

Reading Resources for Home Learning

BBC Cbeebies Alphablocks	Free	EYFS / KS1
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

BBC Cbeebies Bedtime Stories	Free	EYFS / KS1
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories>

ICT Games: Literacy	Free	KS1
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<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/literacy.html>

Phonics, spelling, letter formation, reading, writing, common exception words, etc.

Pobble 365	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2+
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www.pobble365.com

Daily writing and GPS challenges linked to images.

BBC CBBC – shows from books	Free	KS2
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tv/cbbc>

View books turned into TV series, including The Worst Witch, Tracy Beaker, Deadly 60, Hetty Feather, Hank Zipzer, The Demon Headmaster.

BBC Bitesize	Free	KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f>

KS2 English

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zgkw2hv>

KS1 English

BBC Jackanory Junior	Free	KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007t9wg/clips>

Storytelling for younger viewers, using videos and read louds.

Blue Peter	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/blue-peter>

Videos on author writing tips, who to read next, Blue Peter Book Awards, story dice challenge, author chats, story challenge wit Matt Haig, Cressida Cowell and more...

Books for Keeps	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<http://booksforkeeps.co.uk/>

Books for Keeps is the UK's leading, independent children's book magazine. Over 12,500 reviews on website and more than 2,000 articles including interviews with the top children's authors and illustrators. The whole magazine can be viewed online, browsed, printed or downloaded.

Books for Topics	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.booksfortopics.com/>

Topic booklists, key stage booklists, reading for pleasure. Year group book recommendations, printable year group booklists, favourite non-fiction and more.

BookTrust	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2+
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<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/>

Use Bookfinder to look for books that suit your tastes and interests, browse archive of interviews with authors and illustrators, watch online storybooks, or just see latest releases. Also reading tips and book recommendations for children of all ages, from babies to teenagers.

The Film Space	Free to educators	KS2+
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<http://www.thefilmSPACE.org/>

The Primary and Secondary editions feature trailers for current and upcoming cinema releases, available free of charge to educators across the UK. Website features some books that have been made into films.

<http://thefilmSPACE.org/teachingtrailers/2019/primary/> (KS2)

This resource features trailers for current and upcoming cinema releases, available free of charge to teachers and learners. Suitable for pupils aged 7 – 11 and relevant to Literacy (Persuasive Texts and Story Composition), Computing and Critical Thinking Skills, whilst developing pupils' sense of cultural capital through their engagement with the cinema experience. Includes Teacher's Notes.

<http://www.thefilmSPACE.org/library-for-primary/> How to Train Your Dragon, Narnia, Arthur and the Invisibles, Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, Coraline, The Tale of Despereaux, The Railway Children, A Christmas Carol, Alice in Wonderland – downloadable pdf teacher's notes.

First News (Children's Weekly Newspaper)	Digitally free for limited time during Covid-19	KS2+
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<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/free-downloadable-issue/>

HOME AND SCHOOL LEARNING RESOURCES

For a limited time, they're offering free, current issues of **First News newspaper** (PDF edition), **Activity Sheets**, **Teaching Resources** and an extended 6-week trial of the **iHub**.

iHub interactive platform: Our online news and literacy tool, the iHub, **delivers pre-prepared reading activities for Key Stages 2 and 3, giving students access to engaging work that they can complete at home every week.** With the support of the iHub, teachers can rest assured that students will receive new work each week, automatically tailored at the level suited to them

To download your copy, you just enter your email address. As a service we will send you an email to remind you when there is a new edition available to download.

Free newspaper front page template on Teachwire: <https://www.teachwire.net/teaching-resources/newspaper-template>

<https://www.teachwire.net/products/read-all-about-it-using-current-affairs-in-guided-reading-sessions>

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Just Imagine	Some free, some sub	KS1 / KS2
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<https://justimagine.co.uk/>

Book reviews from expert teacher panel, searchable by age, subject, genre, theme. Blogs, including tips about writing and classroom resources. Podcasts are **free**.

<https://justimagine.co.uk/podcasts/> **In the Reading Corner** (from Just Imagine) **(Free)**

Excellent **free** podcasts, available to subscribe from iTunes and Pocket Casts.

Authors include: David McKee, James Mayhew, Rob Biddulph, Anthony Browne, Benji Davies, Philip Reeve, Elizabeth Laird, Carrie Burnell, Vashti Hardy, Abi Elphinstone, Jenny McLachlan, Michael Rosen, Ross Welford, Peter Bunzl, Marcus Sedgwick, Kwame Alexander, Piers Torday, James Sellick, Sally Gardner, Zanib Mian, Rebecca Stevens, Frank Cottrell-Boyce, AF Harrold, Geraldine McCaughrean and many, many more.

Topics include: Early Years Reading, Non-Fiction, Poetry, Reading and Well-Being, Diversity, Reading for Pleasure, Reading Picture Books, Readability, Classics in the Classroom, Humour, Excellence in Reading, and more.

Love Reading 4 Schools	Free	EYFS / KS1/ KS2+
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<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

View free **Opening Extracts of thousands of children's books, both contemporary and classic. Videos, activities, books.**

The National Literacy Trust	Part free, part sub	EYFS / KS1 / KS2+
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https://literacytrust.org.uk/free-resources/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMlvKfvL6AIVibTtCh01fQAgEAAAYASABEgLS- D_BwE

Early years activities - CBeebies magazine resource

We teamed up with CBeebies magazine to produce an Early Years resource packed with exciting ideas for fun and learning.

Free Writing Friday: Cressida Cowell's top writing tips for primary pupils

Children's author and illustrator Cressida Cowell has created some fantastic resources for primary school pupils, packed full of writing tips and inspiring...

A River of Stories - Tales and Poems from Across the Commonwealth

Explore intercultural understanding with your class using four beautifully illustrated anthologies of poems and stories from around the world, with comprehensive supporting...

Authors inspiring reading classroom posters

Download our posters featuring illustrations and cover art from well-known children's authors, and an inspiring quote encouraging your pupils to pick up a book.

Once Upon a Picture	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2+
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https://www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR3EuPgj9ChPHbfoUydgEVOqJcmUxoo7SNjWyCiflg89_t-dxRk2LPQdeio

Images and questions can be used to stimulate discussion and develop vocabulary, as a prompt for creative writing, a reading comprehension activity (with a mix of literal, inference, deduction and prediction questions), or as a starting point for a wider curriculum lesson. Some teachers have set an image and questions for homework, while others have organised whole-school writing competitions based on a picture.

Oxford Owl	Part free, part sub	KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Educational resources, teaching notes and **free eBooks** to support children's learning at home and at school. **Oxford Owl for School** is home to online teaching, learning and assessment resources, expert support and subscriptions for Primary Schools. Thousands of free quality resources and tools.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/> **Free Oxford Owl eBooks**

For home – Advice and support for parents, Educational activities and games, **Free eBook library** for 3- to 11-year-olds.

Phonics Play	Some free	Phases 1-6
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<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

Phonics games, teaching ideas, planning, assessment and subject knowledge.

Pobble 365	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2+
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www.pobble365.com

Daily writing and GPS challenges.

Project Gutenberg	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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https://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Category:Children%27s_Bookshelf

Free children's and adult's books to read online or download. Mostly classics. Includes old, classic picture books

The Reading Agency	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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KS2 Free Resources <https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/?keyword=&age=7-11-ks2-p4-p5-p6-p7&filter=true>

KS1 Free Resources <https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/?keyword=&age=5-7-ks1-p2-p3&filter=true>

EYFS Free Resources <https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/?keyword=&age=3-5-eyfs-2-p1&age=birth-to-3-eyfs-1&filter=true>

The Reading Realm	Free packs	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://thereadingrealm.co.uk/>

Free home learning packs: Fairy Tales; Nature and Animals. Author interviews and other free resources.

Reading Zone	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://readingzone.com/index.php?zone=sz>

Free resources include **book extracts**, book recommendations, new titles, author information, booklists, reading ideas. Links to Kidszone and Familyzone for more activities and book-related stuff.

Scottish BookTrust	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes>

BookBug song and rhyme library, featuring video and audio resources. In English, Scots and Gaelic.

<https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/authors-live-on-demand>

Authors on Demand: author videos and readings, teacher's resources. 80 videos including Michael Morpurgo, Michael Rosen, Anthony Horowitz, Chris Riddell, Cressida Cowell, James Mayhew, Jon Klassen, Julia Donaldson, Malorie Blackman, Kes Gray, Lauren Child, Oliver Jeffers and more.

Storyline Online	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

Online reading/videos of hundreds of books. American based but some recognisable books from the UK curriculum.

TeachitPrimary	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.teachitprimary.co.uk/> Multidisciplinary lesson ideas.

<https://www.teachitprimary.co.uk/bookshelf-book-based-comprehension>

Bookshelf – book-based comprehension.

Resources and activities on favourite children's authors and popular stories.

Do you want to create your own gruesome recipe, like Roald Dahl? Need some inspiration for your favourite Michael Morpurgo book? Or are you just searching for a magical idea on a fairy tale topic?

Find our collection of activities and classroom exercises to develop your children's reading comprehension.

Also includes Oxford Reading Tree.

Toppsta	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://toppsta.com/>

This resource is a children's book review website with over 11,000 reviews from children, parents, teachers and librarians. Its aim is to help make it easier for children, parents and teachers to find great books.

Browse books by title, author, illustrator, series, age of children. Children can submit book reviews.

Book Club: On the last Wednesday of every month we host a **#ToppstaBookClub** chat over on our Twitter channel, **@Toppsta**. We always welcome new people and love hearing your thoughts on the latest children's books during the discussion. The great thing is that YOU get to vote for the book you'd most like to discuss each month and often the author/illustrator will take part in the chat too. Sometimes we even offer signed copies to the people that pose the most interesting questions!

Vocabulary Ninja	Website = Sub, Vocab iPad App & Word of the Day =free	
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<https://www.vocabularyninja.co.uk/>

Vocabulary Ninja's Word of the Day is now available at the beginning of every week as a fully-loaded, super-charged pack of vocabulary-awesomeness!

Vocabulary Ninja has vowed to ensure that the Word of the Day, in whatever form or format - remains **free**. Just add the weekly pack to your cart and checkout. Enter your name and email address. You will receive an email with a link to download the pack. Perfect!

App on iPad: provides 100 commonly overused words and offers over 600 possible alternatives. Great for levelling up vocabulary in writing and promoting independence. **100% free**, no ads, no subscriptions, no email addresses. Download from AppStore.

Words for Life (part of National Literacy Trust)	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2+
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<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

Fun stuff to do together (by age); downloadable activities; recommended reads.

World Book Day	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2+
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<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Excellent site. Not just for World Book Day but all year round.

Resources include: book extracts, teaching guides & resource packs for particular books & authors, author & illustrator masterclasses which include videos and teacher's resources, brief themed booklists, recommended reads, Storycraft: expert story writing tips, Imagination author videos, booktrailers, colouring, cooking, make and do – and lots, lots more.

Also on website under Inspiration heading, World of Stories podcasts has a selection of free audiobooks.

Available to stream **until 29th March 2020 (as at 15.03.20)**