

USEFUL WEBSITES FOR HOME LEARNING

Here's a range of websites that we think you might be able to use at home **to support your child's learning**. We've split them into broad categories but a lot of the sites have a range of uses.

Have a look, investigate and use them **however you feel will be best for you and your child**. They might help if you've queries about the home learning task but also, and perhaps more usefully, to provide additional learning opportunities.

GENERAL SITES

Twinkl

Twinkl is offering free access for a month to parents using the code UKTWINKLHELPS; the resources are split into year groups and subjects so you'll be able to choose what you want your child to do.

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

Primary Homework Help

Designed specifically for primary age children and therefore pitched appropriately, this huge website has lots of information on a range of topics and subjects.

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

Times Educational Supplement

Usually aimed at teachers, this website has a huge bank of resources that children could complete across a range of subjects. Bear in mind that these resources are created by members of the public so they may vary in quality; also, some resources are free while others are paid for.

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

CBeebies Radio

A range of educational listening activities, quizzes and games for younger children.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio>

Seneca

An interactive website that allows children to learn a range of content linked directly to the National Curriculum. Make sure you choose the 'primary' age function.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/cc410aae-4be5-4c7a-9492-ee552574ade2/section/ea973e58-3737-4af7-8fda-3686bfd5f840/session>

Kahoot

An online interactive site where you can search for ready-made quizzes about a wide range of topics – fun and informative.

<https://kahoot.com/>

Newsround

Updated throughout the day, this news-based channel will allow children to keep up with events around the world in a child-friendly manner. In addition, this website contains a range of interactive games, quizzes and resources.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>



First News

An online newspaper aimed at children. Released once a week, the newspaper allows children to keep up to date with the news in a child-friendly way. Online, there's a range of interactive resources including quizzes and activities. Many children in school are already familiar with this resource.

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

DK Find Out

A huge wealth of interactive and engaging information, activities and quizzes for children on a range of subjects – much of which links to the National Curriculum.

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

ENGLISH

Literacy Shed

A well-known website that we've used across school to inspire children with their writing and reading. Use as inspiration or access the online resources.

<https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html>

Fun Brain

A website that allows you to access free eBooks online from some popular authors (eg Jeff Kinney – Diary of a Wimpy Kid). It's an American website so some of the language might be quite a bit different to what your child is used to.

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

Pobble 365

A different image is uploaded to this site each day. Use as a source of inspiration to help children with their creative writing or answer the comprehension questions as a reading activity.

<http://www.pobble365.com/>

Phonics Play

This website is currently free to use – use the log-in details provided on their homepage. Many younger children will be very familiar with this resource because we sometimes use it in school – this will help to keep that reassuring connection with learning in school.

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

(This company has hurried forward a new site to use, but there may be some glitches: <http://www.new.phonicsplay.co.uk/>)

Audible

Audible is an Amazon brand; they're offering free access to audio-books. We know you don't want your child to be in front of a screen all the time, so why not build in a regular slot when they close their eyes and enjoy a good story read to them?

https://stories.audible.com/start-listen?ref=adbl_ent_anon_pdp_hm_hb

MATHS

Times Table Rock Stars

Your child has log-in details for this website that we've used in school. It's a great way for children to keep up with their times table recall and allows them to challenge each other, too.

<https://trockstars.com/>

Maths Frame

Linked to the National Curriculum, this has a range of maths-based activities for children of primary age. We especially like the Times Table Multiplication Check for older children.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/>



SCIENCE

The Science Museum Group

A website containing some fantastic experiments that your child could try out at home.

<https://learning-resources.sciencemuseum.org.uk/resources/?type=at-home>

Tree Tools for Schools (Woodland Trust)

A range of activities designed to help young people engage with the nature around them. While some of these activities may be difficult to complete in the current situation, some could be done in a garden.

<http://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/categorymenu/?cat=activities>

LANGUAGES

Duo Lingo

An excellent free website that allows you to learn languages for free. Online sessions last between 5 and 30 minutes and are pitched at the appropriate level. What better time to learn a language than now?

In our schools, we've been teaching French or Spanish in Years 5 and 6, so that might be a good place to start...

<https://www.duolingo.com/learn>



COMPUTING

Scratch

An online platform aimed at developing computer coding skills. The possibilities are endless – play games, create games, program animations! Playing on Scratch will help your child develop their computer programming skills in line with the National Curriculum.

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>

Hour of Code

Similar to Scratch, this website will allow children to develop their coding skills whilst at home.

<https://hourofcode.com/uk>

Blockly

A short range of computing games aimed at developing programming skills.

<https://blockly.games/maze?lang=en&level=2&skin=0>

iDEA

A range of free online courses covering a range of computing topics. We think the courses about staying safe online and digital literacy are particularly good for our children. Some others, such as employability, may be less so.

<https://idea.org.uk/>

GEOGRAPHY

National Geographic Kids

A whole host of (mainly geography and science) engaging, educational content that will allow children to develop their understanding of the world around them. There's plenty of interactive activities and quizzes, too.

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

World Geography Games

A range of geography games covering much of the National Curriculum content.

<https://world-geography-games.com/index.html>



ARTY IDEAS

Red Ted Art

A range of arty ideas hosted on YouTube (so do take care to monitor what your child's watching online). Simple for children to follow and get creative, although it does require resources (card, coloured card, paper, glue etc).

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2vt_TPKQbZqVDEhCfcCqTjEwVYfj-q6Z

The Imagination Tree

A range of creative ideas separated in age categories. Ideas for your child to follow to get creative, and maybe a bit messy, too! This does need various materials / resources.

<https://theimaginationtree.com/category/create/>

PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

iMoves

The iMovement platform has resources that will support you and your child at home. New resources are added often, including Quick Blasts, Active Blasts and Additional Activities to support Maths and Literacy. This website will be familiar to most children in school.

<https://imoves.com/>

Jasmine (Real PE)

Some free sample videos that will help children to stay active while at home – great for physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.

<https://jasmineactive.com/news/home-learning-resources/>

Joe Wicks' Children's Workouts

A series of High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) workouts specifically designed for children by 'The Body Coach'.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=joe+wicks+children%27s+workouts

Also, at 9am Mon-Fri, Joe will be hosting a live PE session on his Body Coach TV YouTube channel; this makes a great start to the day. If you can't catch the workout live, they'll be uploaded to this channel soon after.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1>

Jump Start Jonny

This site's really easy to use. A range of workout videos aimed at keeping children active and healthy, and the mindfulness sessions are really good, too.

<https://www.jumpstartjonny.co.uk/home>

Cosmic Kids

A range of yoga and mindfulness videos for children to complete.

Possibly more aimed at children in KS1 and below.

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

Go Noodle

A huge range of workouts and mindfulness videos aimed at children.

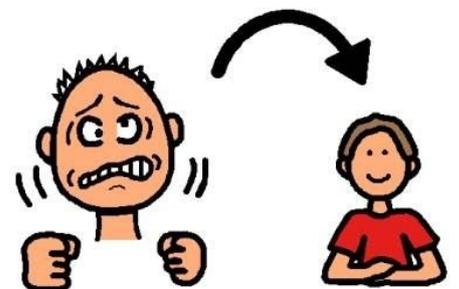
Easy to complete at home with no equipment needed.

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

School Wellbeing

Leeds School Wellbeing Service has released a comprehensive list of websites and resources that can be used to support the emotional wellbeing of children, young people and carers at this difficult time. Have a look for the ones you like and use them how you think is best for you and your family.

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



COVID-19 SPECIFIC RESOURCES TO HELP YOU TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

Ineqe Safeguarding Group

It's important that children have some sort of understanding of what's going on at the moment, and this might be a good place to start: What exactly is coronavirus? What's the difference between coronavirus and COVID-19? (And even: what does the 19 mean?)

<https://ineqe.com/2020/03/20/animation-story-book-explains-the-coronavirus-to-children/>

Child Mind Institute

An American site, but with a wealth of advice to help your child.

<https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>

Save the Children

An article containing seven top tips.

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/how-you-can-help/emergencies/coronavirus-uk-outbreak-facts#coronavirus>

Barnardos

Another useful article – this time containing five top tips.

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/five-tips-talking-your-child-about-their-worries>