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Home Learning Pack for Junior Infants

Hello everyone,

With the news that schools are going to be closed for a little while longer, we would like to continue to ensure that everyone in Newtown Junior School can continue with teaching and learning. We also want to maintain our community spirit and keep up the connection between home and school. This pack aims to let you know how I will be interacting with you and your child for the next little while.

As Ms McSweeney said in last week's blog, the most important thing for all of us now is to keep happy and healthy. Engage in the activities as much as you can but please don't feel under pressure. We know and understand that not every family will be in a position to participate in Home Learning activities. The activities given are a suggested menu, choose those that best suit you. As Ms McSweeney said, we will catch up when we get back to school.

Things you need to know:

<u>Where I will post activities and information for my class:</u>	Our school blog on www.njs.ie - look for the letter from Junior Infants and SeeSaw App.
<u>When I will post this information:</u>	On the blog: a letter to my class will be posted on the blog each Sunday evening; SeeSaw App: new activities will be posted each Sunday evening.
<u>How I will interact with my pupils:</u>	I can be contacted via the school email – office@njs.ie . Please allow up to two school days for a reply.

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	I will access SeeSaw at least once each school day and will provide some feedback to children. See below for information on how I will assess work
What resources will be needed by children:	Generally, children will need the books they brought home which are: Busy At Maths, Busy at Maths Home / School Links, Just Phonics, Just Phonics Sounds Booklet, Nelson Handwriting Book A & B, Bua Na Cainte and copies. They will also need writing materials, access to the internet via PC/laptop/tablet/phone and internet access. For some activities, they may need other specific materials – these will be specified in the activity.

Suggested Timetable for your child(ren)'s day

In our blog post on 19th March, 2020 we set out a general timetable to act as a guide for you. Here is a summary. Remember, it is a guide only. It might suit some households to have free mornings and do school based activities in the afternoon. Do what suits your household.

1.	<p>Exercise: Before any home learning gets done, it's a good idea to get in some exercise. There are plenty of options for this depending on family circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go for a walk • Do some of the activities from the PE Challenges posted on 19th March • Follow PE with Joe - this is a thirty minute session Monday to Friday at 9am with Joe Wicks on his You Tube Channel, "The Body Coach TV"
2.	<p style="text-align: center;">Core Subjects:</p> <p>Try some Irish, Maths and English with short breaks in between subjects including for movement and/or snacks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Time spent on these activities depends on each child.</p>
3.	<p style="text-align: center;">Project Work: Try some Art, Music, Science, History or Geography</p>
4.	<p>School On TV: Every day at 11am, RTE2 are showing School on TV. While we don't know what will be covered, it's worth a look or watching it on RTE Player</p>
5.	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch Time.</p>

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| 6. | Free Time: School work should be completed by now. Children, of course, can continue with projects, read a book of choice, have some downtime or choose an activity from the Activity Grid on our blog or any other activity of choice |
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Assessing Work

I would love to see photographs of the children's work and projects. I will offer praise and encouraging feedback for all efforts. I will be asking families for help in some assessments by asking you to check if your child's answers are correct, and that appropriate levels of effort are shown for the work being completed at home. I will provide feedback where appropriate.

Tech Support

Distance Learning is new to us all and we are all learning. There are a few things that can go wrong and please don't hesitate to ask for help. The main things at the beginning will be accessing SeeSaw. If issues arise, please send a quick email to office@njs.ie for support and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Best wishes to everyone and hope that you all stay safe and well.

Ms. Long

Outline of Activities for Week beginning Monday 30th March

Last week, I outlined the work that the children need to complete for the coming week. I have added three activities to the Seesaw app. See how you get on with it and again, feel under no pressure to complete / post all activities. On Seesaw I have also added two pictures from the Busy At Maths Teacher's Handbook that parents may find helpful when completing pages 93 and 94.

If you're using Seesaw for the first time:

1. Go to app.seesaw.me
2. Choose "I'm a Student"
3. **Type in the code which Ms McSweeney has sent out by text. This code expires on April 4, 2020**
4. Finish creating your account using your email address

If you've used Seesaw before and have an account:

1. Go to app.seesaw.me
2. Choose "I'm a Student"
3. Sign in using your email address
4. Click on your profile icon on the top left
5. Click on the +Join Class button
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