

Ms. Curtin Senior Infants

Our theme for this week is Plants.

Stories: All available on youtube- The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle, The Curious Garden, We Plant a Seed, The Lorax, Peep Plants a Seed, Olivia Plants a Garden, Mrs. Mole I'm Home. More available on getepic.com, storylineonline.net.

Nursery Rhymes: (All available on youtube) Sing a song of flowers-the kiboomers, Mary Mary quite contrary, The Green Grass Grows all around, The Planting Song, 5 little flowers, 5 little bunnies, this is the way the bunny hops, Boom Chicka Easter Boom, Bounce Patrol have lovely Easter songs

Writing: Write a short passage such as My News, my favourite book/toy, Spring, Easter etc

We use pre-cursive letter formation. Letter formation workbook and lots of pencil pattern worksheets on Twinkl. Letter formation copies: choose a letter, write both capital and lowercase, write a sentence with lots of words that start with that letter, draw pictures of objects that start with that letter. Writing Wizard is a useful app.

Tricky Words: if possible write out a 2nd set of tricky words to play games like snap and bingo. Pick a tricky word and make a sentence with it in it, call out a sentence with the tricky word and they write it in their copy. Hide tricky words around the house and they find them. Read a story and find tricky words in it. More non-blendable words can be found at [https://www.sess.ie/sites/default/files/Resources/Cirricular Material/DolchWord List 220.pdf](https://www.sess.ie/sites/default/files/Resources/Cirricular%20Material/DolchWord%20List%20220.pdf)

Phonics: When reading, if your child does not recognise a word and it can be sounded out encourage them to say the sounds to hear the word. Also Alphablocks youtube videos and Starfall app are useful.

Maths: we are working on the language of length: long, short, longer, shorter, longest, shortest, tall, tallest. Busy at Maths pages 17, 18. Can your child find something in the house that is long, even longer, shorter etc. Who is the tallest person in the house, who has the longest/shortest hair, which tree is the tallest in the garden? You could then move on to measuring how long something is. We do not measure using rulers in Senior Infants but you could measure how long your foot is in lego pieces, how tall are you in pencils/crayons, how long is the table using a book.

Gaeilge: watch a cartoon or play a cluiche on Cúla 4 app or website, Séideán Sí have lovely resources available online

Science: How do Seeds become a plant?-Scishow Kids on youtube. Name parts of a plant: flower, bud, stem, petal, seed, roots, bulb, common garden flowers such as daffodils, roses, daisies, snowdrops, bluebells etc. Growth Process-Germination, sprout, photosynthesis and what it needs to grow: sun, water, soil. If possible could your child plant a seed: cress seeds will grow in damp cotton wool or sunflowers are a great option too.

Geography: Garden Hunt: Can you find a red/yellow/orange flower, can you count the petals/can you find a long stem? Spring hunt-what signs of spring can you find in the garden eg)buds/leaves on tree/a birds nest. Draw a picture of what you find.

History: Jack and the Beanstalk-oxbridge baby or pinkfong on youtube or powerpoint on youtube. Jack and the Beanstalk Sequencing Activity on Twinkl-cut out pictures and put into correct order. Thumbelina story- video on youtube-pinkfong or powerpoint on twinkl.

Thumbelina word search and colouring pages on twinkl. Draw your own picture of your favourite part of the story.

Art ideas: Make a garden with a shoebox and junk art, look at famous flower paintings such as Monet or Van Gogh Sunflowers and then paint/draw your own flower/garden picture, make flowers with paper plates/straws. Lots of Spring/Easter colouring sheets on twinkl.

Apps: Chalk Draw-draw a flower/garden

PE: GoNoodle, Cosmic Kids yoga on youtube, the body coach PE lessons for kids on youtube daily

Play is so important for your child, in school we were playing The Garden Centre, soil play with seeds/buckets/spades/spoons, making flowers with straws, paper plates etc, building a garden or garden centre with lego.

Grow in Love: Easter Story pages 42-47

I hope you find some of these ideas helpful.

All the best, R. Curtin.