

Additional Resources for Learning and Keeping children occupied

Authors - Copyright free sources:

- Michael Rosen has an amazing website of him reading and performing his poems, plus more resources. <https://poetryarchive.org/poet/michael-rosen/>
- <https://www.roalddahl.com/home/kids> - Official Roald Dahl website.
- <https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/search/?query=children> - Project Gutenberg, full text copyright free novels.

Literacy Organisations:

National literacy organisations have many resources, if not full text, activities, writing tips and some author visit recordings.

- <https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/authors-live-on-demand> - Scottish Book trust archive of author events,
- <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/#!?q=&sortOption=MostRecent&pageNo=1> - BookTrust: Looking for something fun as a family? Enjoy story time with our free online books, play games, win prizes, or test your knowledge in our book-themed quizzes
- <https://www.worldbookday.com/storycraft-videos/> & <https://www.worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/> - World Book Day: Authors give writing advice, plus quizzes and other resources.
- <http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/7-11> - National Literacy Trust site for families, includes reading of a Sarah Jane (Dr Who) story.
- <https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books> - The British Library's Discovering Children's Books new online resource, creative activities, interviews, history of classic children's literature.
- The [Shakespeare week](#) website has lots of themed activities in their Kidszone and a printable booklet to track what children have been doing.

BBC Resources

BBC has various resources, CBBC, Bitesize Julia Donaldson films, 500 Words, 18/03/2020 BBC released statement on how they will respond, including lots of new education and cultural resources.

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2020/bbc-keeping-nation-informed-educated-entertained>

- New Culture in Quarantine with ACE - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/aboutthebbc/entries/9b107488-0154-4435-a9a1-81bd16224086>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000gf0z> - Radio4 reading of the classic Jack London book, Call of the Wild (older readers only)
- [BBC One - Stick Man](#) - The animated film of the classic book, also links to other Julia Donadlson books, eg Gruaffalo, Highway Rat
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/nikki-lilly-meets-jacqueline-wilson> - CBBC interview with Jacqueline Wilson
- BBC 500Words story competition. write your own with tips, but also read the past winners' stories. - [BBC Radio 2 - 500 Words, Fab Frank Cottrell Boyce reads his 500 WORDS story!](#)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/KNWsKPrg7stQ54tTbcf6P7/500-words-the-stories>

Publishers

Publishers also have resources websites, here are a few.

- <https://www.egmont.co.uk/childrens-websites/>
- <https://www.puffinschools.co.uk/>
- <https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/children.html>
- <https://clubs-kids.scholastic.co.uk/>
- <https://peters.co.uk/100-books-for-parents>

Recommended books plus activity sheets

Arts and creativity

- <https://twitter.com/RobBiddulph/status/1239307959181639683?s=19> - Official WBD illustrator giving online drawing classes.
- <https://twitter.com/noelfielding11/status/1239134238986907650?s=19> - Comedian Noel Fielding ran an online Art Class competition on Sunday. He may repeat weekly.
- <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-laureate/former-laureates/lauren-child/staring-into-space/> - Cressida Cowell's Staring into Space activities

Science Technology

- The [Science Museum](#) has a range of learning games that are free.

- **British science week** has activity packs to download for early years, primary school and secondary school children around the theme of "Diverse Planet"

Technology

- The [Scratch](#) coding website has a range of tutorials for different coding activities to do

Maths/Numbers

- **Sumdog** gives personalised Maths practise for children aged 6-14 through games. There are 2 access levels, free and membership. Free access gives you 6 different games for children to use.

Humanities and Languages

Virtual museum tours - History

- https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours?utm_medium=social&utm_term=59F3F59E-653B-11EA-938E-3D9296E8478F&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=travelandleisure_travelandleisure&utm_content=link&fbclid=IwAR2Hg910kPkYZZGe3QErMD1-02USQeDD2q82sKHkTTxzYCJtwbfVa4gdZTQ

Geography

- **National Geographic kids** has fun learning games including quizzes, puzzles and word scrambles.

Others

Scholastic Have launched their learn at home website. Although some of the content is US centric there's an excellent range of information. For guidance, the grades translate as follows:

- PreK and K Nursery: Reception – Year 1
- Grades 1 and 2: Year 2 and 3.

Twinkl are offering a months free access to their premium site, with worksheets, activities and crafts for pre-school and primary aged children

Getting active

Cosmic Kids has a range of activities to develop motor skills in under 5s