

First and Second Class

Maths

Online games and activities:

- <https://ie.ixl.com/math/class-1>
- <https://ie.ixl.com/math/class-2>
- <https://www.sumdog.com/>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- <https://www.mathfactcafe.com/games/>

Various activities ideas:

- Cooking and baking with your child provides great opportunities to learn weight and measurement, addition, subtraction, fractions
- Refer to a clock in your home, talk about hours, minutes and seconds to encourage a concept of time, and the language of time.
- *Lacing plate* idea to reinforce skip counting, explained here: <http://www.123homeschool4me.com/2015/10/skip-counting-lacing-plates.html>
- Play tables games on car journeys, eg: 1+2+3+4-1-2+4
- Use the language of tables, eg: 2 2's are 4, 9 6's are 54
- Practice tables and skip counting regularly
- Activities for learning about 2D and 3D shapes, explained here: <https://childhood101.com/hands-on-activities-for-learning-about-2d-3d-shapes/>
- Use Lego blocks to practice maths:
 - Lego Math challenge cards: print out the cards and then give them to kids as challenges: <https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/lego-math-challenge-cards/>
 - here is an article which explains how a teacher used Lego to explain fractions: <https://www.boredpanda.com/lego-math-teaching-children-alycia-zimmerman/>
 - Here is a different way to do it: <http://www.andnextcomesl.com/2014/10/learning-about-fractions-with-lego.html>
 - there are also challenge cards for Lego that are not just about math but general building challenges too: <http://afewshortcuts.com/free-printable-lego-challenge-cards/>
- www.frugalfun4boys.com: it has activities for all ages and includes lots of fun with Lego, too

Gaeilge

Websites:

- several links available here: <http://www.ict.mic.ul.ie/gaeilge.html>
- Cúla for kids (cartoons as Gaeilge): <http://www.cula4.com/ga/>
- <https://www.duolingo.com>: free online course, adaptable for various levels
- <http://www.isfeidirlíom.ie/>: free online course, up to 10 lessons
- TG4: <http://www.tg4.ie/> : "Scéal an Lae" (Story of the day), "Cúla 4 TV", "Games"
- <http://www.raidiofailte.com/>
- search YouTube for "*Coláiste Lurgan- laegan Gaeilge de pop amhráin*" (Pop songs in Irish)
- Irish Gaelic app, by Nemo. Available in the AppStore for iOS devices and on GooglePlay for

Android. It gives you a set of words to learn each day, and plays a recording of the words: for building up vocabulary and practising pronunciation.

- list of resources which could be useful for parents: <https://www.fluentin3months.com/irish-learning-resources/>

Online dictionaries:

- <https://www.teanglann.ie/en/>
- <https://www.teanglann.ie/en/fuaim/> - pronunciation database
- <https://www.teanglann.ie/en/gram/> - grammar database
- <http://www.tearma.ie/>
- www.foclóir.ie

Various activities ideas:

- Cluiche Bingó: see this link to a blank template to make your own bingo board: <https://www.seomraranga.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/cluichebiongo.doc>
- Ask your child to translate what they are reading into English
- Ask the child to show you various words in Irish that you ask for in English, eg; show the words that means “cold”