

Home learning resources – tried and tested

During this time, schools are relying significantly on online materials to support the teaching of pupils. This will need to continue as we transition cohorts of pupils back in to school and must take into consideration the circumstances of each user. This document has been compiled to help you with this.

Questions to consider when selecting an online resource:

- Is it easy for pupils to access? Does it require complicated addresses or passwords?
- Can the students work independently with minimal adult support?
- Are instructions clear to follow?
- Will the pupils require pen and paper or need to print off materials?
- Is content appropriately selected and pitched for the pupils?
- Are pupils clear about what is expected of them? How do the pupils know when they are being successful with their learning?
- Does the resource effectively motivate and engage the pupils without distracting from the learning expectations?
- Are visual or auditory elements age-appropriate and clear to understand?

The resources listed here have been recommended by schools who have used them during the COVID-19 home-learning period.

ENGLISH		
Prim	Reading Eggspress	Reading, spelling and comprehension support https://readingeggspress.co.uk/
Prim	Spelling Shed	Spelling programme and games https://www.spellingshed.com/
Prim	Oxford Reading Owl	Free eBooks https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/
Prim	ReadWriteInc	Phonics activities and videos (free currently) https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/
Prim	Phonics Play	Phonics games and activities (free currently) https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/
Prim	Phonics Bloom	Online phonics games https://www.phonicsbloom.com/
Prim	Bug club – Active Learn Primary	A reading programme with eBooks with embedded comprehension activities, across Reception to Year 6 (currently free for 90 days) https://www.pearson.com/uk/educators/schools/update-for-schools.html
Prim	Reading Plus	Comprehension tasks https://www.readingplus.com/remote-learning/

Prim	Read Theory	Comprehension tasks https://readtheory.org/
Prim	Once Upon a Picture	https://www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/ Images to support writing activities
Prim	Talk for Writing	Home school writing booklets by year group (first set free) https://mailchi.mp/talk4writing/home-school-booklets
Prim	Spellzone	Adaptable spelling course (free 30 day trial) https://www.spellzone.com/index.cfm
Prim	Storyline Online	https://www.storylineonline.net/
Prim	First News	A newspaper for children which can be used to support English and other subject areas https://www.firstnews.co.uk/
Prim	Phillip Webb Literacy	Reading and writing home learning resources for EYFS and Primary https://philipwebbliteracy.com/news/
Prim	The Literacy Shed	Downloadable resource packs with tasks based on video clips on YouTube suitable for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 https://www.literacyshedplus.com/en-gb/browse/free-resources
Prim	Picture News	Resources are based on a current news story they are updated weekly and encourage exploration, discussion and challenge https://www.picture-news.co.uk/
Sec	English Mastery	https://www.englishmastery.org/
Sec	English and Media Centre	https://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/publications
Sec	Approaching Shakespeare Podcasts	https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/series/approaching-shakespeare
All	Audible audiobooks	These are available for all year groups for free while schools are closed https://stories.audible.com/start-listen
All	Elevenses with David Walliams	One free audio book reading is available to listen to every day https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.co/elevenses
All	BBC Bitesize	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons
All	Pobble 365	https://www.pobble365.com

MATHEMATICS

Prim	Mathletics	Interactive activities, games and challenges https://www.mathletics.com/uk/
Prim	Corbett Primary Maths – 5 a day	Worksheets, modelling videos and 5-a-day questions, differentiated https://corbettmathsprimary.com/
Prim	Times Tables Rockstars	Daily times tables practice https://trockstars.com/page/covid19support
Prim	White Rose Maths	Home learning video tutorials and worksheets (initially free – worksheets now payable) https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/

Prim	Topmarks	Mathematical games https://www.topmarks.co.uk/
Prim	Numberblocks	Videos for numeracy development applied to everyday life and play suitable for children aged 0 to 6 years https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks
Prim	Classroom Secrets	Free home learning games and worksheets https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/home-learning-centre/
Prim	Crickweb	Online learning games and activities http://www.crickweb.co.uk/
Prim	The Maths Factor	Maths lessons and games https://www.themathsfactor.com/
Sec	My Mini Maths	Free maths tasks and videos for KS2 pupils https://myminimaths.co.uk/
Sec	Corbett Maths	https://corbettmaths.com/contents/
Sec	Bowland Maths	https://www.bowlandmaths.org.uk
Sec	Mathigon	https://mathigon.org
Sec	Maths Kitchen	https://mathskitchen.com/topics
Sec	Mathematics Mastery	https://www.mathematicsmastery.org/free-resources
Sec	Underground Maths	https://undergroundmathe-matics.org
Sec	Onmaths	https://www.onmaths.com/
All	Nrich	Problems and investigations for EYFS, Primary and Secondary with pupils' solutions https://nrich.maths.org/
All	BBC Bitesize	Daily lessons including videos, animations, quizzes, practice activities and games https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons
All	Oak National Academy	Daily online lessons for EYFS to Year 10 https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom
All	MyMaths	Online learning for primary and secondary pupils https://www.mymaths.co.uk/
All	Nrich	Problems and investigations for EYFS, Primary and Secondary with pupils' solutions https://nrich.maths.org/
All	BBC Bitesize	Daily lessons including videos, animations, quizzes, practice activities and games https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons

SCIENCE

Prim	Royal Institute of Science	Science experiments to do at home for pupils aged 4 to 11 https://www.rigb.org/families/experimental
Prim	Science Channel	Videos considering scientific ideas https://www.youtube.com/user/ScienceChannel/featured
Sec	K Science	http://www.kscience.co.uk/
Sec	SAPS	https://www.saps.org.uk/
Sec	BBC Science	https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/genres/factual/scienceandnature/scienceandtechnology

Sec	STEM Crew	https://www.stemcrew.org/resources/
Sec	Creative Chemistry	https://www.creative-chemistry.org.uk/
Sec	Biology Mad	http://www.biologymad.com/
Sec	GCSE Physics Ninja	https://gcsephysicsninja.com/
Sec	Institute of Physics (IOPSpark)	https://www.iop.org/education/
All	ASE	Science resources by age from 0-16+ https://www.ase.org.uk/resources
All	BBC Bitesize	Interactive resources covering the science curriculum for primary and secondary https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/
All	STEM	This website is an online resource bank for primary and secondary which links to resources on external websites. The site features a live chat function offering support from subject experts. New home learning resources are being developed. https://www.stem.org.uk

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Prim	Coding	Coding for beginners https://code.org/
Prim	Charanga	Primary music curriculum – 30 days free trial https://charanga.com/site/musical-school/
Prim	Out of The Ark	Music resources for home learning https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/
Prim	Duolingo	A language learning platform https://www.duolingo.com/
Prim	Hamilton Trust	Range of resources https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/
Prim	Seterra	Free online geography games and quizzes https://online.seterra.com/en/p/corona-support
Prim	History for Kids	Information, quizzes and games for primary pupils https://www.historyforkids.net/
Prim	National Geographic Kids	Primary resources, games and quizzes https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/
Prim	Diocesan resources 'William and Lucy' for collective worship	Ideas and activities to support collective worship at home https://www.canterburydiocese.org
Prim	3D Geography	Resources and ideas for practical activities https://www.3dgeography.co.uk/
Prim	Brain Pop	An American website covering some foundation stage and core subjects https://www.brainpop.com/
Prim	Little Kids Rock	Music activities https://www.littlekidsrock.org/

Prim	Creative bug	Learn how to paint, knit and many more creative activities https://www.creativebug.com/
Prim	Kapow Primary	Free resource packs https://www.kapowprimary.com/free-topics/
All	The National Association of teachers of Religious Education	RE resources for pupils aged 3 to 19 https://www.natre.org.uk/
All	BBC Bitesize	Lessons and resources to support geography and history https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
All	The Royal Geographical Society	Geography resources for KS1 to KS5 https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/
All	Key Stage History	KS1 to KS4 https://www.keystagehistory.co.uk/

WELLBEING

Prim	North Yorkshire Sport	Activities to stay active while at home https://www.northyorkshiresport.co.uk/stay-active-at-home
Prim	Go Noodle	Mindfulness and movement games and activities https://www.gonoodle.com/for-families/
Prim	Cosmic Kids	Yoga and mindfulness for age 3+ https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga
All	Zentangle art	Relaxation through art https://zentangle.com/pages/learn
All	PE4Learning	A platform for sharing PE ideas and resources – free with registration https://www.pe4learning.com/
All	Joe Wicks	Half hour fitness workout – YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ

GENERAL

Prim	BBC - Supermovers	Being physically active with physically linked videos https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers
Prim	Oxford Owl	Learning at home activities organised by year group https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/
Prim	Primary Games	https://www.primarygames.co.uk/indexpg1.html
Prim	Twinkl	Home learning hub providing free daily learning plan and resources https://www.twinkl.co.uk/home-learning-hub
Sec	Google Forms	Documents, spreadsheets and presentations – free https://www.google.com/slides/about/
Sec	OpenLearn	Free courses provided by the Open University https://www.open.edu/openlearn/

Sec	Seneca	Free learning materials covering a wide range of curriculum subjects up to A level https://www.senecalearning.com/en-GB/
All	Chester Zoo	https://www.chesterzoo.org/schools/resources/

ONLINE FORMATS

Prim	Purple Mash	Currently free access https://2simple.com/purple-mash/
Prim	Seesaw	Free resources available https://web.seesaw.me/seesaw-for-schools
Prim	Class Dojo	Communication platform https://www.classdojo.com/
Prim	Tapestry	EYFS learning journal https://tapestry.info/
Sec	Moodle	Learning platform https://moodle.org/
All	Century	Currently free English, maths and science resources https://www.century.tech/coronavirus-support/
All	Google Classrooms	https://edu.google.com/products/classroom/

SEND SUPPORT

All	CrickerSoft	Reading and writing support for all abilities https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/
All	Inclusive Teach	Free downloadable resources https://inclusiveteach.com/
All	GoBoardMaker	Free resources including those to support pupils' understanding of coronavirus https://goboardmaker.com/pages/coronavirus-resources
All	Sensory Project	https://sensoryproject.org/
All	YouTube audiobook	https://www.youtube.com/user/GreatestAudioBooks
All	NYCC digital library	https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/download-e-books-e-magazines-and-digital-audiobooks
All	My Study Bar	Windows compatible freeware applications to support learners with literacy difficulties https://www.callscotland.org.uk/mystudybar/
All	Wordshark Online	Reading and spelling online support https://www.wordshark.co.uk/
All	Nessy Reading and Spelling	Dyslexia - Free trial https://www.nessy.com/uk/products/

Additional resources recommended by the Local Authority

ENGLISH

[ERA – Home Learning resources](#)

Well-designed resources for Years 1-6, which could get children reading, thinking and writing independently.

[Booktrust's Home Time – virtual hub](#)

Interesting, varied resources for younger pupils.

[NATE free resources for use during school closure](#)

A variety of high quality materials, made free for the moment.

[English and Media Centre KS3 home learning pack](#)

Selected texts and activities from various collections, which will challenge pupils' responses and thinking, as readers and writers – made free for the moment.

[Poetry Society – learning from home](#)

Original resources which will challenge pupils as writers.

[Leaping into Language: From GCSE to A Level English Language Study and Making the Leap: From GCSE to A Level Literature Study](#)

English and Media Centre materials for students who starting or preparing to study English Literature or English Language at A-Level – made free for the moment.

[Professor Emma Smith's Oxford podcasts – for post-16 students](#)

Engaging and illuminating online lectures.

MATHEMATICS

[Khan Academy](#)

An abundance of videos from the US for all ages groups

[Craig Barton diagnostics questions](#)

Contains SATS revision quizzes

[Craig Barton White Rose Quizzes](#)

Quizzes written to go alongside the White rose SOW form Year 1-8

[Mathsbot](#)

Predominately aimed at secondary, but contains lots of virtual manipulatives (dienes, coins, dominos, Cuisenaire etc)

[Gareth Metcalfe](#)

Offering daily live maths lessons for KS2 and maths games to play with younger children

[Dr Frost Maths](#)

Generates unlimited GCSE style questions

[Mr Barton Maths](#)

GCSE takeaway resources come with questions and worked solutions

The [review sheets](#) and [GCSE questions by topic](#) on Maths4Everyone

[Julia Smith's maths padlet](#)

Revision advice and links, videos and tutorial

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Geographical Association

<https://www.geography.org.uk/geography-from-home>

Liverpool Museums

<https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/my-home-my-museum>

Western Approaches (Liverpool War Museum)

<https://liverpoolwarmuseum.co.uk/visiting/isolation-lessons>

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The PSHE association has a COVID-19 hub page which is accessible for anyone and has really useful guidance about the type of topic areas for PSHE that should / should not be considered for home learning and a growing number of supporting lesson plan / activities as some topic areas should not really be covered at home <https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/content/coronavirus-hub>

NYCC PSHE document and supporting guidance for all schools at <https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/health-wellbeing-pshe> (not COVID- 19 specific)

A website which brings together a number of resources for mentally healthy schools <https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/>

Don't forget more resources can be found here: <https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/covid-19-resources-help-online-or-home-learning>