

## **Easter Activities**

Dear parents,

I hope you are all continuing to keep safe and well during these strange times. I have outlined some activities that you and the children might like to engage with over the Easter break. As I'm sure you are all aware, we place a lot of emphasis on 'Aistear' (play groups) each week in the classroom. From working in their playgroups, the children are familiar with the activities I have outlined below; therefore you might like to try some of them at home. However these are only suggestions and remain entirely optional.

The following story '*The Easter Egg*', would have been the basis for our 'Aistear' last week in school. This story can be accessed on the YouTube website, and here is link to the read aloud version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tN0o3043mDQ>. I would encourage that your child listens and follows the story a few times before engaging with the playgroup activities in order to ensure than they are familiar with the content of the story.

### **Optional playgroup activities:**

1. Draw your favourite image from the story and write a sentence about it.
2. If you happen to have any playdough or márla you might try making Hoppi the Easter bunny, or another character from the story!

3. Try sequencing the story. Very simply, get a sheet of paper and divide it into four quarters, label each quarter 1-4, and draw an image of what happened first, secondly, thirdly, and finally in each box. Write a sentence with each box if you wish!

\*Linkage with oral language is a very important aspect of the 'Aistear' curriculum; therefore I would encourage you to talk to your child as much as possible when undertaking any of the above activities. For example, asking what they are doing, asking why they are doing so, giving scenarios, what would happen if.... Sequencing, can you remember what happened next in the story etc.

\*Please note also that the above activities can be done with any story, they might like to use one of their own favourite storybooks!

**The following are additional activities that you might like to do with your child:**

\***Art:** Design your own Easter egg!

<https://www.twinkl.ie/resource/es-t-t-5015-design-an-easter-egg-a4-activity-sheet-english-spanish>, here is the link, please find attached to this email also. Or, design an Easter card to give to someone who is cocooning at the moment!

\***Random acts of kindness:** helping mom or dad around the house, playing nicely with siblings etc.

**\*Gaeilge:** Irish rhyme about the Easter Bunny!

*Sín Coinín na Cásca*                      *(That is the Easter Bunny)*

*An Coinín deas, donn*                      *(The nice, brown Bunny)*

*Tá Ubh Chásca aige dom*                      *(He has an Easter egg for me)*

*Le milseáin dheasa ann!*                      *(with lovely sweets in it!)*

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