



Ampertaine Primary School

Friday 19th June 2020 Home Learning Week 9



Dear Children and Parents,

A truly fantastic week of effort and continued enthusiasm and motivation shown by our school community. Well done to all for completing the LAST week of 'Home Learning' as we know it. Next week we will have a new set of activities for you to take part in. These will be uploaded to your Google Classroom throughout the week. We hope you enjoy these. The weather may have turned this week with a little down pour here or there to clear the air but your support for our school has not. Thank you so much for the supportive comments which have come in through telephone calls and emails. All are very much appreciated and valued at this strange time for us all.

The Education Minister has finally given us **OFFICIAL** communication with regards to August. Our **NEW** start date will now be **Monday 24th for our P7 pupils**. More information will be issued with regards to this and our plans for the 'Way Forward' and how that will look for us all.

Thank you to those who have been completing our weekly quiz. This takes no longer than 5 minutes to complete and we especially love reading the answers to the last question.

RISE NI FREE Resources for all Parents

- RISE NI stands for Regional Integrated Support for Education NI, and they provide support to all mainstream primary schools in the Northern Health & Social Care Trust (NHSCT) area to support staff and children in years 1 – 4.
- The service focuses on 4 main areas of development:
 - social, emotional and / or behaviour
 - speech, language and communication
 - gross motor skills
 - sensory processing, fine motor and visual perceptual skills



Their regional aim is to support children in schools by working closely with parents and staff to help children develop the foundation skills for learning.

What's included?

- They've included a range of basic activities suitable for children from P1 – P4; some even the whole family can enjoy! These are activities that require very few resources, but that will support your child's ongoing development in many different ways. Have a look through, and see which ones would be of interest to you or your child. Click [HERE](#) for resources.
- They have also included some relaxation ideas which would benefit both children and parents, along with some useful web-links and apps for the areas of development we target. You may like to look at our page tiger link which contains lots of advice, strategies and activities... <https://view.pagetiger.com/RISENI/covid19>

Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge 2020

- Libraries NI is delighted to announce details of Silly Squad, Summer Reading Challenge 2020 produced by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries which will take place from Monday 15 June. The Silly Squad, Summer Reading Challenge, is a free, exciting way to keep young people aged 4 - 11 years reading during the summer months. Throughout the summer there will be online activities, videos, quizzes, games and rewards to unlock along the way. Every child who completes their own Challenge will receive a downloadable certificate.
- Children can sign up for free [here](#).



NEW CHALLENGE FOR THIS WEEK

- This week is the Challenge many of you have been waiting patiently for.
- The National School Sport Week supercharged by Skysports will be offering pupils and adults the opportunity to take part in different types of sports each day.
- You can see from the plan of the week we hope to cover a lot of different styles of sports.
- Some equipment will be required but most households should already have these.
- Activities will be placed in Google Classroom and on to our Website for each day.
- Please send in your photos from the week to allow us to create a virtual SPORTS Slide show on our website.
- Send all your photos to info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk



Monday -	Athletics (Track and Field)
Tuesday-	Aiming Sports
Wednesday -	Team Sports
Thursday -	Adventure Sports
Friday -	Artistic Sports

KEEP OUR VILLAGE SPECIAL COMPETITION

- This competition has been generously sponsored by UCDL in association with Mid Ulster Council. There are four prizes of £10 and also runners up prizes as well.
- The four winning entries will be used as posters to put up in the village. Well done to all who entered the competition an amazing effort by all.
- Check out all of our entries [HERE](#)
- Our four winners in no particular order are...Caleb, Grace, Katie and Sam. Our Runners up are..... Ava, Holly, Jack, Kodi, Rowan and Sienna.



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District Council



All PRIZES can be collect at the 'SHOP' in Upperlands opposite the Linen Hall on Saturday 20th June. Congratulations again.

Tamal Ray's recipe for homemade jammy dodgers

- Making your own jammy dodgers might seem like a weird thing to do. After all, you can pick up a pack of 12 at any corner shop – how can you possibly improve upon that perfection? But these aren't an exact replica of the store-bought variety, nor are they meant to be. Think of them instead as an homage: a simple buttery shortbread and a tangy, fruity jam that would go particularly well with a little spoonful of clotted cream.
- Please click [HERE](#) for the full amazingly delicious recipe
- Let us know how you get on and send in your pics to info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk



CYCLING PROFICIENCY

- Our P7 pupils usually take part in the Cycling Proficiency Scheme each year before leaving Primary School.
- This year they were unable to do this..... However, they have been provided with a copy of the Cycling Proficiency Scheme Safe Cycling Booklet via Google Classroom and have been practising their cycling skills at home.
- Please check it out P7 pupils and parents if you haven't done so already. Not only does the scheme teach them to cycle safely, road signs, signals etc., it also teaches them about keeping their bikes safe and wearing appropriate clothing and a cycling helmet for cycling.
- Below are some of our keen P7 cyclists from 2020.



Google Classroom

- Materials are available from 9pm the evening before by our staff, giving time to print and be ready for the activities in the morning if you wish to do so.
- Parents, please feel free to fit the activities into your own schedule and not feel pressured to complete the activities on the days they are posted. We would encourage the children, as far as possible, to do some work every day. Remember your teachers are available online every day.
- We reserve the use of Google Classroom solely as a learning and teaching platform. If you wish to get in contact with any queries or concerns, we would ask that you follow the communication link set out in your individual learning packs which is the teachers direct school email. This will ensure the most efficient and effective communication between home and school in these challenging times.

Free Nature activities for kids to do at home

- This Summer is around the corner, in the nature activities for kids to do at home series, The Woodland Trust run through some fantastic summertime activities for your kids to enjoy. Some can be done indoors for bad weather days, while others are perfect for when the sun is shining.



1. Spot signs of summer
2. Have a twig boat race
3. Make a minibeast mask
4. Listen to the sounds of summer
5. Go butterfly spotting
6. Try stick weaving

Just make sure you follow government guidelines on social distancing.



- <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/06/nature-activities-for-kids-to-do-at-home-part-8/>
- Why not visit the [Tree Tools for Schools](#) website for more fantastic activities? It's home to lots of educational materials for schools - from wildlife ID sheets to interactive puzzles and quizzes. So you'll find plenty of ways to keep your children engaged and active over the coming weeks.

FREE Packs for ALL OUR PUPILS!!!!!!!

- Thanks to a very generous grant allocated to us from UCDL we have been able to purchase and make up special packs for your children to enjoy over the summer period.
- Your packs will include **TWO** wooden kits for your child to paint and build.
- Craft art activities for each pupil to decorate and make including their own magnet.
- Lastly each pupil will also receive a bottle of bubbles.
- Our theme for the activities is Nature in the Garden and we hope to see lots of photos of your constructed kits proudly placed in your garden.
- Packs can be COLLECTED on **Wednesday 24th June @ the Linen Hall from 1pm-3pm**. If possible could families with 3 or more children collect from us between 1-1:30pm. Families with 2 children collect between 1:30pm – 2:15pm and finally families with 1 child please collect between 2:15pm and 2:45pm.
- Social distancing will be in operation and a one way system for collection will also be in place.
- Further instructions and an extra surprise will also be included in each pack.



The useful links section

- The useful links section is available to all on our school website in the learning area. Here you will also find some helpful advice and guidance which has appeared in previous Newsletters. Our most recent information on Apps for children is also here with short cuts for you to use. As always we hope these are a source of guidance and an area you will find beneficial. Please keep checking this area for future information.

Road Safety Road Safety Education - Week 3 Task (Child Passenger Safety)

- This week the focus is on passenger safety and you can conduct this task without even starting the car! There is also a follow up activity supplied by Department for Infrastructure 'Safe and Accessible Travel' (attached) which can be printed out and completed by your child if you wish. However, these are not intended to take the place of the task itself but rather to reinforce the learning.
- First thing is first – check the height of your child. The law states that all children up to 135cm (approximately 4ft 5in) in height AND under 12 years of age, must use a suitable child restraint – that is, one that is suitable for your child's height or weight.
- Next, look for a sticker or label on the child car seats that are used for each child and it will show which of the two European standards for child restraint systems it has been manufactured to - Regulation 44 and Regulation 129 (or i-Size). Seats manufactured to either standard will have a label showing a capital 'E' in a circle.
[Regulation 44 child car seats are based on weight with an age recommendation.](#)
Regulation 129 (or i-Size) child car seats are based on height/ length and have a maximum weight (the label will tell you the weight or maximum height/length the child car seat is designed for)
- Assuming the child car seat is still appropriate for the child it is being used for (given the above), now it's time to check the seat is being used properly. Every year too many children are killed or seriously injured – often because they are not properly restrained when travelling in a car. So make sure you understand the law and give your child the best possible protection. Many seat experts believe that it's better and safer to keep your child in the lowest group seat for as long as possible. This means staying in their current stage seat until the maximum weight or height limit is reached. Because children grow and develop at different rates it is important to keep a watch on your child's height and weight to make sure that they don't move up a stage too early or too late. You must only use a child restraint if your car's seat belt has a diagonal strap, unless the child restraint is: specifically designed for use with a lap seat belt only; fitted using ISOFIX anchor points.
- **A Checklist can be found on our school website in the Learning zone**

For further information on seat belts and child car seats (restraints):

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/child-car-seats-restraints-and-seatbelts>

For information from manufacturers and retailers on whether a particular child car seat will fit in your vehicle and how you should install it: <https://www.childcarseats.org.uk/choosing-using/child-car-seat-fitting-and-compatibility/>

Remember – seat belts (and child car restraints) save lives!

Please download the relevant age group worksheet for your child from the links below or at our website in the Learning area.

- 4 – 7 year olds <https://ampertaine.sites.schooljotter2.com/downloadfile/14915460>
- 8 – 11 year olds <https://ampertaine.sites.schooljotter2.com/downloadfile/14916686>



★ Super Ampertaine Stars!!!! ★



Adam thank you soooo much for sending in your picture. The Kittens are now One month old and boy have they grown. What a handful!



The Shiels boys are at it again but this time they have ventured to Portstewart. The boys have been crab fishing in the rock pools. Fantastic!!



Victoria has kept herself busy and designed her own NHS t-shirt. What a brilliant design.



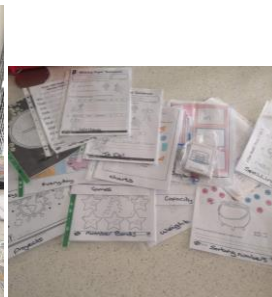
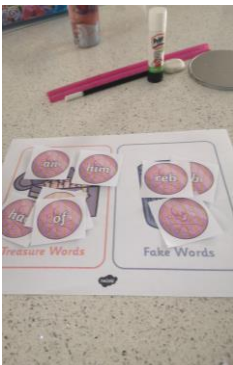
J.R. HARTLEY eat your heart out! The Cunningham lads are enjoying this Lockdown and their latest activity has resulted in two mighty catches. Well done Sam and Jack this is impressive work. Did you cook them on the barbecue boys?



Turkey chicks have arrived at Emily and Lydia's farm. The girls are ready for looking after them.



Jay and Riley have been very busy. Their Daddy was using the digger to dig up the garden and they found lots of bottles. The boys washed them and decorated them using lots of colourful thread. We think they look amazing boys. Very well done. Super idea.



Kodi has really been a busy bee during lockdown. He has painted tyres and planted them with flowers. He has also been working very hard doing lots of activities with his Grandma to keep his brain active. He has even organised all his work into poly pockets. Super star Kodi!

Happy 7th Birthday Becca!!!!!! We hope you had a brilliant day and saved us a slice of cake!

Thank you for all the amazing photographs!!!

- Hope you have enjoyed looking at them and seeing and reading about all the things your friends have been up to during this time. Your photographs can be of anything interesting at all. Any news which you would like to share with our school community please let us know about it.
- If you would like to show us some of your news feel free to send your pictures to our school info account info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk

Provision for children of Key Workers

- As you are aware our school has been open to facilitate those in need. At this time we presently have no one requiring the service. Please use info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk if your circumstances change.

End of Year Reports

- Because of the prolonged school closures this year, it will be neither possible nor appropriate to issue our normal school reports. It will be impossible, for instance to comment meaningfully on your child's progress during the lockdown nor would teachers be able to tell parents anything that you do not already know.
- We will however, be issuing a shorter report (A5) for your child, focusing on his/her work and progress up to 13th March in literacy and numeracy, together with a general comment. These reports will be posted on Thursday 25th June. The report will consist of written comments from your child's teacher and will not contain any grades or scores. It will also indicate, your child's teacher for next year.
- You will also receive a placement letter indicating your child's class for next year and their teacher.

The AMPERTAINE CARD Challenge

- Thank you for sending in your photos of your creations. It has been lovely to see you all sharing your kindness to others. We hope you enjoyed delivering them, whether it was posting them, 'what's apping' or 'zooming' them or maybe even hand delivering them while socially distancing!
- The thoughtful kind messages have been a real treat to go through and highlights to us all what a great kind hearted thoughtful bunch we have at Super Ampertaine. A fantastic effort.
- You can see all the different cards sent in to us on our website in a slide show. We hope you enjoy looking at each others.

And finally...

These are strange times and have been made even stranger thanks to misinformation being provided through the media on TV and online. We hope to gain much needed clarity from the 'New School Day' document which has finally been provided to schools with one full week and two days of the school term to go

The guidelines are there to be applied to each school in Northern Ireland and we ask of you to give us the much needed time now to apply and adapt accordingly to best meet the needs of our pupils, staff, parents and wider school community. We as a school will continue to do our best for you all and strive to provide the most appropriate return to education for all concerned.

The finishing date of this term may well be Tuesday 30th June for all pupils, we will continue to work beyond this until we are happy that the **BEST** return and plans are in place for our school as we make our 'Way Forward'.

Keep persevering, keep safe and keep trying your best.

From all at Ampertaine