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| ***Monday 5th October 2020*** | ***Tuesday 6th October 2020*** |
| **Sound of the day: ‘i’** (Song, action and formation)Trace the sound “i” on the table and in the air with index finger while saying it. Think of words/objects that begin with this sound <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExNHyIYyF48&list=PL4Lm2K-C_b0eSqQS4yHcQW3KaFIiDCFug&index=4>**Oral Language:** Days of the week/ months of the year (they can sing or say these). Talk about Aistear theme of the week: The Fire Station**Just Phonics:** p.7 (i)**Poem**: The Squirrel **Gaeilge:** “Conas atá tú? Tá mé go maith” | **Sound of the day: ‘p’** Trace the sound “p” on the table and in the air with index finger while saying it. Think of words/objects that begin with this sound**Sound:** Revise sounds **‘p’** **Song, action and formation**  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=il0FwfWMo_A&list=PL4Lm2K-C_b0eSqQS4yHcQW3KaFIiDCFug&index=5> **Oral Language:** Days of the week/ months of the year (they can sing or say these). Talk about Aistear theme of the week: The Fire Station**Just Phonics:** p.8 (p)**Poem**: The Squirrel**Gaeilge:** “Conas atá tú? Tá mé go maith” |
| ***Wednesday 7th October 2020*** | ***Thursday 8th October 2020*** |
| **New Sound of the day: ‘n’** **Sound Copy** – go over **all** sounds. **This is so, so important****Tip: Keep actions going as it will speed up letter sound recognition when reading and writing.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MspINFC-81k&list=PL4Lm2K-C_b0eSqQS4yHcQW3KaFIiDCFug&index=6> **Just Phonics:** p.9 (n)**Oral Language:** Days of the week/ months of the year (they can sing or say these). Talk about Aistear theme of the week: The Fire Station**Poem**: The Squirrel**Gaeilge:** “Conas atá tú? Tá mé go maith” | **Sound Copy** – go over all sounds (s,a,t, i, p, n)Think of words that begin with all of these sounds**Tip: Keep practising sounds and actions for each sound.****Oral Language:** Days of the week/ months of the year (they can sing or say these). Talk about Aistear theme of the week: The Fire Station**Maths:** p.6**Poem**: The Squirrel**Just Handwriting**: “i” page**Gaeilge:** “Conas atá tú? Tá mé go maith” |

Additional Notes:

* When your child is writing, watch for their pencil grip. Some are finding holding the pencil and their colours quite tricky, but they will get there! They just need continued practice and reassurance. This video may help <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DP5htYZ5jjQ&ab_channel=CallOTChrissy>
* We are all trying really hard in class to learn how to put on our own coats and zip them up for this cold weather. It might be an idea to have your child practice putting their own coats on before school as a way of practicing. This video might help <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5J7Slnawmm0&ab_channel=allmomdoes>
* Well done to all the children last week doing all their homework. Thank you all so much also for uploading everything to SeeSaw. There has been a massive improvement in pencil grip. Keep watching it and eventually it’ll just come naturally to them.
* In Aistear this week, we are continuing to learn about the Fire Station as well as Fire Safety. Have a chat with your child about what they have learned which may lead to a conversation about Fire Safety in the home.
* If you would like to see some of the things we are doing in school at the moment, click on to our Facebook page and Instagram page. Both are just called “Ballinagar NS”. No photos of your children will ever be posted on either of these websites.
* We’ve made it through the first month with no major issues at all!! The children are fantastic, and I love their enthusiasm for everything we do. Keep it up boys and girls ☺