday. • Write a recount of your best day ever. • Write a recount of a day where everything went wrong. 	<p><u>Procedural</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write out the procedure for making your favourite sandwich or snack. • Write out the procedure for how to make a paper plane. 	<p><u>Narrative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Giant Box • The day I shrank to the size of a beetle. • My pet alligator • The best birthday present ever!
<p><u>Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a report about an interesting animal. • Write a report about life in another country. • Write a report about a famous sportsperson. 	<p><u>Explanation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the lifecycle of the butterfly. • Explain the water cycle. • Explain how to send a text. 	<p><u>Persuasive</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which is better, winter or summer? Why? • Which is better, giant muscles or incredible speed? Why?

Reading Scavenger Hunts 4th class

Word hunt 1

Choose a page in your book and find a word with 1 letter, 2 letters and so on; e.g.

I,

be,

now,

four,

house, etc.

See you high you can go.

Word hunt 2

Open a page in your book.

Try to find a word beginning with every letter of the alphabet.

Word hunt 5

Open a page in your book. Set a timer.

Find a/an:

- Verb
- Adjective
- Adverb
- Noun
- Proper noun
- Colour
- Animal
- Pronoun
- Word with 10 letters
- Word with double letters

Word hunt 3

Choose a page in your book.

Set a stopwatch for 1 minute.

Find as many 7 letter words as you can in that minute.

Try again with 8 letter words!

Word hunt 4

Choose a page in your book.

Set a stopwatch for 1 minute.

Find as many adjectives as you can in that minute.

How long did it take?
Try to beat your time the next day on another page.

Make up your own scavenger hunts!

Challenge someone in your house to a scavenger hunt race.

TIPS FOR PROJECT WORK

Choose a topic you are interested in.

- Spend time researching your topic well
- Plan your project

A good project needs:

- A title
- Illustrations, diagrams and pictures
- Lots of facts about your chosen topic. Organise your facts into sections.
- Maybe add some special features like a quiz or a 'lift the flap'