

Dear Parent,

Again this week the work is in the same format so if possible try and print out the sheet above so the children have that as their guide. As I have previously stated I don't want to overburden people who are already under pressure but the following are some ideas for people who may want additional work for their children:

Seesaw:

For the week coming I will be increasing the volume of work; posting activities every morning. I will also be posting daily videos that tie in with the new work that the children will be doing in their textbooks. Again this week feel free to send on any work your child has completed or anything they are getting up to that I can add to their assessment profiles, great to see all the hard work the children completed last week! (Note activities in activity section, video tutorials in Journal section!)

Reading/Literacy:

I didn't want to be firing websites at everyone last week but Gill the company which produces our readers and skills books have made their website free for the duration of the lockdown and have a number of resources available which tie in with the work the children will be doing this week. You simply go to their website, click primary, then click English and you can see the menu of resources available. Their website can be found by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.gillexplore.ie/products>

I think each student should be able to read for half an hour each day. A good number of students made great gains in their Christmas AR tests so it would be great if they continued to make this progress. For those who may struggle with their reading a great website is <https://stories.audible.com> which has thousands of books the children can listen to for free.

- To access their AR login at :<https://ukhosted11.renlearn.co.uk/6657860/> (if anyone has forgotten their passwords I can forward them onto them)
- If anyone wants to check out how much points their book is they can do so at <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx?RedirectURL=%2fdefault.aspx>

Gaeilge:

The children have their main body of work in their work plan for the week. Edco Learning have also made their website free for the lockdown. You simply go their website and use **edcotrial** for both the username and password. There is a nice poem (Chuala mé ann Ghaoth Pg 104) and a nice song (Seáinín Bocht Pg 107) which we would have done this week and it might be nice for the children to hear them

being read out on the Edco website so as to learn the proper pronunciation. The following is some vocabulary which might help out with their work this week:

Page 103: 1.Cathain a dhúisigh Ciara? When did Ciara wake up.

2.Cén saghas oíche a bhí ann? What sort of night was it?

3. Cad a chuala Ciara? What did Ciara hear?

4.Ar éirigh Ciara i lár na hoíche?Did Ciara get up in the middle of the night?

5.Ar dhúisigh Ciara Niamh? Did Ciara wake Niamh?

6.Cén fáth a raibh eagla ar Chiara? Why was Ciara afraid.

7.An raibh gadaí thíos staighre? Was there a robber downstairs?

8.An raibh eagla ar Niamh? Was Niamh afraid?

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An féidir leat? = Can you?

Maths:

We will finish our revision work tomorrow (Monday) and then be doing time for the remainder of the week. I don't envisage this being a problematic chapter for the week but if you would like additional resources Folens have made all their resources free, they have digital activities, eBooks, printouts and many more resources available to go along with their textbooks and some of their maths resources look really good. To access these resources register as a teacher and enter our school roll number which is 00796U. The link is below

- <https://www.folens.ie/>
- Topmarks is a great free English website for interactive games. You can access this using the following link: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> (4th grade is the same as 4th class if you're wondering what level the children are at)
- <https://www.timestables.com/1-minute-test/> Something the children have really enjoyed this year was 'tables champ'. The link above is an interactive test which the children may enjoy to practise their tables.

PE: With the weather looking fairly miserable for the first part of the week you may be interested in some fitness classes for your child for the indoors. Donna Dunne will continue to do her two free exercise classes for children every day of this lockdown at 9am and 12pm. The classes will be on her Facebook page 'Donna Dunne Fitness'. I watched them myself this week and thought they were excellent. I will also again post some PE ideas on Thursday in their Seesaw accounts as this is usually their PE day.

Finally if there's anything anyone wants help with or is worried about feel free to email me at pflood@stlachtainsns.ie and I will get back to you as soon as possible. It was great to see the volume of work sent in last week and I look forward to seeing even more of it this coming week. **Just one thing, there's a very small number of parents using Seesaw who haven't sent me on the GDPR letter yet, if you could please send that onto me ASAP it would be great.**

Regards, Mr.Flood.