

Reading & Book-Related Websites to Support Staff, Parents and Children during Covid-19 Closures

As far as I'm aware, the information in this document should be accurate and is up to date as of 16.03.20. Please forgive the odd typo or if I've omitted anything (or indeed, got something wrong). I created this for my infants & nursery and junior schools but feel free to use and amend for your needs if you wish.

Ashley Booth (Y6 teacher)	Free	KS2 (mainly Y6)
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<https://www.dropbox.com/s/c9ilojt1d5egvzv/Whole%20Class%20Reading%20Planning%20.docx?dl=0>
6 weeks of whole class reading planning. All texts and questions here.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DaBclzLjHlh64Pfz2cCWjTHcy5kEEvXg>
Whole class reading sessions

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1OabW2ObPHE9yN8fU0xco8ugHzinFcBdF>
Loads of sentence skills work based around openings of children's books

Authorfy	Free	KS1 / KS2
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<https://authorfy.com/>
Authorfy brings readers and writers closer together through interactive video masterclasses, fun downloadable activities and exciting after school resources. Whether you're a teacher, parent, student, librarian, aspiring author or reluctant writer, there's something on Authorfy for everyone. Author videos and cross-curricular schemes of work to use in the classroom or home.

Authorfy Classroom: Check out our 'Classroom' page to watch interactive video masterclasses from bestselling, award-winning children's authors like Michael Morpurgo, Katherine Rundell and Emma Carroll. Each masterclass comes with a cross-curricular scheme of work, downloadable extracts and more, and they can be watched in the classroom, at home, in assemblies or on the go!

- 1) Scroll through the masterclasses below or use our handy search bar to find the perfect author masterclass for your child / class.
- 2) Watch the author's videos, read the extracts from their books and download cross-curricular schemes of work. The resources are completely flexible and act as a springboard for ideas so teachers can adapt lessons to suit the needs of their class.
- 3) Use our author masterclasses in the classroom, at home, in assemblies, to celebrate an 'Author of the Month', in the library or anywhere there's a computer.

Authorfy Creative: visit our page of creative activity packs and download as many as you like for **free**. We've got a variety of games, book club questions, arts and crafts sheets and more, and they're all based around the latest bestselling children's books.

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>

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.

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BBC Bitesize	Free	KS1 / KS2
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
https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007t9wg/clips		
Storytelling for younger viewers, using videos and read alouds.		

Barrington Stoke	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/product-category/free-resources/		
For children who struggle to read due to dyslexia or visual stress. Readers who are reluctant to engage with books or reading for pleasure. Great writers and illustrators join Barrington Stoke to publish super-readable, accessible books. Teacher's resources, books, author information, advice on dyslexia and reading, posters.		

Blue Peter	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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 with Matt Haig, Cressida Cowell and more...		

Books for Keeps	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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
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+
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.		

CLPE (Centre for Literacy in Primary Education)	Part free, part sub	EYFS/KS1/KS2
https://clpe.org.uk/corebooks/free-resources		
Free resources: We help schools to teach literacy in the most effective way. Our 'What We Know Works' booklets share findings from our work and present them in an easily accessible format. You can download them here.		
In order to enable all schools to benefit from our work we create a number of free resources including the <u>Reading and Writing Scales</u> , teaching sequences and more. In addition we share research and other resources.		

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CoreBooks: free registration. Once you have registered as a user you can view all the lists and search the entire database. See books sorted by collection, by age group, by author or by publisher. Search for an individual book or for a collection. Build your own wishlist which you can then use to help you plan and purchase your school collections.

Subscription: Our Power of Reading teaching sequences guide planning and help teachers to select the best teaching approaches to explore high quality texts in depth, enhancing reading comprehension and providing meaningful contexts and purposes for writing. Sequences are provided for every key stage from Nursery to Year 7. The sequences include cross-curricular links so that you can really put quality literature at the heart of your curriculum. They show you how you can embed the teaching of phonics, grammar, punctuation and spelling into a rich reading curriculum. There are currently over 200 teaching sequences on this site.

LPE's highly successful Power of Reading training programme has supported thousands of schools in raising engagement and attainment in reading and writing for all pupils. This website has teaching sequences for nearly 200 children's books for all year groups in the primary phase as well as more than 1000 practice examples. To access the resources you need to have a subscription. Schools participating in the training programme automatically receive a subscription. **Full access £350pa.**

Classroom Secrets	Free, sub based is free during Covid-19	EYFS/KS1/KS2
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https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/home-online-learning/?fbclid=IwAROP7dk5_MRoOq_ZdOBr6aC7vV_kwnyr6JV-ZOE5CgHLZLn35vyZ4QT3UcQ

[learning/?fbclid=IwAROP7dk5_MRoOq_ZdOBr6aC7vV_kwnyr6JV-ZOE5CgHLZLn35vyZ4QT3UcQ](https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/home-online-learning/?fbclid=IwAROP7dk5_MRoOq_ZdOBr6aC7vV_kwnyr6JV-ZOE5CgHLZLn35vyZ4QT3UcQ)

If current circumstances mean that your school or your child's school has to close, Classroom Secrets will always be here to help. At the moment, our new BETA site Classroom Secrets Kids is available completely free of charge to support home learning. We already have a lot of activities online and ready to use right now, and we're adding more games and activities all the time.

<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning-packs/>

Home Learning Packs

https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/?s=&fwp_subscription_level=d08afb2965eb4489c73b980f38af50b1

Free resources

Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA) Education Platform	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.educationplatform.co.uk/>

Online platform gives you a new way of making copies from books for use in teaching. It is free to use if your school is covered by a CLA Licence. You can access your schools' textbooks from anywhere, saving time on lesson prep and reducing photocopying.

EdShed	Free 14 day trial + Covid-19 closures	
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<https://www.edshed.com/en-gb>

EdShed is the umbrella for several educational products and brands. These include The Literacy Shed, Literacy Shed Plus, Spelling Shed and Maths Shed. Excellent resources.

Epic	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.getepic.com/>

Full of free ebooks for all levels on a range of topics. Digital library for children 12 and under. Instantly access 35,000 of the best books, learning videos, quizzes and more. Make your own quizzes to go with the books. Great resource and free to educators. Children can use a class login to go on and read books you've assigned to them or they can search for their own. American based.

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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**.

Newspaper and activity sheets: We'll email you the latest available PDF edition of **First News**, which you can share with your colleagues and students. Alongside this, you will also receive a full pack of the week's Activity Sheets, including **comprehensions, vocabulary puzzles, debates and quizzes** in three differentiated levels for Lower KS2, Upper KS2 and KS3.

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>

Hamilton Trust	Part free, rest sub	KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/blog/free-english-resources-hamilton/>

Multidisciplinary website, including English/literacy.

Hamilton's website has thousands of English resources for primary teachers, of which over **500** of these documents available for free?

Hamilton's English resources are grouped in blocks, each one focussed on a particular text or group of related texts. All texts are selected for their high quality writing and their ability to engage and inspire children. In each year group you will find a free block in every term. The units are progressive through the blocks and the blocks are progressive through the year, but they are all flexible, so you can choose and tailor them to suit your own preferences and your class's needs.

Use a whole English block for free to find out how Hamilton facilitates highly integrated English teaching, so that SPAG and extended writing are both contextualised for better learner engagement and understanding.

Try these free Year 1 blocks:

- **Familiar Settings: Family Stories** featuring Jill Murphy's *Five Minutes' Peace*, Mo Willems' *Knuffle Bunny* and Group Reader *Boris and Sid Make a Mess*
- **Instructions and Explanations** featuring *Pigeon Books* by Mo Willems.

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Try these free Year 2 blocks:

- [Explore Brilliant Fables!](#) featuring *Frog and Scorpion*, *Ant and Grasshopper* and *The Hare and the Tortoise*.
- [Information Texts](#) featuring *Follow the Moon Home* by Philippe Cousteau and Deborah Hopkinson.

Try these free Year 3 blocks:

- [Stories by Michael Foreman](#) featuring *I'll Take You to Mrs Cole* and *Dinosaurs and All that Rubbish*.
- [Harry Potter and Hogwarts](#) featuring reports about studio tours of Harry Potter films.

Try these free Year 4 blocks:

- [Fantasy: How to Train your Dragon](#) featuring the hilarious book on that subject by Cressida Cowell.
- [Recounts: Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears](#) featuring Emily Gravett's book of that name, Dan Santat's *After the Fall* and Lemony Snicket's *The Dark*.

Try these free Year 5 blocks:

- [Fantasy: Goth Girl](#) featuring Chris Riddell's captivating Goth Girl books.
- [Reference Texts](#) featuring remarkable facts, common beliefs and reference texts to introduce ideas about reliability of different text types.

Try these free Year 6 materials:

- [Stories that Raise Issues: Outsiders](#) featuring *Eric* by Shaun Tan and *The Island* by Armin Greder.
- Unit 1 of [Harry Potter-themed SATs Revision](#).

Herts Libraries - check your own local library!	Free to join	Children & adults
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Encourage children and adults to join Herts libraries. Using a library card, you can access:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/books-and-reading/ebooks-and-audiobooks/ebooks-and-audiobooks.aspx> Free ebooks and audio books on Borrowbox.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/books-and-reading/newspapers-and-magazines/newspapers-and-magazines.aspx> Free newspapers and magazines.

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.

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, Zaniab 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.

Literacy Shed (part of EdShed) Literacy Shed Plus (part of EdShed)	Free 14days +during Covid-19	EYFS / KS1/ KS2
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<https://www.literacysshedplus.com/en-gb>

A range of resources to help teachers with their planning. Fully resourced unit plans based on Literacy Shed films, Non-Fiction reading revision resources, 'VIPERS' reading resources, Classic Text VIPERS comprehensions,

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Novel study guides for teachers and student task booklets, Resources to aid the scaffolding of writing through DADWAVERS.

Literacyshed.com Use films and animations as it stands and planning units for yourself. However if you would like to access our comprehensive unit plans you will need to subscribe to the sister site www.literacyshed.com www.literacyshedplus.com

Single user sub: £24.99, access to all resources. School sub: £19.50 per class per year.

You can see some free samples before you sign up. Also do Spelling Shed, Maths Shed, Ed Shed, Teacher Hub.

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb> Spelling Shed **(FREE)**

Scheme/word lists. On the app, you can play offline, multiple pupil accounts supported, scan QR codes to import spelling lists and login, play at school or at home. App in App Store, Google Play, Amazon App Store.

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

Create your own school's page, use our own year group reading lists or tailor them to create your own. These can then be shared with colleagues and parents

Book extracts, recommended reading lists from early years to year 11, topic lists, reviews, browse by year group and

other useful lists including Inspirational Books, Cultural Books, Reluctant Readers, Recommendations and Mental Health and Wellbeing. Half termly newsletters.

<https://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk/>

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

Mr A, Mr C & Mr D Presents	Free samples, rest sub	KS2
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www.mracedpresent.com

Some **free** sample resources. Multidisciplinary. Good Literacy resources. 2 form entry £39.99 pa.

Mrs Mactivity	Some free, rest sub	KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.mrsactivity.co.uk/free-resources-2/>

Free activity packs during Covid-19.

Learning resources for parents and teachers to download and print, with new resources uploaded every week.

High quality, thoughtful learning activities and resources that match national curriculum objectives and help children make progress.

The National Literacy Trust	Part free, part sub	EYFS / KS1 / KS2+
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[https://literacytrust.org.uk/free-](https://literacytrust.org.uk/free-resources/?gclid=EAlalQobChMlvKfvTlSL6AIVibTtCh01fQAqEAAYASABEgLS- D_BwE)

[resources/?gclid=EAlalQobChMlvKfvTlSL6AIVibTtCh01fQAqEAAYASABEgLS- D_BwE](https://literacytrust.org.uk/free-resources/?gclid=EAlalQobChMlvKfvTlSL6AIVibTtCh01fQAqEAAYASABEgLS- 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.

Reading and Book-Related Websites

Newswise from National Literacy Trust and The Guardian	Free	KS2
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<https://literacytrust.org.uk/programmes/news-wise/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/newswise>

NewsWise is a **free**, cross-curricular news literacy project for 9 to 11-year-olds across the UK. It helps teachers empower their Key Stage 2 pupils to navigate the news. It is **free** for schools and provides teachers with a suite of curriculum-based lesson plans, online resources, exciting school workshops and opportunities to speak to real journalists. Funded by Google, we have developed NewsWise in partnership with the Guardian Foundation and the PSHE Association. Many children don't have the critical literacy skills they need to survive and thrive in a digital world. Through NewsWise, we help teachers empower pupils to access, understand, analyse and participate in the news.

Once Upon a Picture	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2+
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https://www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR3EuPgj9ChPHbfoUydgEVOqjCmUxoo7SNjWYClfg89_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 school - Subscriptions and leadership support, Free teaching resources and eBooks, Free Professional Development videos

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

Phonics Play	Some free, rest sub	Phases 1-6
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<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freelIndex.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 spag challenges.

Premier League Reading Stars with National Literacy Trust	Free	KS1 / KS2
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<https://literacytrust.org.uk/programmes/sport-and-literacy/premier-league-primary-stars/>

Available to every primary school in England and Wales, Premier League Primary Stars inspires girls and boys aged 5-11 in the classroom, the playground and on the sports field.

The programme provides free lesson plans, activities and video content for boys and girls aged 5-11. These are designed to inspire learning in Maths, English, PE and Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE). Working with the Premier League, we have created all of the English resources for the programme. Register for free.

<https://plprimarystars.com/register/readingstars>

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Premier League Reading Stars, the programme we have delivered in partnership with the Premier League since 2003, is now part of Premier League Primary Stars. Teachers who register to take part in Premier League Reading Stars will receive special incentives and opportunities.

It is a focused programme that uses 10 flexible programme sessions, or Fixtures, to deliver a range of fun activities to pupils, covering subjects as diverse as poetry, comprehension, inference and skimming and scanning. Learning outcomes, assessment grids, invitations and a shared text, as well as 10 PowerPoints and associated downloads and challenges help schools plan and deliver a successful programme. There are also four training videos to guide schools through every aspect of programme delivery.

View the flexible resources; view the new training videos; view the case study to see the impact of the programme. Sign up now to access special incentives and opportunities, including a Premier League Reading Stars poster and sticker pack! You'll need to opt in to programme updates to hear about these opportunities.

Primary Treasure Chest	(Part free, part sub – individual £8.99 pa)	EYFS/ KS1/ lower KS2
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<https://www.happylearnersresources.com/>

Multidisciplinary resources and ideas.

<https://www.happylearnersresources.com/teachingresources/category/english-3.html> **Literacy**

English Resources Section contains many Reading, Writing & Literacy /English/ Reading Area Display resources; ranging from Play Dough Mats, Nursery Rhymes, Traditional Stories, and high quality colourful Role Play Masks. Also a selection of Zoe's multi-sensory phonic readiness/literacy themed activity ideas.

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

Purple Mash & Serial Mash	Free during Covid-19	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://2simple.com/blog/using-purple-mash-when-school-closed/>

With the outbreak of Coronavirus (Covid-19) now affecting some educational institutions around the world, it is possible that your school may need to close temporarily and we at 2Simple are offering **free access** to both Purple Mash and Serial Mash for the duration of your closure. *Sign up if you are currently not a subscriber to Purple Mash.*

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>

Reading and Book-Related Websites

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.

Scholastic	Part free, part sub	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/>

All UK teachers get a free download during Covid-19.

Resources by topic, key stage, subjects, assemblies, planning, reading hub. Access to resources – some are free, others are a sub to EYFS or Primary.

Resource Bank Members can access: New EYFS / KS1 / KS2 resources every week; Our exclusive Topic of the Day calendar with linked activity ideas; Planning and assessment guidance, templates and sample tests; Time-saving activity ideas and resource sheets with full curriculum coverage; Our bestselling Read & Respond books; Information and advice from renowned teaching experts.

Stimulating videos, posters and interactive activities; hundreds of original poems and stories linked to popular themes; My Folder – a place to bookmark your favourite resources and articles

Individual sub is £15 pa by direct debit or £20 one-off payment. Schools

<https://clubs-kids.scholastic.co.uk/>

Loads of fun activities, book and author information, 'Book Wizard' to help you choose a book.

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.

Teacher's Pet Classroom Resources	Some free packs, rest sub	EYFS / KS / KS2
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<https://tpet.co.uk/>

Multidisciplinary resources. Free home learning resource packs for EYFS / KS1 / KS2.

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.

Teaching Ideas	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.teachingideas.co.uk/> Multidisciplinary lesson ideas.

Reading and Book-Related Websites

<https://www.teachingideas.co.uk/activity-types/book>

Multidisciplinary lesson ideas and activities based on particular books.

<https://www.teachingideas.co.uk/subjects/english>

English tab – writing, reading, more English including speaking and listening and resource packs, popular books and authors.

Teachwire	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.teachwire.net/>

Register for free access to loads of planning and teaching resources for all subjects, including Literacy.

Books for Schools tab: Book topics and resources, book reviews, book articles, World Book Day, book reviews, new books, pdfs, teach reading & writing. Example, 3 pages on Kensuke's Kingdom.

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!

Twinkl	Free during Covid-19	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer>

Join up or sign if already a member, then use code UKTWINKLHELPS for UK primary resources during Covid-19 closures.

Free access to all Twinkl resources for a period of **one month** in the first instance. Each school will receive guidance with full details of how to access this offer of help as closures are announced, and how to share this with parents.

How do teachers and parents sign up for the free month?

Setting this up is really easy to do - go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code that you have been sent by Twinkl or by your school.

More information about sharing resources with parents on the website.

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

Since early 2017, Vocabulary Ninja has grown to become an essential source of classroom resources to teachers from around the world. Supporting vocabulary, reading, spelling, punctuation, grammar and much, much more! Put simply, a Vocabulary Ninja Dojo subscriptions gives you unlimited access to all of Vocabulary Ninja's amazing resources. No need to purchase everything individually, just click and download the resources you require.

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!

Reading and Book-Related Websites

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.

Wagoll Literacy	Free	Some KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.literacywagoll.com/>

Teaching resources, Super-Spag, Wagoll Words, reading challenges, topics/themes, genres.

Who Next? – a guide to children’s authors	Sub but good value	KS1 / KS2+
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<https://www.whonextguide.com/>

Suggests authors that children might enjoy. The online tool can be used to guide children who have already enjoyed stories by one writer to find others who write in a similar way.

For each of the authors listed, other authors who write in a similar style are suggested. By moving from one entry to another, young readers can expand the number of writers they enjoy. Older children can also use the guide themselves.

The links that have been made between authors are based on genre and theme, and also of styles of writing, or similar aspects of characterisation and settings. The most popular titles by each author are listed and the information is arranged in four age groups: 5-7, 8-11, 12-14 and 14+. Who Next ...? also suggests suitable titles for dyslexic and reluctant readers.

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; tips from top authors; support for parents reading with their child; joining the library.

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)**

Authors / Illustrators / Books / Publishers

Most of these include teacher's resources/planning and activities, with reference to their books.

Also author & illustrator biographies.

Most publishers provide links to author and illustrator's own websites.

This is just a small selection – zillions of other great websites and resources around.

Andersen Press (Free) (EYFS/KS1/KS2)

<https://www.andersenpress.co.uk/free-stuff/>

Resources, videos, books by theme, activities, authors & Illustrators.

Andy Shepherd

<https://www.andyshepherdwriter.co.uk/>

The Boy Who Drew Dragons series

Bloomsbury Children's Books

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/childrens/>

Author videos, teaching guides

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/childrens/teachers-librarians-parents-carers/>

Resources for teachers, librarians & parents.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8iLUOfZQZyWGjy62BqbP7ZaQhw2UbxJk>

Bloomsbury's own Youtube channel. Author interviews and reading from their books, trailers, book previews.

<https://harrypotter.bloomsbury.com/uk/>

About J.K. Rowling, discussion guides, the books, fun stuff,

Chicken House Books (Mostly KS2/3)

<https://www.chickenhousebooks.com/>

With content created by teachers and librarians that have a passion for reading, our PDF downloads of chapter-by-chapter guides, schemes of work, videos and useful links to external resources are here to help with class or book club planning.

Books, authors, school's hub, blogs.

Cosmos: the Interactive Book of Space

<https://cosmos-book.github.io/>

Interactive versions of some of the infographics book of space.

Cressida Cowell

<https://www.cressidacowell.co.uk/>

Wizards of Once Series Teacher's Resources <https://www.hachetteschools.co.uk/hachette-schools-resources/hachetteschools-resources-key-stage-2/2019/09/06/the-wizards-of-once-teaching-resources/>

<https://www.hachetteschools.co.uk/hachette-schools-posts/hachetteschools-free-writing-friday/2018/04/24/cressida-cowells-free-writing-friday/>

Free Writing Friday: Cressida Cowell invites you to take part in **Free Writing Friday**. Cressida's aim with Free Writing Friday is to inspire children, once a week, to write whatever they feel like in a designated book and

Reading and Book-Related Websites

explore creativity. Here you will find all the resources to support Free Writing Friday including writing tips from Cressida, a letter, FAQs and more!

Dan Walker

<https://www.danwalkerauthor.com/resources>

Sky Thieves series; The Light Hunters. Videos, Q&Q, resources, book trailer.

David Melling (free) (EYFS/KS1)

<https://www.davidmelling.co.uk/>

About his books, teacher's resources, videos.

Egmont Children's Publishers (Free) (EYFS/KS1/KS2+)

<https://www.egmont.co.uk/teacher-librarian-resources/>

Teachers' notes, lesson plans, activity sheets and posters for you to download and use. Make sure you sign up for our newsletter to find out about new resources, exciting books and competitions.

Hachette Children's Books (Free) (EYFS/KS1/KS2)

<https://www.hachetteschools.co.uk/>

Teacher's resources including Oi! Frog and Friends; The Boy at the Back of the Class; The Wizards of Once series and more.

Harry Potter (Free) (KS2+)

<https://harrypotter.bloomsbury.com/uk/>

About J.K. Rowling, discussion guides, the books, fun stuff,

Jarrett Lerner (Free for educ) (KS1/KS2)

<https://jarrettlerner.com/activities/>

The activities are available for free download and are to be used in educational and/or private settings. They may not be used elsewhere or for other purposes (such as for profit) unless explicit permission is granted.

You'll find: Blank Comic Book Pages, "Finish This Comic!" Comics, and Drawing/Writing Prompts.

Joseph Coelho (Free) (mostly KS2)

<https://www.thepoetryofjosephcoelho.com/>

Joseph reads out some of his poems and stories and gives writing tips and advice. Watch interviews with him and download resources.

Maz Evans (Free) (KS2)

<https://maz.world/>

Who Let the Gods Out, etc

Michael Rosen (EYFS/KS1/KS2)

<https://www.michaelrosen.co.uk/>

Excellent website. Large number of video masterclasses on how to write, with Francesca Simon (Horrid Henry). Videos of Michael reading his poems and stories. Biography.

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<https://www.michaelrosen.co.uk/radio-tv/> links to his TV and radio appearances.

<https://www.youtube.com/MichaelRosenOfficial> Michael's official Youtube channel, with him reading and acting out his poems and stories. Free to subscribe.

Michelle Robinson (EYFS/KS1)

<http://www.michellerobinson.co.uk/>

Ten Fat Sausages; How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth, The Day the Banana Went Bad; There's a Lion in my Cornflakes; School for Little Monsters; Goodnight series; Odd Socks, etc.

Printables, audio games and more.

Youtube (Nichelle Robinson Children's Author)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY2sPg_kv6CUSbCFIjRFpQg

Michelle Robinson's Read, Write & Play series helps you get even more fun out of her best-selling books. The videos are designed for families and schools and are safe to watch.

Nosy Crow (EYFS/KS1/KS2)

<https://nosycrow.com/>

Book extracts, author information, videos, trailers, blogs.

Oliver Jeffers (Free) (EYFS/KS1)

For all you folks stuck at home in the coming weeks. Starting on Monday, at 6pm GMT / 2pm EST / 11am PST I will be reading one of my books every weekday, and talking about some of the things that went into making it. Also, my pal, and one of the best storybook writers in a generation @macbarnett will be doing the same with his books daily, an hour later.

And the genius minds behind @kaleidoscopeire are doing a daily creative project called 'Home Club', also starting Monday.

ADDITION: I will make it available to watch later for those in other time zones. Stay tuned for more details.

Philip Reeve (free) (KS2+)

<https://www.philip-reeve.com>

Teacher's resources, book trailers, interviews, activities.

Puffin (Free)

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/puffin/>

Extracts, What Should I Read Next?, articles, games, activities.

Rick Riordan (free) (KS2)

http://rickriordan.com/resource_type/teachers-guides/

Teacher's guides, discussion notes for Percy Jackson and other Riordan books.

Roald Dahl (free) (KS1/KS2)

<https://www.roalddahl.com/>

Lesson plans, quizzes, biographical information, Dahl's writing tips, revolting recipes and more.

Ross Montgomery (free) (KS2)

<http://rossmontgomery.co.uk/teaching-resources/>

Lesson plans, posters, blogs about writing, videos of the author reading extracts from his books.

Sir Charlie Stinkysocks (Free) (EYFS/KS1)

<https://www.sircharliestinkysocks.co.uk/>

Fun activities, author information, book series information.

Once upon a time there was a fantastical children's picture book series about a brave, little knight with a heart of gold. Behold! Sir Charlie Stinky Socks! Together with his faithful cat Envelope and his good grey mare, Sir Charlie likes nothing better than adventures with colourful beasties, ghoulies and ghosties (up to no good), not to mention pouting princesses in tall, tall towers.

Tom Palmer (Free) (KS2)

https://tompalmer.co.uk/schools-librarians/literacy-resources/?fbclid=IwAR1oa3q-nbTLAnulfR2dUxDSDExtQLwd4XJr2j9DFB0dyBj_cskbUkfKFJU

FREE powerpoints and photocopiable resources for all my books to support schools and libraries in class and home work and encourage reading and writing for pleasure.

UK Children's Books - Publishers

<http://ukchildrensbooks.co.uk/publishers/>

Links to publishers. Publishers very often have great resources relating to their books – teacher's resources, lessons plans, fun activities, etc.

Walker Books (EYFS/KS1/KS2)

<http://www.walker.co.uk/>

Book and author information. Videos include book trailers, animations and authors and illustrators.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2Begme37cpqPTlv6dqMA6Q> Their Youtube channel.

<https://www.picturebookparty.co.uk/> Their Picture Book Party, with information about authors and illustrators and loads of Fun Stuff.

Usborne (EYFS/KS1/KS2/KS3)

<https://usborne.com/>

Provides in-depth teachers' resources to support the UK National Curriculum. Also browse books, things to do, blogs.

Home Learning Websites & Resources (collated by Ben King)

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/x4aztv7pj1rsq1hm4j3w5/Home-Learning-Websites-and-Resources.docx?dl=0&rlkey=qj213igmpp92433szlymoeq96>

Other sites:

Google Classroom	https://edu.google.com
Edmodo	www.edmodo.com
Kahoot	www.kahoot.com
Quizizz	https://quizizz.com
Microsoft teams	https://teams.microsoft.com/start
Zoom	https://us04web.zoom.us/education
Adobe connect	www.adobe.com/products/adobeconnect/meetings.html
Schoology	www.schoology.com
SeeSaw	https://web.seesaw.me/seesaw-for-schools

Allocate work for completion, library of resources, upload pdfs.

4 online teaching tools:

WEBEX – whiteboard option, take control of other screens/devices to demo/record sessions.

LOOM/JING – free screen capture/record

UDEMY – free online courses/videos with student focus/in built quizzing

WE TRANSFER – large file transfer