Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to week 2 of the summer term! Thank you to all the children from Second Class who emailed [kids@stphilipsjns.ie](mailto:kids@stphilipsjns.ie) last week. We really enjoyed reading about the things you have been up to and the photographs of activities you have been doing. Please keep in touch as we love to write back to all the boys and girls. We have a list of some more activities this week. We hope you will enjoy them!

As we mentioned in last week’s letter, please contact [kids@stphilipsjns.ie](mailto:kids@stphilipsjns.ie) if you would like to ask us any questions, send a photo of a child’s work, etc. As always, the priority is wellbeing, looking out for each other and staying well.

We would again like to really emphasise that you are welcome to see this suggested weekly outline of activities as a menu- you can explore as many or as little of the tasks as you can, depending on your own family routine. There may be days where you explore a small number of suggested school tasks with your child and other days where you may have more time for school-based activities and explore a little more. There is no pressure on any family to complete all of the weekly suggested tasks. You are welcome to prioritise the activities that you feel will benefit your child most and enrich their daily routine.

We hope you and your families have a nice week and we will be in touch again soon.

Best wishes,

*Mr. Conneely, Ms. O’Hora, Mrs. Maye, Ms. O’Hare, Mrs Watson.*

*School Website:*

\*Mr Conneely and Mrs Watson have put up a video about conversation in Irish. Take a look at it and try out some sentences at home with your family!

\*Amanda from St Peregrines GAA has posted a video about keeping active.

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| **Monday 27th April**  **Literacy**-  As it’s the start of the week write **‘Our News’** – What did you get up to at the weekend? What day is it today? What’s the weather like? Remember to keep it interesting! You can draw a picture of your weekend and colour the picture too.  Word Family of the week: Let’s look back on the **‘ea word family’ (ea makes the sound ee)**! Example: meat, bean, wheat. Can you name any ‘ea’ words? Try list out as many as you can.  Can you figure out the clues to these ‘ea’ words?   1. A bird’s mouth?\_\_\_\_ 2. You can wear these on your legs: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. To be tidy: \_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Not dirty: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. A group who plays football together: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_   Send your answers to [kids@stphilipsjns.ie](mailto:kids@stphilipsjns.ie) ! ☺  *Reading*- Read the story ‘Who did Patrick’s Homework?’  <http://www.magickeys.com/books/patrick/index.html>  Now answer these questions:   1. What hobbies did Patrick like to do? 2. What pet did Patrick have? 3. How many days were there until the end of the school year (semester)? 4. What was the little elf wearing?   Send your answers to [kids@stphilipsjns.ie](mailto:kids@stphilipsjns.ie) ! ☺  **Numeracy-**  Let’s count!  Count in 1s starting at the number 98 all the way up to 158. Now start at the number 124 and go backwards! 124, 123, 122, 121…. Can you keep counting backwards all the way to 64? Try starting at different numbers.    We want you to practice **subtraction** all this week. We will start with some subtraction taking away a one digit number. Ask someone in your family to ask you some more takeaway sums!   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 25 - 7 = ? | 67 - 9 = ? | 56 - 5 = ? | | 60 - 7 = ? | 33 - 4 = ? | 100 – 6 = ? |   Try doing some more of your own!  **Gaeilge** –  Do you remember our song about the months of the year? ‘Eanáir, Feabhra, Márta, Aibreán, Bealtaine, Meitheamh, Iúil, Lúnasa, Méan Fómhair, Deireadh Fómhair, Mí na Samhna, Mí na Nollag… Sin iad míonna na bliana!’  Have a look at the comhrá Gaeilge we put up for you this week. Try some sentences at home with your family.  **Active work**-  Run on the spot for 30 seconds, jumping jacks for 30 seconds and reach down tip your toes counting to 10 twice. Have a rest and drink some water!  **Daily Challenge-**  Check out today’s daily challenge on the school website and try to complete it. |
| **Tuesday 21st April**  **Literacy**-  Remember the ‘ea’ words we were looking at yesterday?  Can you write some words into sentences? Remember, in 2nd class we try to make our sentences as interesting as possible. Don’t forget to use capital letters and full stops. ☺  Which sentence do you think is more interesting?   1. I ate a meal. 2. Yesterday, I ate a delicious meal that my mam made me.   Write these words into sentences:   1. eat 2. teacher 3. clean 4. beach 5. neat   Send a picture of your sentences to [kids@stphilipsjns.ie](mailto:kids@stphilipsjns.ie) ! ☺  Drop Everything And Read! Choose a book to read with an adult, can you find any **‘ea’** words in your book?  **Numeracy-**  Today, we are going to count in 3s. Can you make up some actions to do as you count? You could tap your head and shoulders.  Let’s start! 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24….. How far can you count in 3s?  Here are some counting videos you might enjoy! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0LjzvbTw8E4>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpP05DwwQ7Q>  Like yesterday we are going to continue our work on subtraction! Here are a couple of trickier sums taking away 2 digit numbers. Write out these sums and have a go! Remember to use your number line. If you forget how to do them there are some examples on the second class tab of the school website. Send your answers to [kids@stphilipsjns.ie](mailto:kids@stphilipsjns.ie) ! ☺   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 67 – 21 = ? | 58 - 32 = ? | 92 - 15 = ? | | 83 - 54 = ? | 40 - 21 = ? | Now you write some! |   **Gaeilge –**  Comhrá: Conas atá an aimsir inniu? Tá sé\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Níl sé \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Try to write out some sentences in Irish and draw a picture to match each one.  Weather Posters - An Aimsir - as GAEILGE/IRISH by Perfect for Primary  **Active work**-  March on the spot for 30 seconds. Now jog on the spot for 30 seconds. Now run on the spot for 30 seconds. Have a rest and drink some water!  **Daily Challenge-**  Check out today’s daily challenge on the school website and try to complete it. |
| **Wednesday 22nd of April**  **Literacy**- oy  Story writing  Today’s story title: The Magical Forest  A story plan is a good idea to write before you start your story.  What does a good story always need?  \*Characters: Who will be in my story?  \*Setting: Where will my story be set? (For example: a castle, a haunted forest, outer space, a school, a playground, a chocolate factory)  \*What will happen in the beginning/ middle/ end of the story?  \*What problem will happen? How will the problem be fixed?  You can draw a picture of your story too! If possible, send a picture or a few sentences of your story to [kids@stphilipsjns.ie](mailto:kids@stphilipsjns.ie) to show your teacher. Read out your story to your family... They will be very impressed by your hard work!  *Reading* – Go on a reading hunt! What are the things you can read around your house, outside in your garden or when you go for a walk! Words are everywhere!  **Numeracy**  Like the last few days we are going to continue our work on subtraction!  Can you count backwards in 10s starting at number 230? 230, 220, 210, 200, 190….  Can you count backwards in 5s starting at number 100? 100, 95, 90 …..  Can you count backwards in 1s starting at number 174 all the way to 99? 174, 173, 172…  Try these sums:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 125 – 30 = ? | 76 - 48 = ? | 84 - 33 = ? | | 79  -46  ------  = | 42  -25  ------  = | Now you write some! |   **More Maths… Topic of Length:**  When we were learning about length last year, we talked about measuring things using objects and using a ruler or metre stick.  Take out a pencil. Can you find 2 things in your house that are **longer** than your pencil? Can you find 2 things that are **shorter** than your pencil? Can you find something that is around **the same** length as your pencil?  Now look your kitchen table. Can you estimate (take a guess) of how many pencils it would take to measure one side of the table? Write down your guess and now measure it!  Try using some other objects from around the house to measure with. Spoons, crayons…. Anything you can think of!  **Geography / Science:**  We will be exploring the topic of trees.  Can you name any different types of trees? Why are trees important? How do some trees change during different seasons? Can you see any trees near where you live? Can you name any different parts of a tree?  Look at this video all about trees: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5I7u5FMQxHA>  Write down 5 facts about trees that you learned from watching the video. Send us your facts, email [kids@stphilipsjns.ie](mailto:kids@stphilipsjns.ie) ☺  **Art:**  Can you draw a picture of a tree during different seasons (winter, spring, summer, autumn)? Here are some ideas to help you!  Weather and the Seasons Display, class display, Seasons, weather ... Four Seasons Tree Template by Lauren Ellis | Teachers Pay Teachers  **Daily Challenge-**  Check out today’s daily challenge on the school website and try to complete it. |
| **Thursday 23rd of April**  **Literacy**-  We want you to revise what a verb is. A verb is an action or doing word. For example, running, jumping, paint, jog, look.  Can you find the verb in each of these sentences? The first one is done for you.   1. Jack ran to the shop on Tuesday. 2. The cat was sleeping on the chair. 3. Tom and his friend went to the playground. 4. I help my mam and dad to tidy up after dinner.   Can you write these verbs into sentences?   1. paint 2. draw 3.flying 4.helped 5.saw   Here is a video all about verbs:  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j3EYciNco58>  **Numeracy –**  Take a look at Ms Williams’ maths videos on the school website. She is doing the actions to help us remember our doubles. Try it yourself using your hands!  1 + 1 makes 2, 2 + 2 makes 4,…….. Try it all the way to 10 + 10. Can anyone go even higher?  We’re still practicing subtraction but this time we’re figuring it out from a word problem. Read the ones below and try figure them out. You’ll need a pencil and paper. Then try writing some yourself. Send your answers to [kids@stphilipsjns.ie](mailto:kids@stphilipsjns.ie) ! ☺   |  | | --- | | *Cara had 88 Twistables. She lost 32 of them. How many has she left?* | | *26 birds were sitting on the tree. 17 of them fly away. How many were left?* | | *Michael had 30 crayons. His mam gave him 7 more crayons.*  *He went to school and gave 10 of them to his friend. How many does he have now?* | | *Ms. O’Hare usually has 19 children in her class. On Tuesday, 5 children were absent. How many were in school?* | | *Ms O’Hora had 134 marbles in the jar. Mrs Maye borrowed 25 of them. How many were left?* | | *Mr Conneely had 24 Easter eggs. He gave half of them to Mrs Watson. How many has he left?* |     **Gaeilge**-  Take a look at the Comhrá Beirte video on the school website and try these phrases.  Cad atá ort? Tá \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ orm.  Éadaí flashcards with pictures – Gaeilge – Clothes – Mash.ie  **Geography / Science:**  We will continue learning about the topic of trees.  Look at this video all about different parts of a tree: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7dKRBZVLvI>  Can you write 5 new facts you learned about trees? Can you draw a picture of a tree? Make sure you label the roots, trunk and leaves!  Trees    **Keeping active:**  We know how much the children in 2nd class love Go Noodle. Here is one you can try at home!  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KhfkYzUwYFk> Trolls- Can’t Stop the Feeling Dance  **Daily Challenge-**  Check out today’s daily challenge on the school website and try to complete it. |
| **Friday 1st of May**  **High Five for a super week of trying your best!**  **Can you believe that today is the first day of May? It is the season of Summer now, how exciting!**  **Literacy**-  *Spellings:*  Look back on all the ‘ea’ words and verbs you put into sentences this week. Give yourself a little quiz and try to write out all the words without looking. Now, check and see if you spelled them all correctly!  *Poetry:*  **Poem: The Weather is Perfect for Running by Kenn Nesbitt**  <https://www.poetry4kids.com/poems/the-weather-is-perfect-for-running/>  **The weather is perfect for running. I think that I’ll go for a jog. Except I’m a little bit tired, so maybe I’ll just walk the dog.**  **But he seems too hyper for walking. He looks kind of hard to control. So maybe I’ll leave him at home, and go for a leisurely stroll.**  **But all of my socks are too dirty, and all of my shoes are untied. So maybe I’ll sit on the front porch. Or maybe I’ll just stay inside.**  **I see that my kitten is purring, and wants to curl up on my lap. It wouldn’t be right to prevent her from getting her afternoon nap.**  **It’s comfortable here on the sofa. My pillows are cozy and deep. The weather is perfect for running. So that’s why I’m going to sleep.**    Read this poem by Kenn Nesbitt and answer these questions:   1. Can you find any rhyming words in the poem? Make a list. 2. Write a list of verbs you have read in the poem. Remember, a verb is an action word. 3. Draw a picture to go with the poem. Read each verse carefully and draw a picture to match.   Send your answers to [kids@stphilipsjns.ie](mailto:kids@stphilipsjns.ie) ☺  **Maths:**  We will continue to look at the topic of length. Have you been measuring different items in your house? We can use non- standard items to measure like crayons, pencils, cubes etc. We can also use a standard item to measure things, like a ruler or metre stick. This way we can measure to see how many cm (centimetres) or metres something is.  100 cm = 1 metre  Do you have a ruler at home? Look at the side of the ruler that has ‘cm’.  If you do, we want you to measure the length of these items: 1. A spoon 2. A copy 3. Your folder 4. A pencil  Which item is the longest? Which item is the shortest?  Look at the picture below. How long are each of the pencils?  Measure in Centimeters – Free Printable PDF on Metric System for ...  **Keeping active:**  Take a deep breath and try to stretch your body as tall as you can. Count 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Now crouch down and try to make your body as small as it can be. Count 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Do you remember the different types of rolls we did in gymnastics? Try and do a pin roll on the ground, keeping your body straight.  Here is a yoga activity that you might like to try: Cosmic yoga for Kids  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_0P5grVoyg>  **Art:**  Today’s art idea is based on summer! We would like you to draw yourself wearing a big pair of sunglasses. In the sunglasses, draw a picture of all the things you are looking forward to seeing and doing this summer. For example, the sunny weather, playing outside, eating ice-cream.  69b24349512d56ec74ff8d3fd1cc129e.jpg (736×832) | Kindergarten art ...  **Daily Challenge-**  Check out today’s daily challenge on the school website and try to complete it. |

