Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to week 3 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:*

\*Continue to keep an eye on the school website for new news, pictures or videos.

\*There is a daily challenge each day that the children can try out too.

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| **Monday 4th May**  **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 **‘sh sound’** Example: shell, ship, shut, shop. Can you name any ‘sh’ words? Try list out as many as you can. Remember ‘sh’ can be at the start or end of the word.  Can you figure out the clues to these ‘sh’ words?   1. Where you buy food:\_\_\_\_ 2. A big boat at sea: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Something you can find on the beach: \_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. A farm animal that you get wool from: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. What you wear on your feet: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_   Send your answers to [kids@stphilipsjns.ie](mailto:kids@stphilipsjns.ie) ! ☺    Send your answers to [kids@stphilipsjns.ie](mailto:kids@stphilipsjns.ie) ! ☺  **Numeracy-**  Let’s count!  Count in **4s** starting at the number 4 all the way up to 48. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20…48. Practice makes perfect so try counting in 4s a few times.  Here is a video to help you learn how to count in 4s:  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pkcIJn5HrMI>  We are going to mix it up this week with some **addition and** **subtraction** all this week. Ask someone in your family to ask you some more addition and takeaway sums! Make sure you look carefully to see if there is a **+** or ­**­–** in the sum!   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 23 + 22 = ? | 47 – 12 = ? | 43 + 43 = ? | | 88 – 54 = ? | 62 + 31 = ? | 97 – 35 = ? |   Try doing some more of your own!  **Gaeilge** –  Revise these words:  **Laethanta na Seachtaine** (Days of the Week): An Luan, An Mháirt, An Chéadaoin, An Déardaoin, An Aoine, An Satharn, An Domhnach (Monday to Sunday)  **An Aimsir** (The weather): báisteach (rainy), grianmhar (sunny), gaofar (windy), te (hot), fuar (cold), scamallach (cloudy), fliuch (wet), tirim (dry)  Can you write some news in Irish.  An Nuacht  Inniú an \_\_\_\_\_. (Today is \_\_\_\_\_)  Inné an \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Yesterday was \_\_\_\_\_)  Amárach an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Tomorrow will be \_\_\_\_\_\_)  Tá an aimsir \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (The weather is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).  After you write your sentences, practice reading them out loud.  **Active work**-   1. High knees for 30 seconds 2. Frog jumps for 30 seconds 3. Jumping Jacks for 30 seconds 4. Lunges for 30 seconds 5. Squats for 30 seconds   **Daily Challenge-**  Check out today’s daily challenge on the school website and try to complete it. |
| **Tuesday 5th May**  **Literacy**-  Remember the **‘sh’** 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. The sheep live on the farm. 2. The white fluffy sheep live on the big farm.   Write these words into sentences:   1. shop 2. shamrock 3. shadow 4. shepherd 5. ship   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 **‘sh’** words in your book?  **Numeracy-**  Today, we are going to count in 6s. Can you make up some actions to do as you count? You could tap your head and shoulders.  Let’s start! 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36….. How far can you count in 6s? Remember practice makes perfect so try counting in 6s a few times.  Here is a video to help you learn how to count in 6s!  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1PzW8LwH7CU>  Like yesterday we are going to continue our work on **addition and subtraction**! Write out these sums and have a go! Don’t forget to you look carefully to see if there is a **+** or ­**­–** in the sum! 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) ! ☺   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 78 – 43 = ? | 56 – 13 = ? | 43 + 57 = ? | | 18 + 19 + ? | 64 – 32 = ? | Now you write some! |   **Gaeilge –**  **Caitheamh Aisire (Hobbies)**  Cómhra:  An maith leat a bheith ag \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? (Do you like \_\_\_\_\_\_?)  Is maith liom a bheith ag \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (I like to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.)  Ní maith liom a bheith ag \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (I do not like to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.)  Look at the poster below. Go through each picture and say in Irish whether you like to do that activity or not. Practice having a conversation using the above phrases with somebody at home.  Caitheamh Aimsire Visuals – Mash.ie  **Active work**-  Do each exercise in the poster below 10 times:  15 Simple Exercises For Kids To Do At Home  **Daily Challenge-**  Check out today’s daily challenge on the school website and try to complete it. |
| **Wednesday 6th May**  **Literacy**- oy Story writing  Today’s story title:    Remember to create a story plan before you start writing 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!  **Numeracy**  Time to revise counting in **100s**…100, 200, 300…  Now count backwards in **100s**…1,300, 1,200, 1,100, 1000, 900…  Now count in hundreds starting at 110, 210, 310, 410…  Can you count backwards in 100s starting at 990 all the way to 90?  Try these sums:  Don’t forget to you look carefully to see if there is a **+ or ­­–** in the sum!   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 79  +13  -----  = | 115  + 27  -----  = | 147  +70  -----  = | | 86  -25  ------  = | 43  -41  ------  = | Now you write some! |   **More Maths- Greater than, Equals to or Less than**  Here is a video all about greater than, less than and equals to:  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6Efzu2slaI>  Remember the hungry alligator always opens his mouth towards the bigger number or amount!    Write in the correct symbol for each of these sums : **>** or **<** or **=**    **History:**  Today we will be learning about the legend: Fionn Mac Cumhaill and The Giant’s Causeway.  Look at this short video to learn all about it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHygfkHD5TE>  After watching the video answer the following questions. Use the answer key under the sentences to help you!   1. From what was the Giant Causeway formed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. According to the legend what was the name of the giant who built the causeway? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. On the way home from Scotland, what did Fionn MacCumhaill lose? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. What was Fionn’s wife’s name? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. What did Una disguise Fionn as? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6. What country has the other end of the Causeway? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_   **Answer key** (the words are not written in the correct order so choose carefully):  **(Fionn MacCumhaill, volcano, baby, Una, Scotland)**  Send us your answers by email [kids@stphilipsjns.ie](mailto:kids@stphilipsjns.ie) ☺  **Art:**  Can you draw a picture of the Giant’s Causeway  8 facts you never knew about The Giant's Causeway in Northern ...  We would love to see the picture of The Giant’s Causeway you have drawn so send it to us by email [kids@stphilipsjns.ie](mailto:kids@stphilipsjns.ie) ☺  **Daily Challenge-**  Check out today’s daily challenge on the school website and try to complete it. |
| **Thursday 7th May**  **Literacy**-  We want you to revise what an **adjective** is. An adjective is a word that describes a person, place or thing. For example, nice, big, red, loud  Here is a video all about adjectives:  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4f3H12YNlxo>  Can you find the **adjective** in each of these sentences? The first one is done for you. Be careful, there might be more than one adjective in the sentences below.   1. The mother is nice. 2. The cat is black and white. 3. The school is very big. 4. My best friend is fun and loud.   Can you write these verbs into sentences?   1. young 2. green 3. happy 4. gentle 5. Round   Now think of some adjectives to describe **You!**  **Numeracy –**  We’re still practicing **addition** and **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) ! ☺   |  | | --- | | *Ms O’Hare had 57 chocolate bars. Mr Conneely ate 24 of them when she wasn’t looking. How many has she left?* | | *Ms Watson has 98 bottles of water. She drank 83 of them. How many does she have left?* | | *Ms O’Hora and Mrs Maye bought a box of chocolates together. Mrs Maye ate 27 chocolates and Ms O’Hora ate 35. How many more chocolates did Ms O’Hora eat?* | | *Ms O’Halloran has 56 whiteboard markers and 42 whiteboards. How many whiteboard markers and whiteboards does she have altogether?* | | *There were 18 children in the line at yard time. Half the children went back to the yard to get their coats. How many children were left in the line?* | | *There are 19 children in Ms Watson’s class and 18 in Ms O’Hare’s class. How many children are in both classes altogether?* |     **Gaeilge**-  Draw a picture of yourself dressed for a sunny day and label it using the Irish words in the below poster:  Eadai Visuals – Mash.ie  **Science:**  As it is now summer time we can see lots of bees busy at work in our gardens. Here are some interesting facts about bees.  Bee Facts | Bee facts, Bee themed classroom, Bee activities  If you would like to find out more interesting facts about bees take a look at this video (just watch the first **4 minutes** of the video because that’s all about bees!):  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OiJdfF40p-Q>  Write some of the facts you learnt from the video and draw a picture of some bees in their hive.  We would love to hear all the facts you have learnt. (email: [kids@stphilipsjns.ie](mailto:kids@stphilipsjns.ie))  **Active work:**  Hold each yoga pose for 20 seconds:  yogateacher #yogaquotes #yogamama #yogaathome #yogadaily ...  **Daily Challenge-**  Check out today’s daily challenge on the school website and try to complete it. |
| **Friday 8th May**  **High Five for a super week of trying your best!**  **Literacy**-  *Spellings:*  Look back on all the **‘sh’** 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:***  **My Busy Day**  I run. I ride.  I read and write.  I pick and pull.  I fly a kite.  I open and close.  I touch my nose.  I carry a sled  In case it snows.  I clean. I wash.  I eat so I’ll grow.  Who makes my food?  I want to know.  I cut. I draw.  My art I show.  I sit, I sing  Up high, down low.  I look. I jump.  I find a nest.  I trip. I fall.  I need a rest!  From day to night  I keep on the go.  I close my eyes  To sleep! **Shhh!** I go.    Read this poem 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 from last week, 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 greater than, less than and equal to.  It is important to remember the hungry alligator always has his mouth open towards the bigger number or amount!      **Keeping active:**    **Art:**  For today’s art activity we would like you to draw a keyhole. Imagine you are looking out the keyhole into a garden. It can be your own garden at home or you can use your imagination to come up with your very own garden. It’s up to you! As always we would love to see the artwork you do so you can take a picture of your artwork and email it to us at: [kids@stphilipsjns.ie](mailto:kids@stphilipsjns.ie) ☺  Here is the outline of a keyhole:  Here is an example:    **Daily Challenge-**  Check out today’s daily challenge on the school website and try to complete it. |

