

English

Letters:

It would be great to continue to practice phonics (letter sounds) and handwriting (in cursive only) daily please. The girls each have a pack of letters and full A4 sheet containing a list of different activities that may be useful.

The letters they can write, identify the name & sound of currently are:

s,a,t,i,p,n,c,k,e,h,r,m,d,g,o,u,l,f,b

Writing:

The writing programme we use is called 'Go with the Flow'. This programme has a great website which shows how to write each letter with the correct letter formation on a video. If you use this link on an iPad or a phone you can trace the letters using different colours to practice formation.

<http://data.cjfallon.ie/resources/gwtf-handwriting/index.html#!/books>

Go with the flow book: Please ensure your daughter has the correct pencil grip as she practices her letters/ tracing. Tracing activities are a fantastic way of ensuring your daughter strengthens her fine motor skills/ maintains good fine motor skills, which are essential for writing.

Pages 30- 37

Free writing copy book (red copy)- Please encourage writing rather than just pictures in this copybook.

Tricky words: The girls each have all of their tricky words in an envelope in their homework folders. It would be great to continue to revise all of these words.

Phonics: If your daughter has access to a computer, tablet or a phone there is a great website called:

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

To use this website it is necessary to create a log in. This is free if you use the desktop version – click in through google instead of downloading an app. On the website there are a range of songs which revise the sounds letters make and there is a huge range of mini games to revise letters also.

Reading: Each girl got multiple books in her paired reading bag to practice daily. These books can be repeated over the coming days.

Fireworks Book B- Fish, Cows & Sunglasses- pages 6,7,8,10,11,12,14,15

Maths

Here are some other maths activities which will benefit your daughter:

- Asking your daughter what number comes before/ after, a specific number chosen by yourself.
- Counting on from different numbers.
- Counting forwards & Backwards.
- Number sequencing – adult says 3 numbers , child replies by saying the 3 numbers after in correct sequence. Example: Adult '9,10,11' .. Child '12,13,14'
- Number tennis- adult says 1 , child says 2 , adult says 3, child says 4.. ect.
- Dice rolling- if you have a dice or two at home from board games, it is great for practicing number.
 - Roll a dice, cover it quickly with a cup and ask your child to tell you the number of dots they saw on the dice. This skill is called subitising and is very important skill to learn.
 - Another dice rolling activity would be to use two dice. Roll the first and cover it, ask your child to subitise what they saw. Then roll another dice and try to get your daughter to count on from the original dice hidden or allow them to lift the cup and count the dots on both dice.

- The girls love counting to 100 daily using Jack Hartmens YouTube videos which combine counting and actions. This is a fun way of revising counting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0TgLtF3PMOc&list=PLLuX5zWF8twIWJ7Tb6pmtT0McJwUdXZGz>

- Helping your child to recognise Maths in daily life- how many plates will we need to lay the table? How many knives and forks will we need? ..ect.
- Board games are also a great way of practising number at home.
- Shape hunt- where can you find shapes at home? draw pictures of the shapes you found. Eg: a photograph is a rectangle, a mirror is in the shape of a circle..ect.
- Practice writing numbers daily, highlighting and correcting reversals. The girls can correct their own numbers once they are shown on a piece of paper the correct way a number is written.
- **Planet Maths Book** – pages 16-25

Gaeilge- As the girls don't have Irish books in Junior Infants and it is all based on oral language and listening activities it would be great if they would watch even just one cartoon or episode of a programme in Irish which they like daily to ensure they are still hearing the Irish language. There are also games available on this website. They may find these games challenging but others may enjoy them.

<https://www.cula4.com/en/>