

****PLEASE CHECK ALADDIN CONNECT FOR THIS WORK TO BE SPLIT UP INTO A DAILY SCHEDULE****

Good morning boys!

I hope that you enjoyed your Easter break and are well rested and ready to get back into a routine for school again! It is important to have a routines and habits established so that we make the most of the time we have. Maybe what you had worked well before the Easter holidays, or maybe you need to adjust your plans a little, but some structure to the day is needed.

I will remind you of some of what I said before the holidays – this is a great opportunity to develop your own learning and explore different methods of learning and we are unlikely to ever get this chance again! We can continue to learn and progress in the different subject areas – it's just about finding different ways to help us do this.

I have included some suggestions for work for this week. I know everybody's circumstances are different and these suggestions are just that – a guide.

- ❖ **Mental Maths: Unit 31** (don't forget the problem solving pages)
- ❖ **Busy at Maths: Chapter 23: Directed Numbers.** This chapter introduces negative numbers. We know there are lots of numbers below 0 and these are called negative numbers (you might be familiar with goal differences in football, or maybe for the golfers -1 par would be called a birdie, or even with temperature -5C. Please read the yellow boxes as these give examples and information that will help you. The 'vault' picture on pg 125 is very useful. See where the 0 is? Please complete pgs 125 – 127 in your copy. Pg 128 can be answered lightly in the book.

Please revise or continue to work on chapter 25 WEIGHT if you started on this before the holidays – changing different weights into g/kg and using the decimal point correctly. For page 139 – it might look a little confusing at first, but if you find 100g of each of the items first, then you can easily find 1kg (by x10). I would write it out like this:

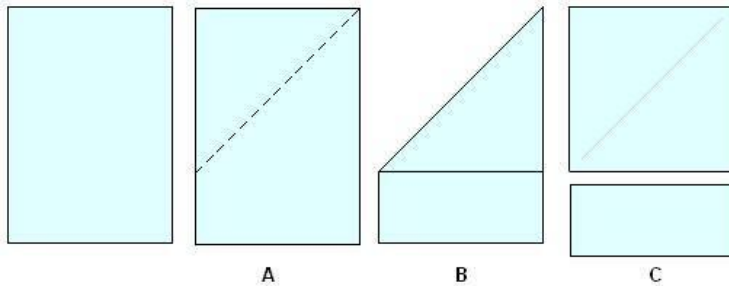
for Q1 (a) chickpeas 500g = €1.29

1kg = €2.58

(I didn't need to find 100g first for this one as I knew I could jump straight from 500g to 1kg as it's double)

- ❖ **Reading Zone:** Unit 28 and activities A – E. You can check the meaning of the red words here <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/browse/dictionary>.
Reading: Audio stories available at stories.audible.com or maybe you have been reading physical books. I ordered some books online and am working my way through them. Reading is a great way to fill some time and set your imagination free. What books have you been reading? Which ones have you enjoyed? Is there someone in the class you think might enjoy the story? It might be fun to recommend some books so boys can find them on audible or online.
- ❖ **Gaeilge:** Scríobh alt (paragraph) ar 'Mé Féin' – we have done this before, see what you can remember.

- ❖ **Art:** The Banana Pancakes in unit 28 of your reading zone is an example of procedural writing. Watch this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUaF6BVGp38> and see if you can follow the steps in the procedure to make a fun corner bookmark, using origami! I have made these with classes previously and they always turn out well. You need a square piece of paper to start. If you only have an A4 page, fold it like this and trim off the rectangle piece at the bottom.



- ❖ **Music:** https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZjDV_1UEbVsAQA_q9tyTWw - this is a perfect chance to improve your ukulele skills and maybe learn some new chords and songs. What songs have you been learning? Maybe a few of us could practice the same song? I'd love to hear what you have been working on. I have been spending time practicing the guitar and picking out some songs that focus on a few basic chords – it is a great way to spend some time and develop a new skill.
- ❖ **Physical Activity:** Joe Wickes (The Body Coach) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q20pLhdoEoY> has a great 20 minute work out here for 'beginners'!!!
- ❖ **SPHE** –Now is a great time to develop some independence and take responsibility for chores around the house, helping with meals, learning to bake or cook. Don't forget – hygiene is very important! It might even involve something as simple as reading a story to a younger brother or sister or playing a game with them. When we are all stuck inside together it can be very hard to remain calm, kind and patient all the time – this too can take practice!

Please send me photos/videos of your homework and different activities that you are involved in. I can upload them to the blog – this will allow you to remain connected with your classmates and see how they are doing too as I am sure you are missing them lots.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, DON'T FORGET TO PRACTICE YOUR SOCIAL DISTANCING AND KEEP THOSE HANDS CLEAN!

Email: 5thdonacarney@gmail.com

Blog: www.msgerrardsclass.weebly.com (there are many links to activities and games under the 'websites' section)

I am really looking forward to seeing all the different activities you have been doing or if you have any questions, queries or comments please contact me at the above email.

Thanks,

Ms. Gerrard

