

## Week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

### English on Monday

Reading Comprehension: Read about Summer in Ireland according to your class level and answer the questions.

### Maths on Tuesday

Complete the Summertime Colour by Calculations – use a page to do your rough work and remember to keep the Tens and Units in the correct column and subtract like this ->

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### SESE on Wednesday

Our theme is summer. You have 2 activities 1.complete the wordsearch & 2.explore melting and insulating by completing the experiment below.

### SPHE & Art (Summer Safety) on Thursday

Read the Safety Poems / Songs below & discuss them with an adult. Design a safety poster on 'How to Stay Safe during the Summer'. Include Farm, Beach, Water Safety etc.

### Friday – Crinniú na nÓg

Crinniú na nÓg takes place on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of June. It is a day of creativity for children and young people. Look up the website <https://cruinniu.creativeireland.gov.ie/> to view activities that are taking place online on the day, choose a county and an age group and search through the activities and see if there is one that you would like to sign up to and participate in on Saturday. It might be nice to do as a family.



#### Explore melting and insulating

Put some ice cubes or ice lollies in different places around the house or garden (put them on a plate first!) Predict which one you think will melt the fastest and slowest. Now observe them regularly and see if you were right. Or choose 4 or 5 different materials like foil, fabric, paper and cotton wool. Wrap an ice cube or lolly in each material and see which one is the best insulator (prevents the ice from melting).

## Summer in Ireland

Summer in Ireland lasts for three months (May, June and July). It begins on May Day which is the 1<sup>st</sup> May each year. It ends on 31<sup>st</sup> July. It comes after spring and before autumn.

### Irish Weather in the Summer

The weather in Ireland is very mild. This means it doesn't get too cold or too hot. In the winter, the weather gets colder but it is rare to see heavy snow. During the summer, the days get warmer but it doesn't usually get hotter than 20°C. In June and July it is light for almost 18 hours each day. It only gets dark after 11 p.m.

### Plants and Animals

In winter, many animals in Ireland go into a deep sleep called hibernation. Lots of birds leave Ireland for warmer countries during winter. However, during the summer, Irish wildlife is at its most active. Foxes, squirrels, badgers and bats can be found all across Ireland.

Honeybees are busy collecting pollen to make honey during the summer months and dragonflies can be seen near rivers and lakes. Summer is also the season for butterflies in Ireland.

During the summer, the Irish countryside is decorated by many different kinds of wildflowers, including daisies, clover and buttercups.

### What Do People Do in Ireland During the Summer?

Children get their summer holidays at the end of June. Many art and music festivals are held during the summer months. Feadh Cheoil na hÉireann is generally held during August and is a week dedicated to celebrating Irish music and culture.



Summer in Ireland


## Questions

1. When does the Irish summer begin and end?  
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2. What season comes before summer? What season comes after summer?  
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3. Describe the weather in Ireland during the summer.  
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4. What time does it get dark during the summer?  
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5. What kind of animals can be found during the summer?  
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6. What do honeybees do during the summer?  
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7. What kind of wild flowers are found during the summer?  
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8. What is the celebration held in August, dedicated to Irish music and culture called?  
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# Summer in Ireland

Unlike other countries, summer begins in Ireland on 1<sup>st</sup> May each year and finishes on 31<sup>st</sup> July. This is because the Irish calendar is based on four pagan celebrations: Samhain, Imbolc, Bealtine and Lúnasa. In the UK, the USA and many other countries, summer lasts from June to September.

## Irish Weather in the Summer




Ireland has a temperate climate. This means it doesn't get extremely cold or extremely hot. Instead, the winter months are generally mild. It is very rare to see heavy snow. In the summer, the weather gets warmer and the average temperature is around 18-20°C. The weather in Ireland can be very changeable. During the summer, Ireland gets more daylight than in the winter. In June and July it is bright for almost 18 hours. The longest day of the year is at the end of June each year and is known as the 'summer solstice'.

## Plants and Animals

Many animals hibernate and many birds migrate from Ireland during the colder winter months. During the summer, Irish wildlife is at its most active. Foxes, squirrels, badgers and bats can be found all across Ireland.

Honeybees are busy collecting pollen to make honey during the summer months and dragonflies can be seen near rivers and lakes. Summer is also the season for butterflies and the small copper and the peacock butterfly are commonly spotted.



During the summer, baby birds begin to leave their nests. Swallows return to Ireland from Africa. They return to the same nesting place each year. They lay eggs and raise their young before departing again for the colder winter months.

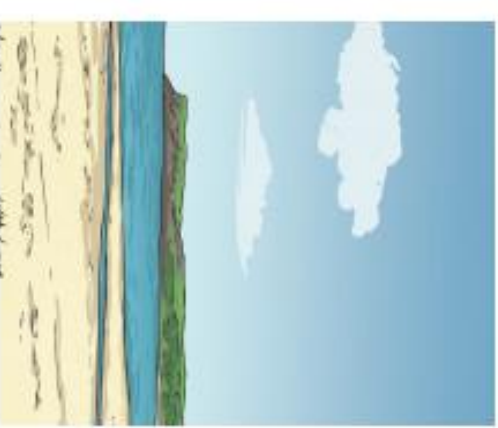
The Irish countryside is decorated by many species of wildflowers, including daisies, clover, buttercups, foxgloves and honeysuckle.



## What Do People Do in Ireland during the Summer?

Children get their summer holidays at the end of June in Ireland. There are generally lots of things to do in Ireland during the summer. Many art and music festivals are held during the summer months. Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann is generally held during August and is a week dedicated to celebrating Irish music and culture.

When the weather is warm, Irish people flock to its beautiful beaches to enjoy the weather because it might not last too long!



**3<sup>rd</sup> Class:**

# Questions

1. Why does the Irish summer arrive a month before summer in the UK and the USA?

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2. When does the Irish summer begin and end?

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3. Explain what a temperate climate is.

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4. Describe the weather in Ireland during the summer.

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5. What kind of wild animals can be found during the summer?

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6. What do honey bees do during the summer?

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7. Explain what the swallow does when the summer arrives?

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## Summer in Ireland

8. Name three types of wildflowers mentioned in the piece above.

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9. What is the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann?

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10. Why do you think people flock to the beaches during summer?

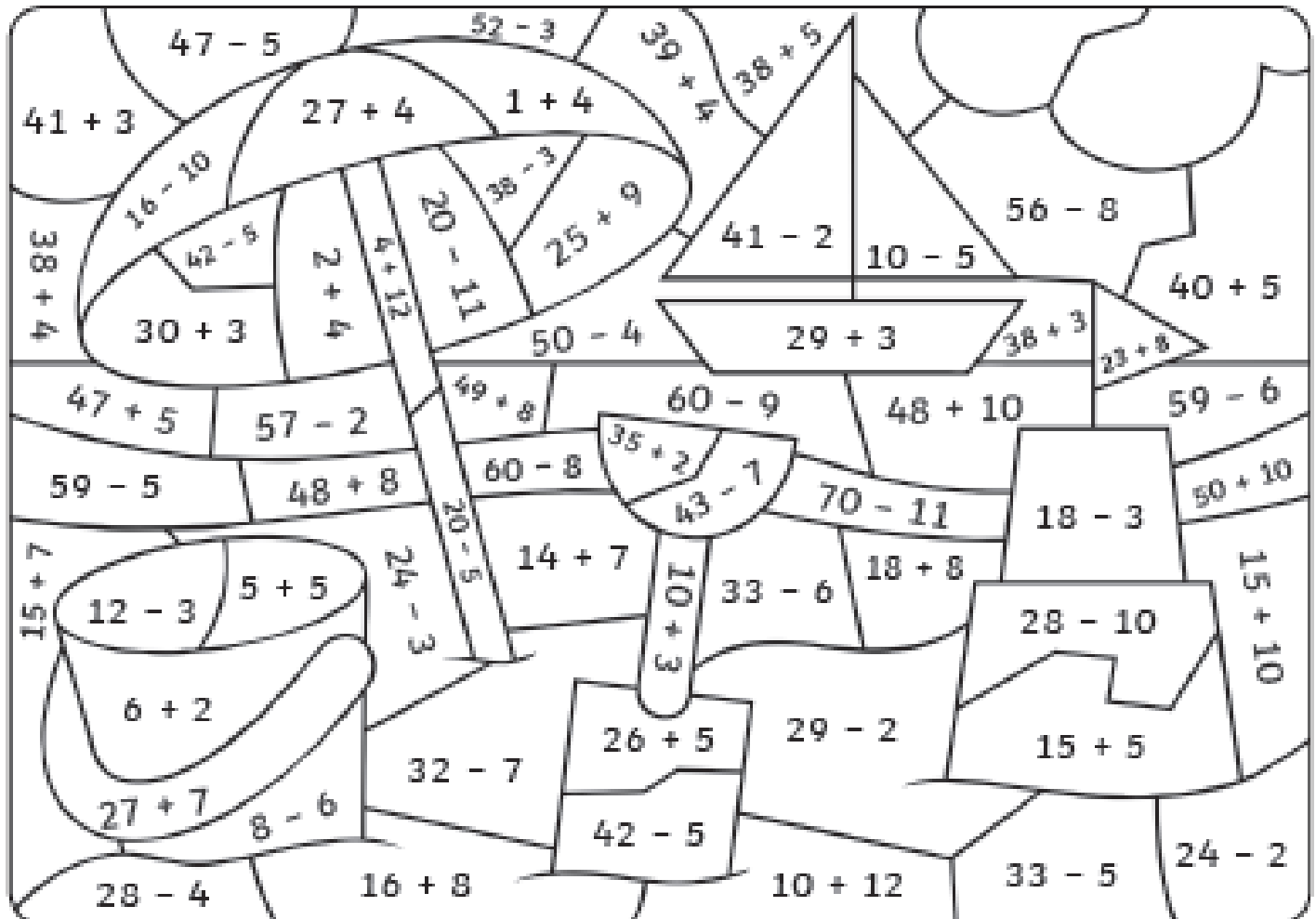
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# Summertime Colour by Calculations

Use the key to colour the summer-themed picture.



Colour:	red	orange	yellow	green	light blue	dark blue
Answer:	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60

# Summer



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holiday  
deckchair  
sunshine  
frisbee  
beach  
barbeque

camping  
swimming  
sunglasses  
sandcastle  
butterfly

# Safety on the Farm

If you are allowed to touch an animal, remember to wash your hands afterwards.

Don't wander around the farm on your own, always stay with an adult.

Stay away from machines or vehicles, even if they are not moving. The driver may not be able to see you or you could get caught in moving parts.

Don't play with any bottles or drums containing liquids, as some of these may harm you.

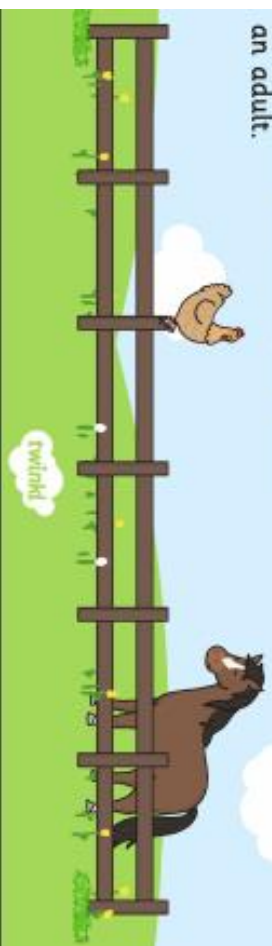
Never eat or drink anything on the farm without washing your hands first as you could become ill.

Don't play in stacks of hay or straw as they could fall on you.

Always close the farm gates behind you or animals may escape.

Keep away from any slurry pits or drains that you could fall into.

Don't go into an animal pen without an adult.



## Sammy Seagull's Summer Safety Song

(Say as a rhyme or make up your own tune)

In the summer, it's lots of fun,

To play outside, in the sun.

Just remember - put on a hat,

And rub in sun cream, just like that!

Then put on sunglasses, it's really cool,

Drink lots of water, that's the rule!

To keep safe when you're by the sea,

Only go in the water, carefully!

Wear a rubber ring or arm bands,

Stay near your grown-up and hold their hand.

Hold on tight - waves can be strong,

Stay by the shore and you won't go wrong.

