



## 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 😊





### 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.



### Aistear

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