

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

BBC Teach

We really recommend this site. It's home to thousands of free curriculum-mapped videos, arranged by age-group and subject. In the menu at the top, you can select primary (or secondary for older children) and then there's a whole array of options for each school subject, split in Key Stage 1 (Years 1, 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6).

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

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/>

PHONICS

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/>

Look out for their comics which are decodable (this means 'readable' for the stage of phonics your child is on):

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

Teach your Monster to Read

This website has lots of games to help your child learn to read. It covers everything from letters and sounds to reading full sentences. The computer version is 100% free.

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.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/>

Scholastic Kids' Club

This site is a great site for your child to browse – they read about books, do games, activities and sometimes competitions, and the Book Wizard guides them to some reading recommendations, tailor-made for them.

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

David Walliams

The David Walliams site has lots of activities.

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

Plus, he's reading a free audio story every day at the moment: look for 'Elevenses with the world of David Walliams' (perfect time for you to have a break and a cuppa).

Lots of authors have great websites – you could encourage your child to explore a new site each week.

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/>

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

Leeds Libraries

You can join Leeds library online. Once you've joined, you can use their e-reading options, which are free and a great way to spend time, learn something new or look after your wellbeing.

<http://leeds.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/joining-the-library>

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/>

The Maths Factor

This website, endorsed by Carol Vorderman, is free to use at the moment. It's a comprehensive package of tutorials. We'd suggest your child watches each one a couple of times and then perhaps has a go at something similar. You could work your way through them one by one, or dip in and out, looking at the one that most closely matches the home learning that's been set.

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

Aspire: Maths on the Move

There's no need for a chair with these active learning resources which will help your child keep active while learning at home. There are ten activities for each phase: Y1,2 and Y3,4 and Y5,6.

https://www.aspire-sports.co.uk/programme/maths-move-home-challenges?dm_i=50H7.6OWX.2JX6G7.PCT4.1

SCIENCE



Let's Go Live with Maddie and Greg

CBeebies science presenters have a half-hour live YouTube show every weekday at 11.00am. (Watch and join in later, too.) It's on YouTube, so just make sure you're keeping an eye on what your child's watching.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmTANLv-GyXWvII2La-sXEePmN2PC9H3g>

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>



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>

COMPUTING

Scratch

Play games, create games, program animations! Scratch is an online platform aimed at developing computer coding skills. Scratch will help you child develop their programming skills in line with the National Curriculum.

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

Hour of Code

Similar to Scratch, this website will develop 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/>

Code Camp World

Another way to practise coding skills online. If you sign up, they'll send you access to Code Camp World right away, including two lesson plans where your child can build their own games from scratch using drag and drop coding.

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



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

Food – a Fact for Life (FFL)

FFL has lots of resources for teaching your child about where food comes from, cooking and healthy eating. There's a lot to look at here, separated into different age ranges and different types of learning: healthy eating, cooking, where food comes from and food commodities. Each age range has loads of worksheets that you can download, too – we'd recommend talking through this with your child to come up with a sequence of learning activities. Check out FFL's recipes, too!

<https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/>

Change 4 Life

This site from the NHS has food facts, recipes and activities to help your child stay happy and healthy.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

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

There's a huge range of workouts and mindfulness videos aimed at children on his site. It's easy to complete at home with no equipment needed.

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

School Wellbeing

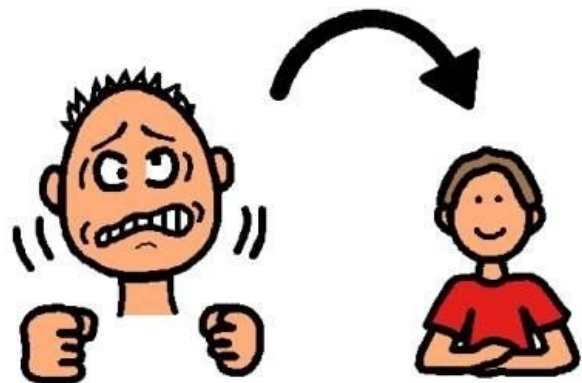
Leeds School Wellbeing Service has released a comprehensive list of websites and resources that can be used to support the emotional wellbeing of children, young people and carers at this difficult time. Have a look for the ones you like and use them how you think is best for you and your family.

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

Kooth

Kooth is an online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people, accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop and free at the point of use.

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



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>

Children's Commissioner

The Children's Commissioner for England has produced a Children's Guide to Coronavirus to support your child. It contains facts about the virus and recommends ways to keep busy at home.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/cco-childrens-guide-to-coronavirus.pdf>

ONLINE SAFETY RESOURCES TO HELP YOU TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

Thinkuknow

During this time, your child might end up being online more than they normally would. There are lots of sites online to help you make sure your child stays safe online - Thinkuknow is one of them.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

They've produced a short guide for parents of primary and secondary children:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/professional/thinkuknow_primary_parents_helpsheet.pdf

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