

THE PRIMARY PLANET HOMEWORK CLUB

TEACHER PACK

JANUARY 25-29

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. WRITING CORNER

(A CREATIVE WRITING ACTIVITY, AVAILABLE ON WORKSHEET OR ONLINE)

7. THE MUSIC QUIZ

(AURAL (AND FUN) ACTIVITY, AVAILABLE 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. WRITING CORNER

A creative writing activity posted online this Monday from 9:00 a.m. In the Writing Corner, we give an opening sentence which children must build a story around. Children can create their story in Word and email it to schools@theprimaryplanet.ie, or type them online in the comment box provided. By logging their stories online or emailing them in, each child will enter a weekly draw to win an online shopping voucher worth €25.

7. MUSIC QUIZ

A fun activity posted online every Monday from 9:00 a.m. In the MUSIC QUIZ, we play 10 clips of famous 2020 hits, where children have to name the artiste or song. Children can write down their answers on an answer sheet, a designated Homework Club copy, or type them online in the comment box provided. The answers will be posted on the Friday, allowing the children to self-correct. By logging their answers online, 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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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)

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|-----------------------|---|
| 1. P7 Venice ... | Lovely, scenic or visually attractive. (11,p) |
| 2. P7 China ... | Unwound, unrolled, opened out. (8,u) |
| 3. P7 Asteroid ... | A small container or case. (7,c) |
| 4. P7 Maradona ... | The face value of a banknote. (12,d) |
| 5. P8 Monolith ... | Deconstruct, take apart, disassemble. (9,d) |
| 6. P8 Caleb's ... | Copy or imitate. (5,m) |
| 7. P9 ... & Ford | An arrangement based on trust. (10,9,g,a) |
| 8. P9 A Legal Battle | Resulted, followed, developed, arose. (6,e) |
| 9. P13 Silage Samples | Consultant, mentor, guide, counsellor. (7,a) |
| 10. P19 The Exodus | Begin, commence, start. (6,e) |

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				
win	times	ever	winner	first
schools	female	successful	awards	winning

BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition

The first _____ (1) Young Scientist Exhibition was held in the Mansion House in 1965. Over 5,000 people attended, and 230 students participated.

Since then, over three quarters of a million people have visited the event. In 2018 alone, 4,251 students from 383 _____ (2) across the island of Ireland, covering 2,031 projects, competed for the coveted title 'BT Young Scientist & Technologist of the Year'.

Each year, the _____ (3) project is entered in similar exhibitions in Europe and the USA. To date, Irish students have taken the top honours fourteen _____ (4) at the annual European Union Science Contest. Irish Young Scientists have also scooped over twenty top _____ (5) in the Science and Engineering Fair in the USA.

The first ever _____ (6) of the Young Scientist Exhibition was John Monahan from Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. The first _____ (7) winner, in 1966, was Mary Finn from the Ursuline Convent, Sligo. Richard Elliot, from Portora Royal School, Enniskillen, became the first Northern Ireland student to _____ (8) Young Scientist of the Year in 1974.

In 1983, Turan Mirza, William Murphy and Gareth Clarke from Carrickfergus Grammar School in Antrim became the _____ (9) group team to win the Young Scientists of the Year title. The first mixed team to be _____ (10) were Emma Donnellan and Henry Byrne from FCJ Secondary School in Bunclody, Co. Wexford in 1987.

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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.

Annie's Vaccine (Page 5)

A 79-year-old grandmother from Dublin became the first person in the Irish Republic to receive the vaccine for COVID-19.

Annie Lynch, who is from the Liberties but now lives in Drimnagh, was vaccinated alongside healthcare workers at St James' Hospital on December 29.

'I feel very priveleged to be the first person in Ireland to receive the vaccine,' said Annie, who has tree grandchildren. 'Like everyone else, I have being waiting for the vaccine and I really feel like there is a bit of hope there now.'

Vaccinations have begun in nurseing homes around the country, with all 580 homes and their 70,000 residents to receive their first shots this month.

The first person to receive the vaccination in the Unithed Kingdom was also Irish. Margaret Keenan who is originially from Enniskillen in County Fermanagh but moved to Coventry in the 1960s, received the vaccine just days before her 91st birtday.

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WRITING CORNER

This week we're bringing the Writing Corner to you! Below is an opening sentence for you to write a creative story on. Keep your paragraphs to a maximum of 500 words and email your entries to schools@theprimaryplanet.ie or submit it online in the text box provided. The winning story will be published in next month's issue, and a TPP hoodie will be sent to the winning author.

This month's opening sentence:

I moved closer to the screen hoping that I would see something different. But no, my eyes hadn't deceived me -- I just couldn't believe what I was reading.

ANSWERS

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT www.theprimaryplanet.ie FOR THE MUSIC QUIZ

Vocabulary Constabulary

1. picturesque
2. unfurled
3. capsule
4. denomination
5. dismantle
6. mimic
7. gentleman's agreement
8. ensued
9. advisor
10. embark

Alphabetical Order

1. advisor
2. capsule
3. denomination
4. dismantle
5. embark
6. ensued
7. gentleman's agreement
8. mimic
9. picturesque
10. unfurled

Cloze Test

1. ever
2. schools
3. winning
4. times
5. awards
6. winner
7. female
8. win
9. first
10. successful

Edit the editor

1. grandmother
2. vaccine
3. healthcare
4. privileged
5. three
6. been
7. nursing
8. United
9. originally
10. birthday

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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