



# Ampertaine Primary School



## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Home Learning Week 4

Dear Children and Parents,

Four weeks in and we are turning into old pros now. Well hope our system is now less stressful and is now fitting into your routine at home. We are aware that some people are managing to finish their tasks and activities by 9:30am! This allows them to get out on the farm, lending a helping hand and enjoying our weather. It has been lovely to hear what you have been up to and the various activities you have been able to do. Please please keep commenting and letting teachers know what you have been doing.

Remember to try your best and don't worry or stress if something is tricky and you don't know what to do. Please try to complete the weekly quiz as this gives our staff an essential insight into how you are getting on. This takes no longer than 5 minutes to complete and we love reading your answers to the last question especially.



Here is a small sample of some of the photos you sent in to show us how you celebrated VE Day. Thank you so much for taking the time and effort to send these in. We have made a slide show which is now on our website. Please take a moment to check it out. Lots of brilliant art work and super baking. It looks like you all had a brilliant time remembering an incredibly important part of our History. Thanks again.



Ben and Katie have been enjoying getting out and about on their new bikes. They look brilliant and a perfect time to be exploring with the weather being soooooo good. We hope you have lots of super fun and adventures with your new modes of transport. Stay safe and remember the highway code. Mrs Phillips is an expert, so if in doubt she will be able to help. You two will be taking after a famous Upperlands Olympic Hero, Wendy Houvenaghel. Loving the helmets!

If you would like to show us some of your news from the month of May, feel free to send your pictures to our school info account [info@ampertaineprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:info@ampertaineprimaryschool.co.uk).

## ***Doing things differently when out for a walk!***

This type of exercise could now be a time to .....

### **.....DISCOVER**

Getting out on foot and exploring your local area is a great way to stay active, especially while we're all social distancing! The activities in the link are suitable for primary school children of varying ages, and designed to engage them in their community. Download from [here](#).

### **.....IMAGINE**

Nothing sparks imagination quite like a good walk! The activities are designed to inspire fantasy, encouraging children to re-write the world around them. Give them a try by downloading from [here](#).

### **Or to go on a SCAVENGER HUNT**

While out and about on your daily walk/exercise why not take a brilliant scavenger hunt sheet with you. You can download it [here](#).

We hope you find these links useful and interesting.

## ***A New Challenge for you.....***

We know we are all missing each other so much at the moment, staff and children. The time we have been off as Mrs Logan pointed out this morning to the teachers, is like a whole summer holiday away from school. This is a very long time not to see your friends and teachers. So next week we have an exciting new challenge for you which we would love you all to take part in..... watch this space.....

## ***Google Classroom***

- Google Classroom seems to be working very well presently. Thank you for your cooperation. Materials are being made 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. This should help to accommodate parents who are key workers and require some flexibility to balance the various demands of life and work. Generally, however, we would encourage the children, as far as possible, to do some work every day. If you haven't logged in yet, please do so, we would love to hear from you and know you can access your work without problems. Remember your teachers are available online every day during normal teaching hours.
- 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.

## ***Autism NI***

- Autism NI have created an "Anxiety Resource Pack " which includes the Body Outline chart, the 5 Point Scale, the Sticky Slimy Thoughts chart and a list of coping tools that individuals can choose from. Please follow this [link](#) for further information. The Pack can help all children who are feeling the strain, especially at this moment in time.

## ***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](mailto:info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk) if your circumstances change.

## ***And finally...***

Thank you again to all for the messages of support and appreciation we have received. This means a lot to us as a staff as we too continue to progress and persevere in these circumstances. We have included the useful links for home learning again and hope you find these helpful.

Thank you.

Keep persevering, Keep safe and keep trying your best.

From all at Ampertaine

# Useful Links For Home Learning

[Audible](#) Amazon audio books for kids FOR FREE

[BBC Bitesize](#) Learning clips and tutorials on a wide range of topics for children in P1-P7

[Blockly](#) Fun and free computer programming games

[CBeebies Radio](#) Listening activities for younger children

[Collins Books - FREE ACCESS TO BOOKS FOR P1 - P3 PUPILS](#) Click on the link and then click teacher. Username is parents@harpercollins.co.uk and password is Parents20!

[Crash Course Kids](#) Science videos on a range of topics

[Crickweb](#) Free online educational resources and games in all subjects for all ages.

[DK Find Out!](#) Great resource for a wide range of information in all areas of the curriculum

[Duolingo](#) Sign up and learn a language for free!

[Educational videos](#) Over 4300 videos linked to science, music, art and much more!

[Kids Learning Tube](#) Songs and videos which are great for learning!

[Khan Academy](#) Sign up to access practical exercises and instructional videos in all subjects

[Libraries NI](#) You can use Libraries NI to download free e-books for AR and to read to younger children?

[Literacy Shed](#) Video stimuli for writing

[Literactive](#) Literacy games, activities and ebooks for P1-P3 children

[Maths Chase](#) A fast moving game to help consolidate mathematical skills, eg-tables

[Minecraft](#) Free Minecraft education until June. Lots of coding, remote learning and activities available.

[myON](#) Access to online books which are very useful for children working on AR

# Useful Links For Home Learning

[National Geographic - Kids](#) Activities and quizzes for all children

[Nature Detectives](#) Fun nature activities for the garden!

[Oxford Owl](#) Access to a range of free ebooks

[Primary Resources](#) A wide range of PowerPoints and worksheets for all areas of the curriculum and all ages

[Primary Homework Help](#) Lots of Literacy and Numeracy activities but also great for topic work and World Around Us!

[Red Ted Art](#) Art and craft activities

[Sesame Street](#) Games, videos and art activities for younger pupils

[Starfall](#) Literacy and Numeracy activities for P1-P5 pupils

[The Imagination Tree](#) Creative art activities for younger children

[The Maths Factor](#) Free access to Carol Vorderman's Maths tuition website

[The School Run](#) Resources and tutorials for a range of curricular areas. Free 14 day trial and then £42 for six months

[Topmarks](#) Free educational games and resources for all subjects and all ages

[Twinkl](#) Twinkl are offering a month of free access to parents in the event of school closures. It is packed with learning resources. You need the code UKTWINKLHELPS to access the offer.

[World Geography](#) Geography games