THE PRIMARY PLANET APRIL 27 -- MAY 01

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WORKSHEETS FOR THE WEEK

MENTAL MATHS

15 mental maths questions read aloud. You write down the answers as quickly (and correctly) as you can! If we are going too fast for you, just play it again, and again, until you get all completed. We'll reveal the answers tomorrow, before we begin the next one. Ready? Let's go!

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A ... FRONT-LINE HEALTHCARE WORKER

This week's recount writing activity challenges you to imagine what life must be like for Ireland's front-line healthcare workers. Doctors, nurses, drivers, cleaners, caterers, the list goes on. We need you to write about your day so we too can begin to understand what it must be like in these strange times.



Comprehension Activity: Monday, April 27

32-QUIZ (PART III)

Pens out, guys! This month's 32-quiz is based on the 32 pages of TPP's April issue. E.g. The answer to Q.23 can be found on page 23.

This week, Part III features the final 12 questions/pages.

21.	What is the solution to 6 DOWN?	
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- 22. The number one followed by 100 zeros is called a _______
- 23. Which country is trying to protect thr right whale?
- 24. What is the official language of Andorra?
- 25. Which country runs on renewable energy average of 300 days per year?
- 26. What is the name of the hare in Run with the Wind?
- 27. In which Irish county is Beaufort?
- 28. Who is described as 'gas craic'?
- 29. Which driver tried to save Roger Williamson?
- 30. In what year did Ronaldo last win the Ballon d'Or?
- 31. Who won the SheBelieves Cup recently?
- 32. What has caused the postponement of sport worldwide?

ANSWERS

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11.	12.	
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ACROSTIC POEMS

We want your poems -- long, short, exciting, sad, fun, scary, unbelievable, thrilling ... so we can share them with all our *TPP* readers. This week's challenge is to compose (write) an acrostic poem. With an acrostic poem, the first letter of each line spells out a word or words (going downwards) that you are basing your poem on.

This week's words are: STAYING AT HOME S N G Α H E

Grammar Activity: Tuesday, April 28

EDIT THE EDITOR

This grammar activity is based on an article from an issue of *The Primary Planet* called *Wildfires Rage in America*. Read through the article and see if you can spot the 10 spelling mistakes, the 5 missing capital letters and the 5 missing full stops.

A major fire that has burned 200 square kilometers in the United States of america could continue to burn for up to six months, officials have warned The blaze was sparked when lightening struck the ground on April 6 in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge in Georgia, and has swept across the land ever since, into the neighboring state of Florida. windy conditions have not helped matters, with gusts faning the flames and adding growth to the already sizeable wildfire.

Masses of volinteers have been working around the clock to prevent the fire from spreading further – with more than 430 firefighters and support personnell being involved so far

However, due to the large scale of the blaze, it has been too difficult and dangerous for people to extingwish it completely Susan Granbery of the georgia Forestry Commision said the only way to put out the fire for good is for a massive rainstorm to hit the Florida-Georgia state border. unfortunately, meteoroligists predict this will not happen until novembur, meaning the fire could burn right up to the winter

This is not unusual for that part of America, however. In 2011, a wildfire burned inside of Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge for a full year

ANSWERS

SPE	LLINGS	CAPITALS	WORD BEFORE FULLSTOP
1.	6.	1.	1.
2.	7.	2.	2.
3.	8.	3.	3.
4.	9.	4.	4.
5.	10.	5.	5.

COUNTY FACT-IVITY

Each week we present a county of Ireland in all its facts and glory. The only trouble is, 10 words are needed to complete the piece. Have a careful read and see if you can figure out the missing words to complete the facts. When you do, fill in the blanks below or list them 1-10 in the online comment box provided. We'll reveal the correct answers next week!

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Persuasive Writing Activity: Wednesday, April 29

HAVE YOUR SAY

In Have Your Say this week, we want you to think about and write about this:

SCHOOLS STAYING SHUT --IS THIS THE RIGHT CALL?

Remember, when you are putting forward your opinion, or partaking in a discussion or debate make sure you know your facts and be clear in how you feel about a certain topic and why.

Maths Activity: Thursday, April 30

MATHS STORY

Daisy was placing the last of her clothes into her small, red suitcase.

'You're still packing?'

Daisy turned to find her mum standing behind her.

'Quickly, D! The bus is leaving at 9.55 a.m. sharp.'

Daisy was travelling to Dublin (Connolly Station) and the entire journey should take four hours and eighteen minutes. She dashed downstairs and met her mum waiting at the front door.

They walked the 250 metres to the local bus stop. Daisy noticed a large crowd of people waiting under the shelter. Twenty-six in total, she counted, including herself, all waiting for the same bus. Five minutes later – exactly on time – the orange and black sixty-seater coach pulled up.

Daisy was the first person to get on. On the way to her seat, Daisy passed ten people already on the bus. She chose a seat near the back and waved goodbye to her mum.

An hour had passed when Daisy spotted a sign that read: Dublin 125km. The bus travelled a further 12km before pulling up outside the train station.

At 11.25 a.m. Daisy stepped onto the train. Although she counted 21 carriages in total, just two thirds of them were in use.

Two hours and thirty-seven minutes later, Daisy arrived at Connolly Station. She walked exactly one kilometre and 23 metres to the taxi rank before travelling six times that distance by taxi to Uncle Emmet's house.

Eventually, at half past three, she arrived at her destination. Exhausted after her day's travelling, she paid the taxi fare, collected her suitcase from the boot and waved wearily at her smiling uncle.

- 1. At what time did Daisy arrive at Connolly Station?
- 2. If the distance between Connolly Station and Hueston station is 3km, how long would it take Daisy to walk it, if she walked at a speed of 9km per hour?
- 3. By how much was Daisy ahead or behind schedule?
- 4. What was the distance from Connolly Station to Uncle Emmet's house?
- 5. If Uncle Emmet was exactly 4 times the age of Daisy, and both digits in his age were the same number and below 5, what age is a) Uncle Emmet and b) Daisy?
- 6. Daisy's train ticket cost €13.20 exactly three times the price of her bus fare. If the total cost of transport was €24.20, how much was the taxi fare?
- 7. If Daisy went to bed at 11 p.m. sharp that night, and slept for 737 minutes, what time did she wake the following morning?

Report Writing Activity: Thursday, April 30

DID YOU KNOW ...?

Every issue of *The Primary Planet* is packed full of facts and figures. Things you never knew before, waiting to surprise and amaze you on every page. This week, we invite you to write a report on the subject of one of your favourite articles in the April Issue of TPP. Fr example, if you enjoyed the Climate Change feature, you could write a short report, or series of facts, about Global Warming.

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Persuasive Writing Activity: Friday, May 01

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You can also send your book reviews to schools@theprimaryplanet.ie

Word Enrichment Activity: Friday, May 01

VOCABULARY CONSTABULARY

Are you a good detective? The Vocabulary Constabulary needs your help.

You can often detect the meaning of a word or phrase by reading it in context, that is, by reading the other words around it in a piece of text. Find the page, article or paragraph in TPP and then detect the word or phrase that solves the clue to its meaning. The number of letters and the starting letter of the solution are in brackets after each clue.

LOCATION CLUE (number of letters, first		CLUE (number of letters, first letter)	SOLUTION
1.	P19 Ava's Animal	sA thousand million (7,b)	
2.	P20 Maths Story	Place to which someone is going or being sent. (11,d)	
3.	P20 Crack the Qu	ote Convert a code into normal language. (8,d)	
4.	P24 Big News	Outrageous behaviour; misconduct; wrongdoing. (7,s)	
5.	P24 Attraction	Substitute; replacement; different choice. (11,a)	
6.	P26 Evie's War	Greatly dismayed or horrified. (8,a)	
7.	P26 Run With	An experienced, seasoned, mature person. (7,v)	
8.	P26 Run With	Infamous; with a bad reputation. (9,n)	
9.	P28 Join Us	Interested; busy; occupied. (7,e)	
10.	P16 1973	Lockable cabinet or cupboard. (6,l)	
	Nov	v, sort your answers into alphabetical order! ———————————————————————————————————	