

5th Class

Some Notes for Parents

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are all keeping well during these strange and unprecedented times. I am missing being in school with 5th class and am looking forward to when we can safely get back to the classroom. In the meantime, below are just a couple of notes outlining some ways in which you and your child can connect with me during this time, and some ideas for additional resources that might be of interest. I have worked with Ms Greene and Ms Lee on the plans of work so any work sent home via Aladdin and through the blog applies to all 5th class students.

5th Class Plans of Work:

Please do not worry, and remind your child not to worry, if they do not complete all the work set out for 5th class. They do not have to complete every piece of work, but rather they should work at a rate that works best for them and for you as a family. You might encourage them to set a timer and to work within a time frame for each subject each day, just as we would in the classroom. Alternatively you may have your own ways of working at home as a family and that is fine too. Children work at different paces and each family will have their preferred way of working. Just as I would expect different amounts of work returned by children in the classroom, it is the same when working at home. While it would be a good idea for children to complete some Maths, Literacy and Gaeilge each day there is no obligation for any or all of the work outlined to be completed.

Sharing work:

Your children should have their login in details for their newtownprimary.ie accounts in their homework journals. If so, they may share their work with me. I will do my best to correct this work and to give feedback so please encourage your child to check back on work they have sent after a number of days. Your child's account is not an email account but rather a facility for sharing documents so your child cannot send me an email but they can share a document and they can leave a message with this document. We have done this in school before so they are familiar with it. Please ask them to show you how they do this. Any work they do can be shared with me at lcheevers@newtownprimary.ie. You may also contact me yourself at this email address should you need to. Please also send their work to c19parentsupport@newtownprimary.ie so that it can be displayed on the school website.

Reading:

Please encourage your child to read for at least 10-15mins every day. Ask them about what they are reading and ask them about any challenging words or phrases or interesting facts they came across in their reading. If they have a younger sibling at home, encourage them to read to them regularly.

Conversations/Oral Language:

This class are a curious and inquisitive group who like to talk about what they like, what they are interested in and what is going on around them. Please chat to them regularly, ask them if they have any questions about what is going on at the moment and help them to find answers that are appropriate for their age level, there are many resources listed on our school website. Have general conversations with them about books, films or programmes they are watching, friends they are talking to, the work they are doing, things they are interested in etc.

My Read at Home: A great resource that encourages both reading and conversation is CJ Fallon's *My Read at Home Book 5*. This is available on the CJ Fallon website <https://my.cjfallon.ie/preview/student/4132/1>

This book has short one-page stories (fiction and non-fiction) and is followed by some questions that can encourage a discussion.

Project Work:

I have given 5th class a project on Italy to work on over the next two weeks, I have given them notes and suggested websites for research about the project in their Class Blog Notes. Please check in with them as to how they are doing with this.

Life Skills:

This is a great opportunity for the children in 5th class to develop their independent life skills. I will be suggesting life skills and other challenges that they might complete. Please encourage them to do these – some of them might be of benefit to you ☺

Websites:

I have included a number of websites for Project work, general resources, PE activities etc on the 5th Class Blog. There are many more websites available that the children may use but please monitor their use of the internet and make sure they are using age appropriate websites.

Workbooks:

I know homework folders and workbooks did not go home for many children in 5th class and for this reason I have given options for work other than the workbooks. If your child

does have any of these books at home, they may continue to work on them at their own pace if they wish. Alternatively, they are available in full on the following websites should they want to take a look at them. There is absolutely no obligation on them to do so, I just know some children would like to work on in them and they are welcome to do so if they wish.

- Mental Maths: <https://www.prim-ed.ie/shop/new-wave-mental-maths-5th-class/>
- Tables Champion: <https://educateplus.ie/ppresource/tables-champion-5th-class>
- My Spelling Workbook: <https://www.prim-ed.ie/shop/original-my-spelling-workbook-book-f/>
- English in Practice: <https://www.prim-ed.ie/shop/new-wave-english-in-practice-5th-class/>
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Book Publishers:

Folens: <https://www.folensonline.ie/registration/?r=t>
Register as a teacher using your own name and email address.
Use the code Prim20 for Roll Number

Fallons: <http://my.cjfallon.ie/>
Use tick box menu at top of page to select 'primary', '5th class' etc

Edco: <https://www.edcolearning.ie/Login>
Username: primaryedcobooks
Password: edco2020

Prim-Ed: <https://www.prim-ed.ie>
Search for the book you need e.g. Mental Maths 5th Class
Click on the book
Click on "preview book" to see whole book online.

I really look forward to getting back into the classroom and to seeing your children again. In the meantime I will do my best to keep in touch and give them feedback via the class blog and on any work they share with me.

Take care and stay safe

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