

THE PRIMARY PLANET HOMEWORK CLUB

TEACHER PACK (BASED ON FEBRUARY ISSUE #99)

MARCH 1-5

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. WORD SEARCH

A vocabulary activity posted online this Monday from 9:00 a.m. Children must find the 20 listed words and the hidden word, all related to this month's feature on Fake News. 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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DATE: _____

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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)

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1. P14 Creative Cousins | People who come to live in a foreign country (10,i) |
| 2. P14 ... New Science | Open to public scrutiny, frank, honest. (11,t) |
| 3. P16 Propaganda | Prejudiced for or against something. (6,b) |
| 4. P16 Propaganda | Giving a false account or impression. (10,d) |
| 5. P17 ... Closer Look | Able to be believed, convincing. (8,c) |
| 6. P17 ... A Joke | Mockery, ridicule, derision, scorn. (6,s) |
| 7. P22 Hawaii Moves ... | Although, even if, even though. (6,a) |
| 8. P24 Text Message | Lacking energy or alertness. (8,s) |
| 9. P27 By Shane Tormey | Amazed, astounded, astonished. (13,f) |
| 10. P29 Wacky ... | Forbid, do not allow, ban. (8,p) |

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				
log	elected	books	married	nickname
clever	study	born	only	taught

Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was _____ (1) on February 12, 1809, in Kentucky, in the United States of America.

His parents, Thomas and Nancy Lincoln, were poor farmers and lived in a one-room _____ (2) cabin.

In 1816, the family moved to Indiana. When his mother died, his father _____ (3) Sarah Bush Johnson, who was very kind to Abraham and his sister.

Lincoln had to work hard from an early age. He seldom got the chance to go to school, but he was a very _____ (4) boy.

He loved _____ (5) and read any he could get his hands on. He became an excellent reader, and _____ (6) himself how to write, measure and do simple maths.

The family moved to Illinois in 1830, and Abraham soon left home. He worked in a shop and in the post office and earned the _____ (7) Honest Abe.

Lincoln was elected to the Illinois State Legislature in 1834.

He began to _____ (8) law and became a lawyer. He married Mary Todd, who came from Kentucky, in 1844.

Two years later he was elected to the US Congress, where he _____ (9) served for two years.

He returned to Springfield Illinois and worked very hard as a lawyer. In 1860, Lincoln was _____ (10) the 16th President of the USA.

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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.

Angry Birds Two (Page 8)

Police officers in New Jersey, USA, recently responded to one of their most unusuall callouts ever.

They had to help out staff and customers at a McDonald's restaraunt, who claimed they were being terrorised by chickens!

The wacky call came through to their dispatch unit, who were told that a flock of chickens were 'reeking havoc' at the local McDonald's on Route 31 South. Confused (and surely intrigued), officers set off to see what the call meant.

When they arrived, sure enough they found two chickens harrassing and chasing customers around the car park, angerily pecking at car tyres as they went.

The police contacted an animal welfair officer who took controle of the situation. Instead of facing a night in a cell, the menacing pair of peckers were taken to a local animal shelter, where they were later claimed by their owner.

No one knows if this was a randum attack or some personal greivance the chickens had against the fast-food chain.

When asked to comment, they kept their beaks firmly shut!

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WORD SEARCH

This month we have a fake news themed word search for you to enjoy. All these words appear in this month's special 'Taking the Fight to Fake News' feature. There are 21 words hidden but only 20 are listed below. Can you find the mystery word? Clue: Clickety Click -- job done! Enjoy :)



JOURNALISM

FALSE

INFLUENCE

CHECK

PROPAGANDA

INFORMATION

HEADLINE

SENSATIONALIST

MISLEADING

INTERNET

SOURCES

AUTHOR

FAKE

DECEIVE

BIASED

FACTS

AGENDA

SHARE

LIES

PARODY

ANSWERS

March 1-5

Vocabulary Constabulary

1. immigrants
2. transparent
3. biased
4. distorting
5. credible
6. satire
7. albeit
8. sluggish
9. flabbergasted
10. prohibit

Alphabetical Order

1. albeit
2. biased
3. credible
4. distorting
5. flabbergasted
6. immigrants
7. prohibit
8. satire
9. sluggish
10. transparent

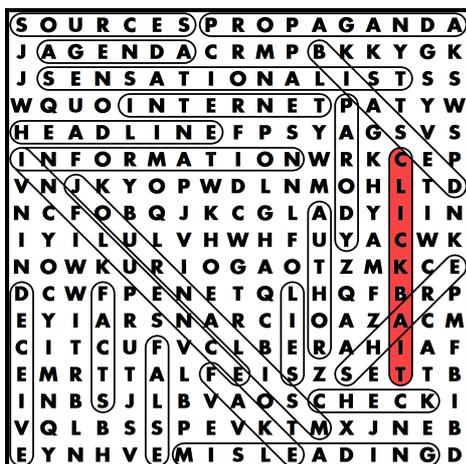
Cloze Test

1. born
2. log
3. married
4. clever
5. books
6. taught
7. nickname
8. study
9. only
10. elected

Edit the editor

1. unusual
2. restaurant
3. wreaking
4. harassing
5. angrily
6. welfare
7. control
8. menacing
9. random
10. grievance

WORD SEARCH



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

VISIT

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