**General Ideas for Work**

These are some general ideas for learning opportunities with your children. It is important to remember that the most important thing is the health and wellbeing of all our pupils and their families. We hope that everyone is well and maintaining social and physical distancing.

Please don’t place undue stress on yourself or your children during this already stressful time but if you are looking for further ideas we have listed a few below.

**Reading** – all children will benefit from being read to or reading independently. Books can be read electronically and for free using Borrow Box if you already have a library card. If you are not a member of a library you can join online using the libraries online website <https://www.librariesireland.ie/> and then use the Borrow Box app.

**Highly recommended** - Storyline online is an award-winning children’s literacy website, Storyline Online, streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children’s books alongside creatively produced illustrations.

Into the book (website) is another good website which teaches specific comprehension skills.

Oxfordowl.co.uk is suitable for children of all ages where you can log in to read ebooks for free.

Younger children will also benefit hugely from singing nursery rhymes and songs and partaking in imaginative play.

Some children might enjoy keeping a diary or writing a newspaper report or making a comic.

**Maths** – Many activities involve maths. Baking and cooking are great ways to keep busy, involve your children and gives them an opportunity to put maths into practical use in weighing and measuring ingredients and calculating cooking times and temperatures.

For younger children counting objects and matching things that go together like a knife and fork and pairs of socks help reinforce important concepts.

Card games and board games are a fantastic way to practise maths and are fun for all the family.

Don’t forget Lego is great for fine motor skills and creativity and can be used at any age!

Go Noodle is a website that can be used for getting kids moving and also for meditation and relaxation activities.

Remember there are a huge amount of resources out there which can be overwhelming – don’t put yourself or your child under too much pressure and try and do too much. When we are back at school teachers will assess where the children are and prioritise what is important.