

Dear Parents,

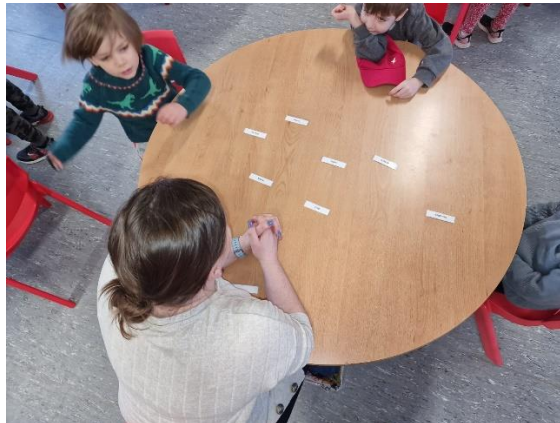
We have had a very productive January in Senior Infants. Have a look below at what we got up to for the month:

Literacy/Phonics

There has been a huge improvement in reading and phonics in Senior Infants this month. They are clearly practicing at home. Well done, girls and boys!

This month we spent much time on the below:

- Reading and responding to stories relating to our Aistear themes.
- Recount writing was a huge emphasis, especially in relating to the Chinese New Year
- Independent spelling of key words in news eg. 'today' and the days of the week.
- Practice on using spelling rules and writing through listening as opposed to copying.
- Developing oral language in relation to our Aistear themes.



Gaeilge

Children were working on the themes 'Ag Siopadoireacht' (shopping) and 'An Aimsir' (The Weather) throughout the month of January. The danced and sang to retain new vocab and greatly enjoyed the Irish games on the Interactive whiteboard.

Frásaí:

Cad atá uait? (What do you want?)

___, le do thoil. (___, please)

Cad atá i do chiseán? (What is in your basket?)

Tá ___ i mo chiseán. (___ is in my basket)

Conas atá an lá? (How is the day?)

Lá te / fuar / fliuch / gaofar atá ann. (It is a hot/cold/windy day)





Numeracy

This month we worked on:

- Combining three sets of objects, totals to 8 by counting all.
- Exploring the components of numbers 5-8.
- Using the language of ordinal number eg. first, second, last.
- Developing an understanding of the concept of weight.
- Ordering two and three objects according to weight by handling.
- Comparing and ordering objects according to weight.
- Estimating and weighing in non-standard units.

We have also begun the programme, 'Ready, Set, Maths'. Ready Set Go Maths is a hands-on approach to learning mathematical concepts in Junior and Senior Infants. It is designed to enable children to develop and consolidate their understanding of numbers through activities and interactive games.





Aistear

We had two Aistear themes this month – ‘Arctic/Antarctic Explorers’ and ‘Chinese New Year’. Below is a selection of the activities we covered.

- Snow making
- Polar bear art
- Arctic Animal hunt
- Aurora Borealis art
- Igloo Making
- Chinese Restaurant
- Chinese Writing
- Firework art





We also began a term of yoga which the children (and I) found extremely enjoyable.



That's all the news for now!

I hope you all have a wonderful February.

Kind regards,
Gráinne