

# Home Learning

## General Ideas

**Play 20 questions** - take turns in thinking of an object and the other person can only ask questions which have a yes or no answer.

**The Big Interview** - child prepares 10 questions they'd like to know about the relative and then asks them

### **Read a Book with a Parent**

Snuggle up on the couch and spend ten minutes reading for no other reason than the joy of reading a book. Of course, there are loads of benefits to reading every day but what a nice time to drop everything for a short time.

### **Family Tree**

Make your family tree with your child. You can do this digitally or by hand and you can go back as far as you want.

## General Resources

### ➤ **Twinkl**

All Classes

Twinkl are offering all parents and teachers a One Month FREE Ultimate Membership to Twinkl.ie. This will allow parents and teachers unlimited access to every single resource for every single curriculum subject from junior infants to sixth class.

[www.twinkl.ie/offer](http://www.twinkl.ie/offer)

Notes: Setting this up is really easy to do - go to [www.twinkl.ie/offer](http://www.twinkl.ie/offer) and enter the code IRLTWINKLHELPS. This code will only work for new memberships. If you are an existing member with a Core or Extra membership, please get in touch and we will upgrade you to Ultimate right away.

### ➤ **Scratch.mit.edu:** Create stories, games and animations

## ➤ Tech Week Goes Online!

With Tech Week coming up right around the corner, we would like to give an important update for you. We are aware that due to the COVID-19 situation, schools are forced to close and this decision has also affected Tech Week events.

But don't worry, **we are still going ahead with Tech Week!** We have decided to pump up all our [resources and activities](#) on our website so that you can still participate virtually.

We'd love to see your ideas and pictures on fun tech activities while you are home, so please send it out to us!

Check our website regularly for more activities and don't forget to share your activity on social media and tag us on [@TechWeekIRL](#) or [facebook.com/techweekireland](#)

## ➤ World Book



The World Book is a resource offered by the PDST. It's like a virtual encyclopedia except a lot more interactive.

<https://www.worldbookonline.com/wb/products?ed=all&gr=Welcome%21>

## Literacy / English Resources

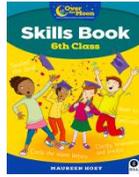


### EPIC

All Levels

Epic! is an online library which offers over 35000 resources including "Read to Me" books, audiobooks, student tracking, reading level linkage with Accelerated Reader and other reading levelling schemes. It also offers high interest texts such as National Geographic Kids and Guinness Book of Records. It is suitable for children from ages 4-12.

<https://www.pdst.ie/DistanceLearning/SourcesofInformation#epic>



## Gill Explore

Junior Infants to 2nd Class

Gill Education has provided free access to gillexplore.ie to all of the pupil resources from Junior Infants to 2nd Class from our Over the Moon complete Primary English Language programme.

Pupil resources for programme include:

- Skills Books
- All readers
- Pupil's digital resources

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

Simply log in to [www.edcolearning.ie/login](http://www.edcolearning.ie/login) with any of the following username and password combinations to gain access to our e-books and digital resources.

Level	Username	Password
Primary	primaryedcobooks	edco2020
Junior Cert	joedcobooks	edco2020
Leaving Cert	leedcobooks	edco2020

For any queries, email [support@edcolearning.ie](mailto:support@edcolearning.ie)

## Edco Learning

All Class Levels

Pupil resources for programme include:

- Skills Books
- All readers
- Pupil's digital resources

<https://www.edcolearning.ie/>

Notes: Username: primaryedcobooks Password: edco2020



## BorrowBox

If you or your child/children or parent/s are a member of the local library, you can access an App or website called BorrowBox. It is free. I use it for audio books and also, ebook. There is a children's section.

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

Notes: To register, you need your library card which has your membership number on the back.

## Vooks

All class levels

# VOOKS

Vooks is committed to being a resource for families to keep kids reading at home. Vooks can also be a welcome distraction for parents, allowing them to enjoy time with their kids, watching and discussing books together. To help, we have created take-home lesson plans that can be shared with parents and guardians - built to provide children with 20 minutes a day of read aloud time and activities.

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

Notes: Free one month, sign up required

## Oxford Owl Ebook Reader Library

Junior Classes

Oxford Owl has an ebook library with over 250 books in it and offers free access to teachers and parents once you create an account at [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) They also have some



vocabulary and comprehension activities for most of the books.

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

## Writing Legends

Junior Classes



As part of their Assistance for Schools response to Coronavirus they are providing Writing Legends free of charge through to July 31, 2020. Writing Legends is a comprehensive writing program, containing hundreds of activities for students in grades 3 to 6.

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

[www.sorchaj.com](http://www.sorchaj.com)

Infants to Fifth Class



This site covers phonics, dolch, Jolly Phonics including tricky word lists and practice reading sentences following the Spellbound order of words and more.

[www.sorchaj.com](http://www.sorchaj.com)



## Rivet Reading

Infants to Fifth Class

Rivet Reading App by Google is not available in the EU, but the web version of the books, with reading is. High Interest Reading books are available with help for pupils with words that are not easily decodable. Topics range from Animals to History, Sport to Science .Very useful for reluctant readers and self-guided.

<https://rivet.area120.com/read/#/libraryScreen>



## Teach Your Monster to Read

Infants to 1st Class.

Teach Your Monster to Read is a fun activity that helps infants work on everything from initial sounds, CVC words, blends and digraphs all the way to full words and sentences. The Web platform is free for teachers and students (the App costs, but is not necessary). Great fun game that children can engage with at home.

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

Numeracy / Maths Resources

## Multiplication.com

3rd Class up

 multiplication.com

Loads of games to practice Multiplication.

<https://www.multiplication.com>



## Top Marks - Hit the Button

Hit the Button is an interactive maths game with quick fire questions on number, bonds, times tables, doubling and halving, multiples, division facts and square numbers. Games are against the clock and develop number fact recall. Designed for 6-11 year olds.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Notes: A paid app version is available from Apple/Google Play/Amazon but the web browser version is free to use.



## Top Marks - Daily 10

Daily 10 is a primary maths resource which covers addition, subtraction, ordering, partitioning, place value, rounding, multiplication, division, doubles, halves and fractions. It has been designed primarily for use on an interactive whiteboard. The aim is to help teachers deliver 10 maths questions many which can be used for mental maths practise.

Sets of questions can be timed or untimed and the activities are ideal for starter and plenary sessions. They are graded in levels of difficulty which match year group levels in England's National Curriculum Maths requirements. This means the resource is suitable for children from 5 to 11 years of age.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

## Gaeilge

Some great ways to pick up some vocabulary. One really easy activity is to pick a topic, for example: food, household objects, colours, and so on and then write down 20 words associated with that topic in a list.

Next go to <https://www.focloir.ie/en/> and translate the words. The great thing is that almost every word on the website has an audio recording of it so you can listen to how to pronounce the words! As a family, you could try and learn a few words every day!  
For more advanced speakers, how about doing any of the tasks in the grid through Irish? The news is probably the easiest one to do as Gaeilge.

Another idea is to sign up to <https://www.duolingo.com/course/ga/en/Learn-Irish> to learn some Irish - 5 to 10 minutes a day and who knows how fluent you'll be when you get back!

## S.E.S.E Resources

Virtual Tours: National Art gallery and Natural History Museum

<https://www.museum.ie/Natural-History/Exhibitions/Current-Exhibitions/3D-Virtual-Visit-Natural-History>

<https://www.virtualvisittours.com/national-gallery-of-ireland/>

## Scholastic Learn at Home (Free)

Day to day projects (USA based) for children Infants to Sixth Class.

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

## Science Foundation Ireland

Infants to 6th Class



Any science experiment you could ever think of is nicely organised into lots of different sections. Much of the equipment you can find at home but well worth exploring to try and do a science experiment every few days.

<https://www.sfi.ie/engagement/discover-primary-science-and-maths/activities-search/>

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/> This website has a wide range of videos, games and quizzes which relate to History, Geography and Science.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50-things-to-do> which has simple tasks to do outdoors.



## Ask About Ireland

Infants to 6th Class

This web site covers both History and Geography from infants to 6th class including some great project ideas.

<http://www.askaboutireland.ie/learning-zone/primary-students/>



## Scoilnet Geography

Infants to 6th Class

Teachers working with Scoilnet have produced a number of subject-based themed pages. Each theme page presents a set of links and resources on a particular topic. This page contains a number of resources on different Geography topics.

[Geographyhttps://www.scoilnet.ie/primary/theme-pages/geography/](https://www.scoilnet.ie/primary/theme-pages/geography/)

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## Seomra Ranga History Links

Infants to 6th Class

# SPHE Resources

## Scoilnet SPHE Page



Infants to 6th Class

A small number of resources to support the SPHE curriculum including the Webwise programme

<https://www.scoilnet.ie/primary/theme-pages/sphe/>

## Resources to support PE or Exercise at Home

### GoNoodle

All class levels

GoNoodle is a really easy and good way to get kids moving. Popsico... Pop pop



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

[CosmicKids](#): Yoga for Kids

Stick on your favourite upbeat playlist and try out these exercises one after the other. To give yourself a bigger challenge, do each circuit twice or three times or more!

SESSION 1 - 5 x 25	SESSION 2 - LEGS MOVING	SESSION 3 - UP AND DOWN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 25 jumping jacks</li><li>2. 25 squats</li><li>3. 25 seconds run on the spot</li><li>4. 25 push ups</li><li>5. 25 seconds plank</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 30 seconds run on the spot</li><li>2. 30 seconds high knees</li><li>3. 30 seconds jumping jacks</li><li>4. 30 seconds butt kicks</li><li>5. 30 seconds jog on the spot</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 30 seconds jumping jacks</li><li>2. 30 seconds mountain climbers</li><li>3. 30 seconds run on the spot</li><li>4. 30 seconds plank</li><li>5. 30 seconds burpees!</li></ol>

Have a family disco - stick on your favourite tunes and bop around the room for 20 minutes!

### Get Outside

Try out as many of these exercises outside.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cycle your bike for 10 minutes</li><li>• Go for a walk</li><li>• Ride your scooter for 10 minutes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jump on your trampoline</li><li>• Walk your dog</li><li>• Bubble bashing - get someone to blow bubbles for you to try and burst all of them</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draw your own hopscotch with chalk and play</li><li>• Throw a ball against a wall and catch</li><li>• Create your own obstacle course</li><li>• Run for 5 minutes</li><li>• 10 minutes of free play outside</li><li>• If possible walk home from school one day</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do 3 laps of your house or up and down the hall 10 times</li><li>• Keepie uppies - how many can you do in a row?</li><li>• Skip sideways up and down the garden 5 times</li></ul>

## Visual Arts Resources

### A Sketch A Day

If you have a copybook or sketchpad, this would be useful but you don't really need anything except paper and a pencil. Your job is to create one sketch a day for the duration of the project. The only catch is you have to pick a theme. Choose from:

- Healthy Foods
- Happy Things
- Things that need batteries
- Famous People

### I Am An Artist

All Classes



<http://www.iamanartist.ie>

## Religion Resources

**Catholicicing.com**



All class levels: Has a wide range of resources and ideas including art and crafts, worksheets and “How to draw” videos. Resources to celebrate Lent, Holy Week and Easter.  
<https://www.catholicicing.com/>

## Learning about COVID-19

### Information Worksheet for Children about Covid-19



All Classes

Free downloadable PDF for children about Coronavirus which is information but also acts as an activity sheet.

Website is [www.mindheart.com](http://www.mindheart.com) Then enter tab for 'descargables'.