



Ampertaine Primary School



Friday 22nd May 2020 Home Learning Week 5

Dear Children and Parents,

Another week over and another fantastic effort from all. Thank you for handing in and emailing your work for us to see. We have really enjoyed reading your work and are thrilled by how well you are doing, and the amount of effort you are putting in. When this is over and we are able to look back, I think you will see how amazingly well you have done and what you have accomplished in your life.

You'll have learned new ways of doing things, you'll have become stronger people and all of that will make you an even stronger person. So let's look forward to things being normal again and let's continue to persevere and to wait patiently.

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 your answers to the last question.

Tips for Parents and Children during these strange times



- A lot of children are missing out on the shared experience that schools bring and also really missing the social side of seeing their friends.
- We know that some children may be struggling with their mental health/wellbeing being impacted by feelings of unease and anxiety. We also know that it's an incredibly stressful time for parents, who are trying to support their children through this. So we wanted to share Dr Radha's really useful, top tips to help parents and children cope better in these strange and uncertain times. The advice given is in association with Children in Need. Follow the link [here](#)

A New Challenge for you..... The Ampertaine WAVE!!!!!!

- We know we are all missing each other so much at the moment, staff and children. We felt it was about time you got to see each other again! We would like pupils and staff to email a video clip of themselves simply waving at the camera. These will be made into a video and put onto our website for you to see each other's WAVE!
- **What do I have to do?** Send a short clip of you waving for at least 5 -10 seconds.
- **Do I have to do a clip for each person?** No, if you have brothers and sisters at our school then they should be in your clip beside you. One clip for each family.
- **Where do I have to do it?** You can be anywhere waving, the more interesting the background the better.
- **Can I be in my bedroom?** No, we would prefer for you to be out doors if possible or in a room with a neutral background.
- **When do I have to have it done by?** We would like all clips in by Thursday 28th May.
- **Where do I email it to?** Please use this address info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk

Google Classroom

- 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. 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.

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.

30 Days Wild!

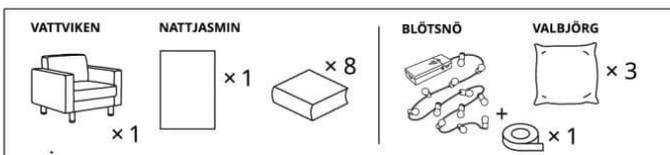
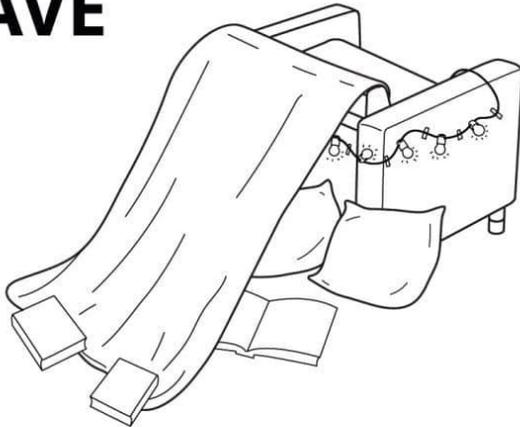
- This June, join thousands of people taking part in the annual nature challenge, 30 Days Wild! The Wildlife Trust want you to do one wild thing a day throughout the whole month: for your health, wellbeing and for the planet. That's 30 simple, fun and exciting Random Acts of Wildness.
- You'll be able to download a wallchart to track and plan your month, a nature table template, an activity passport, a colouring-in window poster, and 30 Days Wild bingo! They'll also send you emails from when you sign-up until the end of the challenge, with extra resources and things to do, from instructions for baking hedgehog cupcakes to a beginner's guide to wildlife photography
- Follow this [link](#) to sign up for the 30 Days Wild!



IKEA style furniture forts

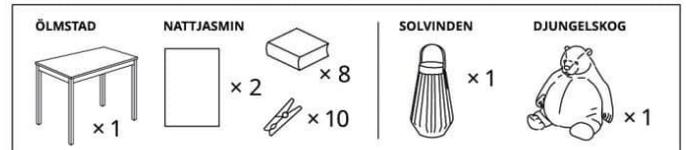
- Here is something a little bit different to generate a few hours of entertainment in the home especially with the weather taking a little change.
- Follow this [link](#) and you will find the instructions for six easy-to-create dens, there's a little something for everyone to try, and it's all thanks to IKEA Russia and their uber-creative agency, Instinct. From the 'camping tent' to the 'fortress', what better way to entertain yourself while staying at home? The forts can be created with the furniture you already own. We hope you find them entertaining.

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STEM@CGI AT HOME resources to support at-home learning

- To help support continuity in your child's learning, the STEM@CGI At Home have developed a program that offers fun STEM-based activity packs for children. The pack is another idea and resource which we thought would be helpful to use at home.
- This is a FREE resource and hopefully one you find useful and your children will be interested in. Please follow this [link](#) to download the resources.

★ Super Ampertaine Stars!!!! ★



Adam couldn't wait to show us his new kittens! They are only one day old and don't they look lovely. We wonder what names you will give them?



Amelia and her sister have been very busy ladies over this time. They have planted an oak tree, had fun with lots of baking, made super pizza with special boxes and been out enjoying the sunshine.



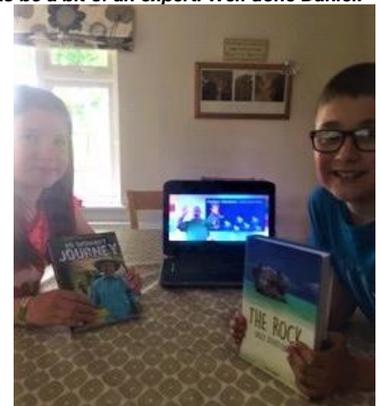
Daniel has been showing us his excellent wood work skills. Sawing and hammering nails not easy things to do. He has proven to be a bit of an expert. Well done Daniel.



For the past four weeks Grace has been having a virtual bake off with her Auntie. She has made coffee cake, chocolate chip cookies, fifteens and homemade biscoff ice-cream. Amazing skills.



Rebekah and Hannah have been doing lots of fun activities over this time. Baking, camping and playing catch in the garden. Ladies your baking talents are superb very well done.



Erin and Harry watching Colin's assembly for Hope for Youth Ministries. They really enjoy them. Last week they entered one of his competitions and won these lovely books.



Jack Sam Tom and Pip (Dog), have been having a great time! They have been camping out in the back garden for the last three nights. Lots of fun being had and even Pip got in on the action. They have been teaching Pip at home as well.



Jake and his big brother have enjoyed their time at home. They now have a games room with a new pool table and their xbox and TV to spend time and chill out. The boys also enjoy going to Ampertaine House to play in the gardens.



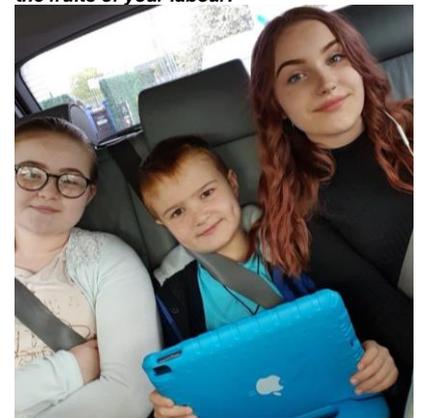
The Shiels family are growing Vegetables! So far they have planted broccoli, pumpkins, carrots and potatoes. A fantastic effort boys and we look forward to seeing the fruits of your labour!



Jay has helped to cut logs, slept in his tent and made a heart for the hall from sticks collected on a walk. His porch is still not finished but he has promised to send a picture when it is finished, he enjoys helping to build it. Jay is missing school and all his friends.



Paul and Katie enjoy long walks / cycles each Sunday usually around 3 to 4 miles. Katie also found a very strange dandelion on one of their walks. They found out it was a fasciated dandelion. They have been visiting the farm and Katie has had piano lessons from her mum.



Zara, Kai and family have been having a very busy time filled with lots of adventures. Going for lovely walks, feeding swans, car journeys, bathing a dog and doing lots of gardening.

Thank you for all the amazing photographs!!!

- We were only able to show one photograph from each family in our Newsletter. If you go to our website you will be able to see all the super photographs which have been sent in to us. These have been a real pleasure to put into both the Newsletter and the website.
- 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

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.

CHANGE IN HOLIDAYS

- You will remember due to our present situation, one of our planned school development days was moved from Tuesday 26th May to Friday 20th March. This gave staff vital planning and preparation time to assist with remote learning provision.
- Therefore work will not be provided on Monday 25th May due to the Bank holiday. Remote learning will resume on the Tuesday 26th May.
We hope you all have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

And finally...

We are all getting used to this strange way of working and none of us are happy with it and none of us are finding it ideal. You are home schooling which is anything but easy. We try to help you with that by putting up tasks and instructional videos etc on the Google classroom programme but it is important to recognise that people can only do so much.

So please use Google classroom to help you. Don't feel you have to do everything. Do what you can, when you can. We will be flexible and understanding. Don't let something which is an aid for the children and an aid for you become a weight around your neck.

We will get through this together and thank you for all the effort you are putting in with the children. We really are a community at Ampertaine, staff, pupils and parents all working together for the common good.

Keep persevering, Keep safe and keep trying your best.

From all at Ampertaine