

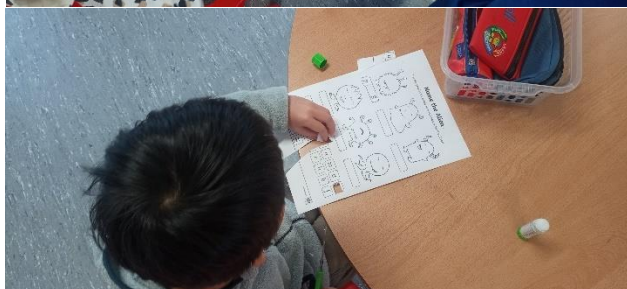
Dear Parents,

Despite the week off for mid-term, we had a jam-packed February in the Senior Infants classroom. Have a look below at what we got up to for the month:

### Literacy/Phonics

There was a focus on sequencing this month.

- Sequencing: students gained clarity on the beginning, middle and end of stories and did various cutting and pasting tasks to consolidate this knowledge.
- Phonics - We revised the vowel digraphs ie, oa, ue, ea.
- We read many stories linked to our Aistear theme, 'space'.
- The children have started independent sentence writing in their news. I am very proud at their sentence structures (finger spaces, writing on the line, fullstops etc) and how they are applying their phonics rules.



## Gaeilge

The class was working on the theme, 'Sa Chistin' throughout February. They were also introduced to our new classroom friends/puppets Seán and Síofra who they found very funny.

Frásaí:

Cá bhfuil an \_\_\_\_? (Where is the \_\_\_\_)

Tá sé ar an/in aice leis an \_\_\_\_\_. (It is on/beside the \_\_\_\_)

Tá \_\_\_\_ sa chistin. (\_\_\_\_ is in the kitchen)

Fóclóir:

Cófra (cupboard), cuntar (counter), citeal (kettle), tóstaer (toaster), ag scríobh (writing), ag ní (washing)



## Numeracy

This month we worked on:

- Partition sets of objects, 0-9.
- Read and write numerals 7, 8, 9.
- Combine sets of objects, totals to 9.
- Explore the components of numbers 0-9.
- Combine totals to 9 on a number line by 'counting on'.
- Identify the complement of a set.
- Solve simple problems by combining sets of objects, totals to 9.

The girls and boys have also been working very hard on addition and greatly enjoy the addition bingo games we have been playing.





## Aistear

Our Aistear theme for February was 'Space'. Below is a selection of the activities we covered.

- Rocket Experiment using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar
- Solar System painting
- Astronaut sticking and pasting
- Astronaut and alien roleplay
- Alien clay art
- Astronaut helmet junk art
- Spaceship building





We also began our Buddy Fridays. Wonderful 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class students visited Senior Infants to teach them new games and read them stories. We are very lucky to have such kind and thoughtful helpers.



That's all the news for now!

I hope you all have a wonderful March.

Kind regards,  
Gráinne