25th May 2020

Hello,

I hope you are all keeping well at home. Thanks to everyone who collected the workpacks from the school on Friday, I hope they will help to make learning from home a little easier. For anyone who would like extra suggestions or who couldn't make it to the school on Friday, I have added some useful online links below, as well as some chapters from textbooks that the children have at home.

I really recommend children completing a day from their 'Mental Maths' and 'English in Practice' workbooks each day, as well as some reading each day.

As always, I would be happy to correct any work your child has done, or answer any questions you may have on msmcquaid4@gmail.com, or through Whatsapp on 086 8908911.

Take Care,

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Maths:

Textbooks:

Some useful activities for this week in the 'Planet Maths' textbook and 'Mental Maths' could include:

- Mental Maths Week 33 (one column **each day**)
- Practice saying tables **aloud everyday** (tables can be found at the back of 'Mental Maths' book, or use online games below)

Planet Maths: Some important chapters include:

- Multiplication: Long Multiplication in chapter 14 (page 85), or if these prove difficult, you could try short Multiplication in chapter 8 (page 47), You could check your child's work using a calculator app on your phone.
- Division: Chapter 9 (page 56), or for more difficult questions, chapter 17 (page 104)
- Time: chapter 3: reading the clock can be difficult so revision of this chapter might be useful for some children.

- *New chapter: Area chapter 23 (page 138). Area is the amount of space something takes up. Example: The area of the USA is much bigger than the area of Ireland!
  When measuring the area we measure in 'centimetres squared' = cm^2.
  Children can count the squares on page 139 and 140 to find the area of the shapes. For example, if your child counts '4 squares', your answer is the area equals **4 cm^2**.

Online:

Maths There are lots of great maths games on www.topmarks.co.uk that you could play. Here are some of my favourites:

1) Google 'Topmarks The Daily Ten' or use link below (try level 4 first and make it easier or harder if you like) https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10

2) Google 'Topmarks Hit the Button' or use the link below: (great for practicing tables!) https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

3) Decimals game: which decimal is bigger > or smaller <
https://www.teacherled.com/iresources/decimals/comparedecimals/

English:

Textbook:

- Try to complete a column from 'English in Practice each day. This week we are starting on day 128.
- One page from the children's handwriting workbook could be completed each day.
- Some **grammar** activities the girls could try are:
  Capital Letter and Full Stops page 7
  Adjectives page 31
  Verbs page 69
  Adverbs page 84

Online:

Reading: Lots of books for children to read on www.oxfordowls.com . Click on 'class login' (top right hand corner'. Our username is 'stjosephs4thclass' and password is 'fourthclass'.

Then choose any book from the 9-11 year old range!

Spelling: 'Spooky Spellings' online game (start on level 3/4) on
http://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/spookySpellings/index.html

This is the RTÉ homeschool hub schedule for this week. Take a look and see if there is anything your child might be interested in learning about!

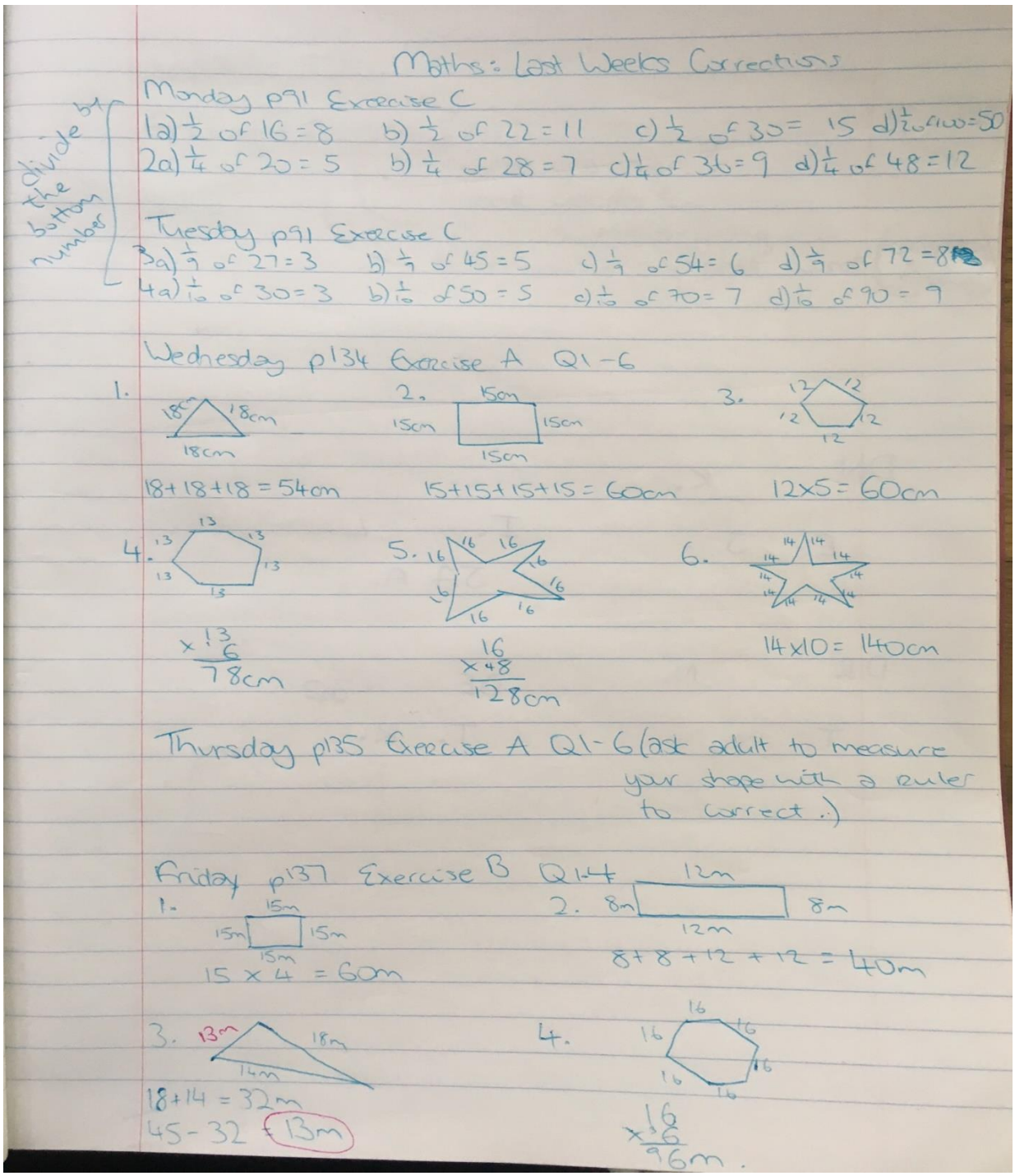
SESE: Project Suggestions:

1) A place: A continent, country, city, county of Ireland, Finglas, a desert, a rainforest.
2) An animal: pet, breeds of dogs/horses, animals in Ireland, animals in other parts of the world.
3) A person: Make a fact file about someone in your family or a famous person you admire.
4) Space: Find out how many people have been to the moon, learn what the planets look like, which planets are closest to the sun, etc!
5) Famous Women: Look up some facts about any of these interesting women: Amelia Earhart, Rosa Parks, Marie Curie, Anne Frank.
6) History: Vikings, Normans, Romans, The Greeks, The Egyptians, World War 1, World War 2, the Titanic.
7) Write a book: Write a story with chapters, write a book with your favourite recipes, keep a diary, keep a gratitude journal, make a comic book with pictures, write a pretend newspaper article, write a letter.

Helpful websites for project research: www.ducksters.com
www.kids.nationalgeographic.com www.kiddle.com

Art: www.artforkidshub.com (lots of drawing ideas)

Music: www.classicsforkids.com (lots of music games)

PE with Joe Wicks (YouTube)

Maths Corrections: These are the answers to last week's maths questions in Planet Maths. Don't worry if you got some answers incorrect: mistakes help us to learn! Just read my answer to see where you went wrong. Well done to everyone for trying your best!