

Dear Parents,

January has been a very busy month in Junior Infants. Below is a snippet of what we got up to:

### Literacy/Phonics

The girls and boys have been making steady progress in their Jolly Phonics sounds. The new sounds covered this month were: r, m, d, g, o and u. This week, our sounds have been l and f.

As well as consolidating the sounds, we have also been working really hard on the below:

- Sound discrimination: Recognising that **a** is the middle sound in **cat** and **o** is the middle sound in **dog** (can be done orally or in written form).
- Dictation: I say a word and they write it on their whiteboards. After saying it normally, it sometimes helps to model how they should break it up eg. h-a-t.
- Letter formation: Ensuring that they are writing each letter in the correct formation.



### Gaeilge

This month we focused hugely on the theme 'An Aimsir' (The weather). The boys and girls have practiced the below phrases every day in class. I would love if they could be encouraged to continue to practice them at home. Let them show you their actions too!

Below are some key phrases we have been working on:

Tá sé te – It is hot

Tá sé fuar – It is cold

Tá sé tirim – It is dry

Tá sé fliuch – It is wet.

A new phrase that they need a little bit more practice on is:

Go raibh maith agat (guh rev moh agut)- Thank you.



### Numeracy

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

- Sort and name 2-D shapes: square, circle, triangle, rectangle.
- Use suitable structured materials to create pictures.
- Read and write the numeral 5.
- Present sets to match a numeral and vice versa
- Develop an understanding of the conservation of number.





## Aistear

Our Aistear theme for January was 'Fairytales'. We read many fairytale stories including Jack in the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood and Rapunzel. Below is a selection of activities covered this month:



**In February:**

- Our Aistear theme will be 'Chinese New Year' and 'Valentine's Day'.
- If you have any books/jigsaws that you are willing to donate that would suit our theme, we would greatly appreciate it!

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 February.

Kind regards,  
Gráinne