**Junior Infants at home learning 11/01/2021-13/01/2021**

Hi all,

We hope you all had a happy and safe Christmas. As you are aware, we will not be returning to school until February. Therefore, learning will move online until such time. From Thursday onward we will be using google classrooms to facilitate this online learning. Below are some learning activities and resources that you can use with your child until then. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

* **Phonics bloom** has a variety of games that can be played to improve your child’s phonics recognition and blending skills. “Phase 1 games” and “Phase 2 games” will be the most suitable. Click the following link to access phonics bloom. <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-2>
* **Topmarks** has a great selection of maths games that can be played on most devices. Any of the maths games in the 3-5 years section would be suitable. The “counting games” section would be a good place to start this week. “Gingerbread Man Game”, “Teddy numbers”, “Underwater counting” and “Ladybird spots” are a good starting point.

 <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

* **Topmarks** also has some English activities. Have a look through the “letters and sounds” and the “stories and rhymes” sections.

[**https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/3-5-years/stories-and-rhymes**](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/3-5-years/stories-and-rhymes)

* Take some time to read a story each day with your child. Talk to them about the cover of the book, asking them to make predictions about what might happen in the story, discuss the pictures in the story, ask them to retell the story after it has been read; “what happened at the beginning of the story?”, “what happened next?”, “what happened at the end of the story?”. Ask them to draw a picture of their favourite part of the story. Once our google classroom has been set up, we will be uploading ebooks that can be read from your device.
* Please ensure to set some time aside for play and outdoor breaks with your child.

Once google classrooms have been set up, daily activities will be uploaded. The above activities should keep you going until then. As always get in touch if you have any questions.

Many Thanks,

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