

Good morning Senior Infants

Welcome back to school online, we hope everyone had a nice and safe Christmas and I'm sure Santa was very good to you all!

We are all back online again to ensure we are all kept safe and hopefully this will be a short term solution and we can be back in our classroom very soon.

Miss Barrett and Ms Dolan will be working with you online as we did in class. Miss Barrett will be available Monday and Tuesday this week and then Ms Dolan will take over on Wednesday to the following Tuesday as usual. We will set some activities for the week and then we will add daily activities on Seesaw. We want to make this as enjoyable for the children as possible and as stress free for you parents as if possible in this challenging situation!

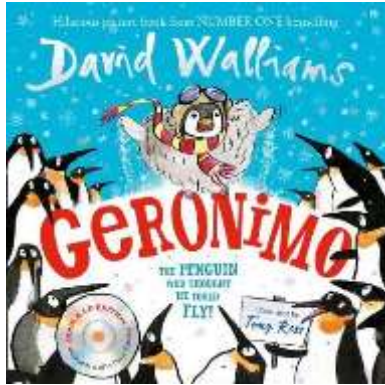
Our theme for January is The Weather and the Arctic.

This is a very practical theme and ideal for this time of year especially considering all the very cold and frosty weather we have had. Play is a large part of learning in Senior Infants so here are some ideas you could incorporate into this weeks' learning, making it fun and easy for your child to grasp the concepts.

- Talk about what the weather is today. The children know our class song - What's the weather? Encourage them to sing it and decide the weather for today.
- Watch the weather forecast. Can they recognize any of the symbols?
- Make a weather symbol using playdoh. Can you make a cloud? Some rain? A rainbow?
- Dress your teddy/dolly for the weather! Is it a sunny day or a cold day? What should they wear?
- Build an igloo with Lego/Blocks or any other toys you can find at home!

English

- Children will be assigned their readers on Seesaw
- Writing - Can you tell me all about your Christmas holidays? Write 3 sentences about what you enjoyed most.
- We will be focusing on letter formation and writing. We would like you to use your whiteboard, chalkboard or a copy to practice one letter each day. We will follow the correct formation. Then try to think and write as many words as you can that begin with that letter. Letters - c, o, a, d
- Letter c - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5iNhZdX4Ws>



Monday - Predicting - This is our story for this week, can you predict what you think this story is about? You can share your thoughts with a drawing or a voice recording of your ideas.

Tuesday - Listen to the story. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8UDIMQ2Zhg>

Wednesday - Draw a picture of your favourite part of the story and share with us on Seesaw!

Poem - Read aloud and add some actions to make our poem extra interesting! Send me your video of your actions when you know the poem.

Little Penguin

I'm a little penguin

Black and White

Short and Wobbly

An adorable sight.

I can't fly at all

But I like to swim

So I'll waddle to the water

And dive right in.

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Maths

We will be learning all about 3D shapes. Busy at Maths pages 32 & 33. See Seesaw for videos and activities.

SESE

The Arctic

- Do you know where the Arctic is?
- What is Antarctica?
- Can you find it on a globe? Who lives there?
- What is the weather like there? See Seesaw for all you activities and videos.
- Find 2 interesting facts about the Arctic and the Antarctic! Share your new facts with us on Seesaw.

Art

Have a go at an art activity. Can you make me a penguin? Use a paper plate or a toilet roll holder and see what you can create. Have fun!



PE

Try get outside every day for some play! I bet there are some new bikes and scooters in your homes so hop on and get some fresh air!

Joe Wicks is back too for anyone who would like an extra challenge and Cosmic kids yoga is good too for some nice stretching.

Hope you have a great week! Looking forward to catching up with everyone and having some fun on Seesaw!

Ms Barrett & Ms Dolan