

Junior Infant November Woodstock ETNS Review

Dear Parents,

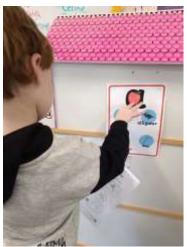
We covered so many wonderful topics in Junior Infants over the course of November. Below is a snippet of what we got up to:

Literacy/Phonics

November was a big month for phonics in Junior Infants. We covered the first group in the Jolly Phonics programme (s, a, t, i, p, n) and I am so proud of how enthusiastic the girls and boys have been. Alongside practicing the sounds, we have also been working on blending eg. s-a-t becomes sat. There has been steady progress with this, and it is something that I would encourage you to try at home.

We will be beginning the next group of phonics in December; however, I ask that you continue to reinforce the sounds previously covered. Practice makes perfect (3)











Gaeilge

This month we have started our Irish Christmas songs, 'and we have also worked on the theme 'Bia' (food)

Below are some key phrases we have been working on:

Tá ocras/tart orm – I am hungry/thirsty

Tá mé ag ithe – I am eating

Tá mé ag ól – I am drinking





Numeracy

This month, we have been working hugely on number. Below are some of the objectives we've covered:

- Reding and writing the numeral 2 and 3.
- Presenting sets to match a numeral and vice versa.
- Developing an understanding of the conservation of number.











<u>Aistear</u>

Below is a selection of activities covered this month:

- Made rangoli patterns for Diwali
- Made Hanukkah menorahs
- Life cycle of a frog science investigation
- Cut and paste Hanukkah Christmas dinner
- Turkey art for Thanksgiving
- Constructed toys using lego
- Made Thanksgiving dinner in roleplay
- Conducted a water and cornflour experiment



Forest Schooling

Junior Infants had a fantastic time at Forest School at the beginning of the month. They learned all about planting and the different wild animals we have in Ireland. It was a super experience!







In December:

- Our Aistear theme will be 'Winter Wonderland'.
- If you have any books that you are willing to donate that would suit our 'Winter Wonderland theme', it would be very much appreciated.

That's all the news for now! I will send you a similar letter next month to let you know what we did during the month of December.

Kind regards, Gráinne