

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The attached document lists a number of useful online resources you may wish to access during the current school closures. This document will point you in the direction of fun and educational activities, games, songs, poems, puzzles, exercise and movement breaks for your child. All websites listed are free and easy to use. Included is a link to each site and a small description of the site for you. For some of the websites, instructions on how to register and the relevant codes for free access are included in the description. Feel free to pick and choose from this list over the days to follow. There is no pressure or requirement to complete the activities on this list. However, we hope this will be a helpful bank of resources/ideas for you and your child during the coming days/weeks. We hope to see you all again very soon.

Online access to programmes used in your child's class

- **Folens Online** <https://www.folensonline.ie/home/>

Teacher Registration

Signing up is simple
Complete this form, confirm your school, and get started!

All your digital lessons in one place
FolensOnline brings together all our products and allows you to store your resources in one place.

Access anytime, from anywhere
Teach with FolensOnline from your classroom and plan your lessons from anywhere.

Prim20

Folens have very kindly allowed access to their ebooks and resources to all teachers, parents and students for free during the school closures. **Simply register as a teacher and use the special code Prim20 for the Roll Number (as seen in picture)**

Once registered, Folens have multiple ebooks, resources and games to assist your child's learning. Several programmes we use in the classroom each day are now available to you at home. I have outlined the programmes we use below and how you can access them through Folens Online.



Planet Maths – Though we do not use a textbook for our Maths lessons in school, Planet Maths is great for revision of topics covered and many games and tools are available through this programme.

Find Planet Maths in the library. Then find the class level appropriate to your child/children e.g. Senior Infants. You may wish to use or refer to the ebook as a form of revision for topics already covered in class.

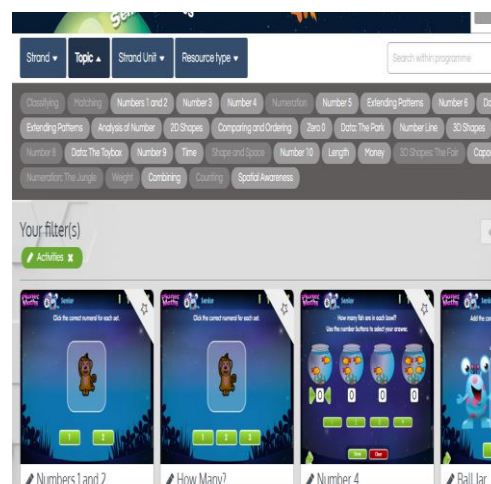
Children's textbook can be found here.

Games, tools, activities and printable worksheets can be found here.

Topics covered to date that you may wish to revise with your child:

Junior Infants	Senior Infants
Colours 2D shapes Matching Patterns Numbers 1 - 4 Numberline work – identifying numbers 1 -5 Counting (1 – 5) Sorting Data 3D shapes Length and Width Time – day and night Weight – heavy and light Comparing – more or less Comparing and ordering Capacity – holds more, holds less Number formation Money – 1c, 2c, 5c Days of the week Months of the Year	Numbers 0 – 10 Counting Matching Sorting Data Patterns 2D shapes Comparing and Ordering 3D shapes Weight – heavy and light Number Bonds up to 10 Money – 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 20c Number Line – identifying numbers, counting on from a number Time –Day and Night Time – Clock work (hour times only e.g. 1 o'clock, 3 o'clock) Days of the Week Months of the Year

Planet Maths also offers interactive games and activities to help children revise the content taught. Just select the topic you would like to revise with your child and interactive games and activities should be accessible to you. There are also printable worksheets available.





Abair Liom – Abair Liom is our much loved Gaeilge programme. It is accessible to you through Folens Online if you wish to revise Gaeilge at home. Abair Liom is inundated with games, songs and poems for the children. They are very familiar with Abair Liom and will already know how to use majority of its features. Find Abair Liom in the Folens Online library and again select the class level appropriate to your child. When you find it in the library, select the **resources** option (as seen in the picture)

Once you select resources, I suggest clicking into the Póstaer, Pléasc an Balún and Cártaí Meaitseála options available.

Within every Póstaer is a poster, two word games (Foclóir 1 and Foclóir 2) as well as a song (Amhrán), poem (Dán) and a story (Scéal) for your child to interact with. Pléasc an Balún and Cártaí Meaitseála are vocabulary games.

The topics/lessons covered to date are as follows:

Junior Infants	Senior Infants
01. Is mise	01. Seán agus Síofra
02. Ar Scoil	02. An Seomra Ranga
03. An Bosca Lóin	03. Am Dinnéir
05. An Bosca Éadaigh	04. Sa Chlós
06. An Torna Mór	05. Sa Chistin
09. Cén Sórt Aimsire atá ann?	06. Cochaillín Dearg
08. Óiche Shamhna	08. Óiche Shamhna
10. An Teach	09. Lá Fliuch
13. Nollaig Shona Duit!	10. Cluiche Peile
15. An Fear Sneachta	13. An Nollaig sa Bhaile
16. Teidí Beag Álainn	16. Breithlá Sheáin agus Shíofra
17. An Phicnic	17. Spraoi ar Scoil
18. Éadaí Salacha	21. Pancóga
28. Sa Chlós	22. Lá Fhéile Pádraig



Though not a requirement, it would be beneficial for your child/children to revise the vocabulary, songs and poems they have covered this year as it will help to maintain their confidence with the Irish language during this school closure.

Folens Explorers SESE



Explorers is a lovely resource that integrates Science, History and Geography learning under a common theme.

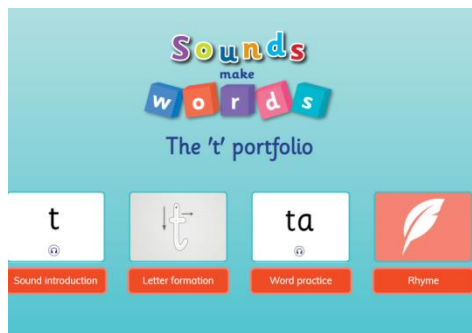
Search for Explorers in the Folens Library and when you access it, there will be a wide range of stories and activities available for each subject and theme.

As we were learning about the Farm prior to the closures, I would suggest that you select 06.

People at Work: Geography option as it is all about the farm, farming and the farmer. It would link in very well with what the children have been learning in their SESE lessons and through Aistear. We were also learning about Spring in Senior Infants. Explorers has some activities based on Spring available too.



Sounds Make Words

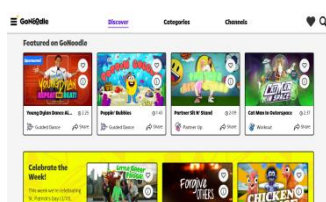


This is a lovely resource for children to revise their letter sounds and phonics. Sounds Make Words have a portfolio for each sound that contains an introduction to the sound, the letter formation for the sound, word work and a rhyme to match the sound.

Active Learning/Digital Resources – Physical/Movement Resources

- **GoNoodle**

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



Go Noodle is a website filled with free content. The site has a wide selection of videos aimed at getting children active. The videos range from guided exercise, dance alongs and Zumba to fun tutorials and mindfulness. The whole family can get involved and be active together.

- **Cosmic Kids Yoga**

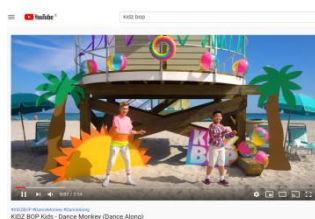
<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga/featured>



Cosmic Kids Yoga is another YouTube channel that offers yoga, mindfulness and relaxation for children. The channel uploads videos weekly that are based on interactive adventures which build strength, balance and confidence.

- **Kidz Bop Kids**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/KidzBopKids/featured>



Kidz Bop Kids is a popular YouTube channel that features children performing popular music. The videos include dance alongs and tutorials. They are a great way to keep children active and entertained.

- **10 at 10**

<https://rtejr.rte.ie/10at10/>

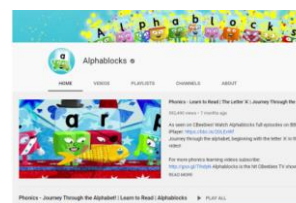


RTE's 10 at 10 is an excellent movement break for your child or for the whole family. There are 15 episodes available for viewing on RTE Junior's website. The videos demonstrate ten minutes of simple exercise for the children to follow. A little bit of exercise every day can make a big difference.

Active Learning/Digital Resources – Literacy

- **Alphablocks**

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_qs3c0ehDvZkbiEbOj6Drg



Alphablocks is a cartoon series dedicated to reinforcing phonics. The full episodes are available to watch on YouTube and are a great way for children to revise the letter sounds, practise their blending and engaging with phonics.

- **Storyline Online**

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>



Storyline Online streams videos featuring actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations. Listening to stories being read aloud is a fundamental part of learning and it is proven to improve reading, writing and oral language skills. This website is completely free to use. Each online story has a small blurb and recommended age to direct you to the most appropriate stories for your child.

- **Vooks**

<https://watch.vooks.com/browse>



Vooks is a kid-safe, ad-free streaming library of read-aloud animated storybooks. It is the Netflix of online stories. The website offers a huge variety of animated storybooks for your child to enjoy. Stories are grouped by theme e.g. friendship, animals, biographies etc. This website is not a free service but Vooks is offering a one month subscription for free.

- **Phonics Bloom**

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



Phonics Bloom has a variety of free phonics games and activities available. Games such as 'Odd and Bob,' 'Match Cards,' and 'Odd Sound Out' will allow children to explore phonics in a fun and engaging way.

- **Scholastic Learn at Home**

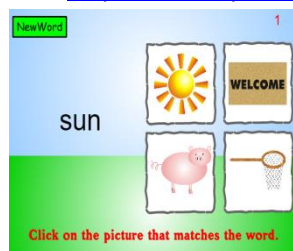
<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>



Scholastic Learn at Home is a free website that offers children day by day projects to keep them reading, thinking and growing when they are not in school. The projects are cross-curricular. Each day includes four separate learning experiences, each built around a thrilling, meaningful story or video. The stories/videos are accompanied by activities such as Fact or Fiction, Sequencing, Puzzles etc. Select your child's grade level and work together on the projects.

- **Phonics Play**

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/index.htm>



Phonics Play is usually a subscription service but they have made phonics games accessible to parents and children for free during the school closures.

Active Learning/Digital Resources - Numeracy

- **Numberblocks**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPlwvN0w4qFSP1FIILB92w/featured>



Similar to Alphablocks, Numberblocks is a cartoon series dedicated to reinforcing numeracy skills. Again, full episodes are available to watch on YouTube. The videos help the children with number recognition, counting, addition and subtraction.

- **Numberjacks**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWKuiktSh-V3E4ysPU0VC3Q>



Numberjacks is another cartoon series available on YouTube. The episodes focus on super hero numbers as they help solve problems in the real world. Numberjacks is a fun series that entertains and allows children to practise numeracy skills.

- **Curious George**

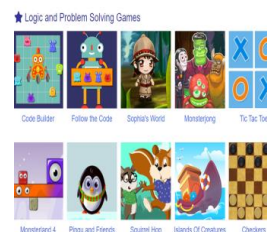
<https://pbskids.org/curiousgeorge/busyday/>



Curious George asks the children to complete a variety of number and counting activities.

- **Math Playground**

https://www.mathplayground.com/grade_1_games.html



Math Playground has several games your child can access for free. There are several categories to choose from e.g. logic and problem solving games, operations and algebraic thinking games etc.

- **TopMarks** <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> is a website that hosts a variety of games and activities. Listed below are some numeracy games/activities worth trying out.

Shape Patterns

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns>



Shape Patterns is a numeracy game that focuses on recognising 2d shapes and identifying and expanding patterns.

Hit the Button (Number Bonds)

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



This game is a great way for children to practise their number bonds and addition skills.

Caterpillar Ordering and Sequencing

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/caterpillar-ordering>



Children have to put numbers in the correct order and complete sequences in this number game.

Teddy Numbers

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers>



Children can practise their counting by giving teddy the correct amount of eggs.

Underwater Counting

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting>



This game asks the children to count sets of objects in the sea.

Ladybird Spots

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots>



This activity will help your child count, match and order numbers. Children will work on their number recognition and counting skills.

Top Shop Money Game

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/money/toy-shop-money/eur>



A great game for revising money. Children will have the opportunity to identify each coin, use the coins to make a total amount and count the coins. Ensure that the Euro is selected if completing this activity with your child.

Helicopter Rescue

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/helicopter-rescue>



This activity focuses on number recognition. Children have to identify the correct number for the helicopter to rescue. There is an option to work with smaller or larger numbers (up to 10, up to 20, up to 100 etc.) The game also asks children to count on and count back from a specific number.

Shape Monsters

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters>



A game aimed to help children recognise and sort 2d shapes.

Active Learning/Digital Resources - Literacy/Numeracy/Integrated Learning

- **Starfall**

<https://www.starfall.com/h/>



Starfall offers some free songs, games and activities for numeracy and literacy.

- **Have Fun Teaching**

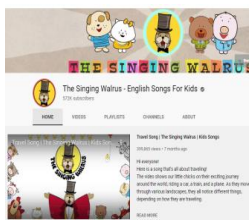
<https://www.youtube.com/user/havefunteaching/featured>



Have Fun Teaching is a YouTube channel which aims to make teaching and learning fun with engaging songs and videos. The songs and videos are cross curricular and focus on a wide variety of subjects and topics e.g. numeracy, literacy, science, geography etc.

- **The Singing Walrus**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SingingWalrusMusic/featured>



The Singing Walrus is another YouTube channel. The channel produces fun kids songs that are interactive, easy to sing along to and are very catchy. The songs are often in a call-and-response structure, which encourages the children to really engage and interact with the content of the songs. The channel has excellent songs for helping children learn the days of the week, months of the year, 2d and 3d shapes etc.

- **Jack Hartmann Kids' Music Channel**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/JackHartmann>



This YouTube channel is a fantastic resource for children. The videos will help your children with literacy and numeracy skills. The videos are active and engaging and offer a fun way for children to practise essential skills such as counting, reading sight words, rhyming etc. Many of the videos also get children up and moving and are a great movement break for them.

- **CBeebies**

<https://global.cbeebies.com/games/>



The Cbeebies website has a variety of fun games such as puzzles and memory games available for free use. The website also have a variety of shows available for children to watch e.g. The Numtums. In the website's Make and Colour section, there are several dot to dot activities and colouring pages available for printing.

- **PBS Kids**

<https://pbskids.org>

<https://pbskids.org/sesame/games>



PBS Kids is another child friendly website that offers educational, fun learning games and activities. Sesame Street games are available on this website.

Active Learning/Digital - Coding

- **Lightbot and SpriteBox**

<https://lightbot.com/flash.html>

<https://spritebox.com/>



LightBot is a puzzle game based on coding. Children learn basic coding skills while helping LightBot in the game. LightBot is both a website and a free app.

SpriteBox Coding is a full-blown adventure game that gets you coding. Children start from scratch by solving coding puzzles using icons. Over time, icons will give way to textual commands. This app helps children to develop programming/coding language in no time.

Worksheets/Resources/Activities

- **Twinkl** www.twinkl.ie/offer



Twinkl is a widely used teaching website that offers thousands of downloadable teaching resources. The site has worksheets, PowerPoints, storybooks, activities, games, colouring sheets, playdough mats, flashcards, writing templates etc. that cover all curricular areas for all ages. Though it is not usually a free site, Twinkl has kindly offered a month's subscription for free to help parents access resources for their children during the closures. To avail of this free month:

1. go to www.twinkl.ie/offer
2. Enter the code **CVDTWINKLHELPS**