

## Alternative Homework Ideas Naíonáin Mhóra

- Choose a set time each day where you will use Irish at home (dinner time/ getting ready for bed/ in the morning...)
- Choose a few Irish books to read as bed time stories
- Learn some simple songs and rhymes
- Play Irish games such as “Feicim le mo shúilín ghrinn... (I Spy)
- Label items around the house with the Irish word (doras/ fuinneog/ staighre...)
- Choose a day to watch a programme on TG4 instead of the usual tv show
- Have your child teach YOU the phrases they have learned in school
- Use the simple greetings such as Dia Duit and Slán as much as possible
- Go on a nature walk
- Take photos of the different things you see that relate to Autumn
- Collect leaves, horse chestnuts, acorns, pine cones, blackberries, apples
- Sort these items
- Use the fruit to make jam or a tart
- Make rubbings using the leaves
- Teach them games using the horse chestnuts
- Have a look through photos of your child at different stages of their lives and discuss how they've grown. What they could do at each stage of their lives
- Go to the beach and collect shells and stones. Count them/ sort them/ match/ make a sequence/ pattern
- Play with marla/ lego/ buttons/sand
- Use a variety of writing utensils such as pencils, markers, chalk, paintbrushes
- Bring them outside on a bike, scooter, for a walk
- Play ball games with them
- Play hopscotch, chasing and other outdoor games
- Teach them to skip
- Discuss road safety with them
- Take your child to an art gallery
- Look at and discuss pictures by famous artists
- Allow them to experiment with paint by mixing colours

- Provide a box of art supplies that they can use with scissors, glue, markers, crayons, scraps of paper, paint...
- Listen to music and discuss the tempo, rhythm, feeling they get when listening to it, recognise instruments
- Make their own percussion instruments
- Make music using household items
- Find and name shapes around the house
- Count items in the house/ count stairs as they go up and down
- Sort kitchen utensils
- Help lay the tables. Discuss how many place settings/ forks/ knives are needed. How many MORE are needed
- Bake with your child discussing how long it will take, measurements etc...
- Share items with others giving everyone equal numbers
- Give them opportunities to play with jigsaws/ role play/ dress up/ board games
- When in the car look for numbers on the registration plates and speed signs
- Build a bird house out of old milk cartons
- Sort their sweets after halloween/ Share their sweets evenly
- Discuss terms relating to time such as days of the week, times of the day, before and after
- Find patterns in the environment/ Copy patterns/ Create their own patterns at home using beads, coloured paper etc...
- Make their own playdough
- Label their jumpers/ coats etc and give them opportunities to recognise their written name and opportunities to write it.

Here are some topics we will be covering over the next few weeks so try to incorporate these into as many of the activities mentioned above:

<p>Tíreolaíocht (Geography)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maps (drawing rough maps e.g. how they'd get to the shops from their house)</li> <li>• Looking after the locality</li> <li>• Planting seeds</li> </ul>	<p>Eolaíocht (science)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magnetism</li> <li>• Sinking/floating</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Material and change</li> <li>• Trees</li> <li>• The life cycle of animals and plants</li> </ul>	<p>Stair (History)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toys (old &amp; New)</li> <li>• Houses long ago</li> <li>• Places I lived in previously</li> <li>• Stories of St Brigid &amp; St Patrick</li> </ul>
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