

THE PRIMARY PLANET HOMEWORK CLUB

TEACHER PACK

FEBRUARY 22-26

This pack includes ...

LIST OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

PUPIL WORKSHEETS FOR THE WEEK

ANSWERS TO ALL ACTIVITIES

****Children can access all activities online as a paperless alternative where no photocopying is needed. ****

*****Children WILL NEED their TPP mags (ONLINE VERSION) when completing some of the activities*****

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Children visit www.theprimaryplanet.ie

1. TPP WEEKLY QUIZ (AUDIO)

(15 GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS, POSTED ONLINE FROM MONDAY A.M.)

2. MENTAL MATHS CHALLENGE (AUDIO)

(15 MATHS QUESTIONS, POSTED ONLINE FROM MONDAY A.M.)

3. VOCABULARY CONSTABULARY

(A VOCABULARY ACTIVITY, AVAILABLE ON WORKSHEET OR ONLINE)

4. CLOZE TEST

(A COMPREHENSION ACTIVITY, AVAILABLE ON WORKSHEET OR ONLINE)

5. EDITING EXERCISE

(A SPELLING ACTIVITY, AVAILABLE ON WORKSHEET OR ONLINE)

6. 10 gCEIST

(AN IRISH-LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION ACTIVITY, AVAILABLE ON WORKSHEET OR ONLINE)

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES EXPLAINED

1. TPP WEEKLY QUIZ (AUDIO)

A 15-question general knowledge audio quiz posted online every Monday from 9:00 a.m. Children listen to an audio file, as we call out the questions. They can write down their answers on an answer sheet, in a designated Homework Club copy, or type them online in the comment box provided. Answers to the quiz are posted every Friday in the Friday Answer Podcast (also audio), allowing the children to listen in and self-correct. By logging their answers online, each child enters a weekly draw to win an online shopping voucher worth €25.

2. TPP MENTAL MATHS CHALLENGE (AUDIO)

A 15-question mental maths audio activity posted online every Monday from 9:00 a.m. Children listen to an audio file, as we call out the questions. They can write down their answers on an answer sheet, in a designated Homework Club copy, or type them online in the comment box provided. Answers to the Maths challenge are posted every Friday in the Friday Answer Podcast (also audio), allowing the children to listen in and self-correct. By logging their answers online, each child enters a weekly draw to win an online shopping voucher worth €25.

3. VOCABULARY CONSTABULARY (WORKSHEET OR ONLINE)

A vocabulary enrichment activity posted online every Monday from 9:00 a.m. Vocabulary Constabulary challenges the children to find words throughout this month's magazine that match the definitions provided. The clues also provide differentiation (page numbers, starting letters, etc). They can write down their answers on the worksheet provided, in a designated Homework Club copy, or type them online in the comment box provided. Answers to the vocabulary enrichment exercise are posted every Friday in the Friday Answer Podcast (also audio), allowing the children to listen in and self-correct. By logging their answers online, each child enters a weekly draw to win an online shopping voucher worth €25.

4. CLOZE TEST (WORKSHEET OR ONLINE)

A comprehension activity posted online every Monday from 9:00 a.m. This activity requires the children to fill in the 10 words from the word box to complete the article. They can write down their answers on an answer sheet, a designated Homework Club copy, or type them online in the comment box provided. Answers to the cloze tests are posted every Friday in the Friday Answer Podcast (also audio), allowing the children to listen in and self-correct. By logging their answers online, each child enters a weekly draw to win an online shopping voucher worth €25.

5. EDIT THE EDITOR (WORKSHEET OR ONLINE)

A spelling activity posted online every Monday from 9:00 a.m. This activity requires the children to find the 10 misspelled words from the article. They can write down their answers on an answer sheet, a designated Homework Club copy, or type them online in the comment box provided. Answers to the editing exercise are posted every Friday in the Friday Answer Podcast (also audio), allowing the children to listen in and self-correct. By logging their answers online, each child enters a weekly draw to win an online shopping voucher worth €25.

6. 10 gCEIST

An Irish-language comprehension activity posted online this Monday from 9:00 a.m. In 10gCeist, children must answer 10 questions (as Gaeilge) based on nuacht from this month's issue. They can write down their answers on an answer sheet, a designated Homework Club copy, or type them online in the comment box provided. By logging their answers online or emailing them in, each child will enter a weekly draw to win an online shopping voucher worth €25.

Answer sheet for your weekly

MENTAL MATHS CHALLENGE

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 every Friday! Ready? Let's go!

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FRIDAY SCORE: _____

Answer Sheet for your

TPP WEEKLY QUIZ

Right, before anyone asks you to do anything, be ready to shout: **IN TEN MINUTES!**
As that's how long it will take you to complete this, we're thinking.
OK, enough of the intro, we want answers ... **NOW!** So, listen up!

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DATE: _____

FRIDAY SCORE: _____

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FRIDAY SCORE: _____

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, Article/Paragraph	CLUE (number of letters, first letter)
1. P7 Tokyo ...	Survey, canvass, market research. (4,p)
2. P7 Tokyo ...	Decided, arrived at an opinion. (9,c)
3. P8 Chef Lenny ...	Very small of its kind. (9,m)
4. P8 ... of Ruby	A dog, a hound, a canine. (5,p)
5. P8 Angry Birds 2	Widespread destruction, devastation. (14,r)
6. P10 The Joe Show	Toned down, sombre, quiet. (7,s)
7. P10 The Joe Show	Attracted most attention and praise. (5,3,4,s,t,s)
8. P11 Method	A large spoon or scoop for serving soup. (5,l)
9. P12 Wacky Wheels	Unpleasant, disagreeable, displeasing. (11,d)
10. P13 Sock's Surprise	Smother, asphyxiate. (9,s)

Your answers

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Now, sort your answers into alphabetical order!

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CLOZE TEST

We've made this piece a bit trickier by taking out 10 words. This is called a Cloze test. Read through the words in the Word Bank first and make sure you understand them. Then, read the article. Make sure you think about the best place to put a word, not the first place. Careful as you go, as some words may fit in more than one place, while other words will only suit one.

Word Bank				
rivers	sites	flat	province	flows
monastery	water	finest	county	central

County Roscommon

County Roscommon is in the _____ (1) of Connacht, bordered by Sligo, Mayo, Galway, Offaly, Westmeath, Longford and Leitrim.

Although it is a landlocked county, Roscommon is three-quarters surrounded by _____ (2).

The longest stretch of the River Shannon, of the ten counties through which it _____ (3), is in Roscommon.

The county gets its name, Ros Comáin, from St Coman, who built a _____ (4) there in the 6th century.

The landscape of Roscommon is mostly _____ (5), and forms part of the huge limestone plain of _____ (6) Ireland.

There are many bogs, but also good grazing land, along the courses of the _____ (7) Suck and Shannon.

The Arigna Mountains and the Curlew Mountains are in the north of the _____ (8).

Among the many heritage _____ (9) in Roscommon are the Drumanone Dolmen and Roscommon Castle.

Boyle Abbey is one of the _____ (10) surviving Cistercian churches in Ireland, and King House in the town is a beautifully restored Georgian mansion.

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EDIT THE EDITOR

This spelling activity is based on an article from the feature in this month's issue of The Primary Planet. Read through the article and see if you can spot the 10 spelling mistakes.

Pancakes (page 11)

Practice makes perfect, right?

So why not get cracking, whisking and flipping in time for Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Tuesday, as it is popularly known, on February 16.

Shrove Tuesday is the last day before the season of Lent, a time of preparashion before the coming of Easter in the Christian Church.

It is also a time of reflectshion and fasting, where many Christians chuse to give up something, such as sweets, television or biting there nails, for 40 days.

Traditionally, the idea behind 'Pancake Tuesday' was to empty the cuboards of sugar, eggs and fats to avoid all temptations during Lent. These ingrediants weren't thrown out, but instead used to make lots of yummy pancakes.

There are thousands of different topping combonations you can use. Don't forget – it's important to get the right balanse between nutrition and treats, so go easy.

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10 gCEIST

Tá siad simplí agus tá deich freagra le fáil. Féach tríd an nuachtán!

1. Lch30 Tá sé ina bhainisteoir ar Celtic Glaschú.
2. Lch30 Cén leasainm atá ar foireann rugbaí na hAfraice Theas?
3. Lch6 Tá an t-eas Fukuroda sa tír seo.
4. Lch8 Scríobh sí an leabhar Chef Lenny: Cooking for Humans.
5. Lch9 Cén saghas rud é Leviathan?
6. Lch18 Tá deilfeanna bándearg san abhainn seo.
7. Lch19 Cén tír ina bhfuil Patagonia?
8. Lch23 Rinneadh an chéad gásoigheann sa bhliain seo.
9. Lch 26 Tá Isabella, Cata agus Lupe sa leabhar seo.
- 10 Lch29 Cén aois é Tom Brady?

Foclóir

Leasainm – nickname

Deilf – dolphin

Rinneadh – was made

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ANSWERS

Vocabulary Constabulary

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2. concluded
3. miniature
4. pooch
5. havoc
6. subdued
7. stole the show
8. ladle
9. distasteful
10. suffocate

Alphabetical Order

1. concluded
2. distasteful
3. havoc
4. ladle
5. miniature
6. poll
7. pooch
8. stole the show
9. subdued
10. suffocate

Cloze Test

1. province
2. water
3. flows
4. monastery
5. flat
6. central
7. rivers
8. county
9. sites
10. finest

Edit the editor

1. flipping
2. popularly
3. preparation
4. reflection
5. choose
6. their
7. cupboards
8. ingredients
9. combinations,
10. balance

10 gCEIST

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2. Springboks
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8. 1834
9. *The Girl of Ink and Stars*
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PUPILS CAN TUNE IN FROM 9 A.M. EVERY FRIDAY TO HEAR THE ANSWERS TO ALL ACTIVITIES CALLED OUT SO THEY CAN MARK THEIR SCORE IN THIS WEEK'S SET OF ACTIVITIES

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