

Hello everyone,

Firstly, I hope you are all keeping safe and well at what is a very uncertain time. While this note is mainly to give a brief outline of tasks and activities for the pupils to be working on, I hope everyone is first and foremost looking out for their own health and well-being and that of their loved ones around them.

Regarding the tasks and activities, these have been added to allow pupils to have some materials to work with while they are at home. Please do not feel any pressure to get everything completed fully or in any set order. Circumstances and arrangements are different for everyone at this time so work in whatever way or for whatever length or periods of time that suit best for yourselves. If you find a topic or task that is proving too challenging or difficult to grasp simply make a note of it for when we return to the classroom or contact me via the email below and we can try to look at it further.

StudyLadder activities will continue to be added over the coming days and the Spellings and Work It Out activities for the current week are now on the school website. There will also be some Maths and Geography lessons and activities to try out. Further activities will continue to be added over the coming days along with a list of links to some resources and activities which pupils might like to try out and use themselves. Just check the 3rd & 4th Class activities page <http://www.danganns.ie/3rd-4th-class/>. (The password for the activities is: rabbit)

With the activity packs on the website these can be printed off or pupils are free to copy the answers or work onto a sheet or into a spare copy (which might be used for all the activities completed over the current period and be a useful way of keeping all this work together).

Aside from these activities I would also emphasise the benefit of pupils continuing with reading for pleasure at this time. This could be any book which they enjoy or are interested in and might also present an opportunity to read books they wouldn't normally be inclined to try out. This along with talking about the events and characters after they have read a book would be very beneficial. It also presents opportunities for some additional written tasks such as writing what happened next, describing a character or writing an alternative ending.

Finally, the messaging system on the StudyLadder website is proving a little tricky to operate so I've set up an extra email which parents can use to contact me if they are having any difficulties. The address is danganns3rd4thclass@gmail.com If each parent was initially able to send a blank email to this address from their own account that would be great as it would provide an easier means of keeping everyone updated on anything else that may come up.

Again, I wish you all and your families the very best of good health and we look forward to seeing everyone back in the classroom together again soon.

Mr. Gannon