Hints and Tips for Infants

Phonics/Tricky Word Games:

* Snap
* Pairs
* Bingo
* I Spy
* Guess my Word/Hangman
* Put it in a sentence
* Word/sound hunt in books

Sounds and tricky words

All the sounds can be found at <http://slp.cjfallon.ie>. Click on Book A or Book B (Senior Infants). Sounds are broken into sections. Each sound has video on how to say sound correctly as well as games to play. This is a good way of revising the sounds

Reading: Here is another reading option. Please feel free to do it or leave it. There are games available too.

You can access class readers through the following link. <https://www.edcolearning.ie/Book/List> (Username is primarybooksedco and password is edco2020. Filter by English or search for books)

Junior Infatns can read and play the games with My Little Box and Wow.

Senior Infants can read and play games for Oh No, Zeb; Danny to the Rescue and What a Box!

Handwriting / Letter formation

* You practise your letters online at <http://data.cjfallon.ie/resources/gwtf-handwriting/index.html#!/books> . Click on Book A or B and pick the letter you want to do.
* Set up a writing area for your child. Inlcude a selection of writing materials (pens, pencils, markers, crayons, colouring pencils) and paper (copies, blank sheets, post cards, etc). Here they can practice mark making and their letters without any pressure.

Maths Games/Activities:

* Snap-using cards
* Ordering-put cards in order starting with smallest number/biggest number
* Different containers for measuring-using water, rice, pasta, sand, etc
* Guess my number-one person picks a number. The other person has to guess what it is by asking questions (is it a big number/small number, is it bigger than/smaller than, if I add 2 and 2 together will I get it, etc)
* Use cards/dominos/dice to make different addition sums
* Jigsaws
* Board games
* Make patterns using different toys, objects around the house

Fine Motor/Gross Motor Activities:

Here are some ideas of activities you could do:

* Cutting: Set up a cutting basket. Add scissors with a selection of things to cut (straws, paper, cardboard, etc)
* Tracing
* Threading
* Playdough
* Go Noodle
* Joe Wicks is doing live PE lessons on Youtube daily Monday to Friday at 9am.
* Cosmic Kids on You Tube: Yoga and mediation videos suitable for children

Twinkl: **Setting this up is really easy to do - go to [www.twinkl.ie/offer](http://links.support.twinkl.co.uk/mps2/c/9gA/8PUmAA/t.2zz/zSgwTO7NTnqnLftGmK4exg/h5/EbC1nPf9k9D5DT3zk18lxGUKuamMA95vG5cEo0LJesWAZop1auaKe-2BoOOqFuBqOKcT6FFYWCkIiB2KV6nR2yVszkZG-2BpR-2FFlY0nA-2BGQO1flSCu56rmW3KDYaoYTL8j2189IAPCLwFAmUDZYigOvUcFmIaLguZ1X7hUREkTgON0E-3D/kvpX%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) and enter the code IRLTWINKLHELPS. Below are some ideas of what you might like to get from Twinkl.**

-Online Books: There are lots of lovely Twinkl original books available. There are activities to go with these, as well as other well known picture books.

-Tracing, cutting and colouring pages

-Play dough mats

-Search phonics. You will find lots of different activities. Things like I can read and CVC, CCVC/CVCC cut and paste would be suitable.