

Learning in the Home – Primary Phase Information and Support

Welcome to your Help Guide!

This guide aims to provide useful advice and signposting to promote independent learning, in accordance with our learning homes caring schools ethos. We hope this guide will be helpful for the children in your home to further their education.

In this booklet you will find:

- Learning activities to do at home
- Useful links and ideas for self-study
- Advice and links for EAL students

We hope that you find this resource useful!

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Fun learning activities you can do at home!

Make musical instruments: Fill old plastic bottles with dried beans / lentils / rice to make shakers, elastic bands on boxes to make guitars, stretched balloons over tins or Pringles tubes make great drums.

Provide an empty matchbox or other tiny box...have a competition to see who can fill it with the most different items!

Play the memory tray game! Find interesting items and put them on a tray. Let everybody look at them for a few minutes. Cover them over and the winner is the person who remembers the most items!

Write a letter or make a card for somebody special...walk to the post box and post it.

Learn to sign the Makaton Sign of the Week
<https://wetalkmakaton.org/>

Play board games, learn card games and do jigsaws together

Save all of your packaging! Use all of your boxes and cardboard for junk modelling – you just need masking tape/sellotape and imagination – add tin foil, sweetie wrappers, anything you have lying about!

Make a quiz for the family.

Design a dream island/theme park and write a story or draw a poster.



Five ways to keep your children entertained and engaged when learning at home

Keep them engaged in real-time learning: Ensure the activities are interactive

Keep them active: Make activities active or take star jump breaks frequently

Keep them full: BBC Food has a guide on learning through cooking
https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/learning_through_cooking

Keep things short and simple: Your child will learn more if you do a few short sessions a week

Keep them coming back for more!

Hobbies and interests to engage in together!

NASA - Play as you learn about NASA and its missions

• <https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html#.VpP5hDZH3zI>

Learn basic engineering

• <https://www.primaryengineer.com/>

Learn how to DJ

• <https://www.algoriddim.com/apps>

Creative Bug – Online classes for anyone interested in arts & crafts

• <https://www.creativebug.com/>

Learn how to draw cartoons

• <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHRHILY0t3i5VvKEeFMoJxw>

Learn how to play the Guitar

• <https://try.fender.com/play>

Curiosity Stream - Thousands of documentaries for All ages

• <https://curiositystream.com/>

Learn the basics of Computer Science

• <https://code.org/break>





YouTube Kids



Warning - take care with the suitability of adverts, auto-play and content recommended down the right hand side which can be unpredictable – it's best to set up and use YouTube Kids where possible.

Science Shows for KS1

• <https://www.youtubekids.com/channel/UCRFIPG2u1DxKLNuE3y2SjHA?hl=en-GB>

Science Max for KS2

• <https://www.youtubekids.com/channel/UCbprhISv-0ReKPPyh7-Dtw?hl=en-GB>

Crash Courses in Science & Engineering

• <https://www.youtubekids.com/channel/UCONtPx56PSebXJOxbFv-2jQ?hl=en-GB>

Geek Gurl Diaries – Videos on Science, IT & STEM subjects.

• <https://www.youtubekids.com/channel/UCxrp2coE9wRrnIOO3V3UmdQ?hl=en-GB>

DIY Science Challenges

• <https://new.siemens.com/uk/en/company/education/students/diy-videos.html> age 7-11

The Brain Scoop - shares the work and research of natural history museum

• <https://www.youtube.com/user/thebrainscoop>

SciShow

• <https://www.youtube.com/user/scishow>



The Children's University is a charity that aims to develop a love of learning in children. They aim to improve the aspirations and attainment of pupils aged 5 to 14 by providing learning activities beyond the normal school day, such as after-school clubs, visits to universities and museums, and 'social action' opportunities such as volunteering in the community. Participation is rewarded through credits, certificates and a 'graduation' event.

As well as developing the wider child, an EEF study found positive impacts on Key Stage 2 maths and reading results equivalent to about 2 months' additional progress.

The Virtual School is part of the Children's University, contact us for more details by emailing virtualschool@northyorks.gov.uk



Reading together

Below are lists of books, recommended by Pie Corbett, that Primary School aged Children will enjoy. They may be able to read these alone especially if they read those from a younger year group, but the list is designed for reading with your support (shared reading); they contain lots of opportunity for discussion.

Year 1 Books

Peace at Last – Jill Murphy

Can't You Sleep Little Bear? – Martin Waddell

Where the Wild Things Are – Maurice Sendak

The Elephant and the Bad Baby – Elfrida Vipont and Raymond Briggs

Avocado Baby – John Burningham

The Tiger Who Came to Tea – Judith Kerr

Lost and Found – Oliver Jeffers

Knuffle Bunny – Mo Willems

Beegu – Alexis Deacon

Dogger – Shirley Hughes

Cops and Robbers – Alan and Janet Ahlberg

Elmer – David McKee

Year 2 Books

Traction Man is Here - Mini Grey

Meerkat Mail – Emily Gravett

Amazing Grace – Mary Hoffman

Pumpkin Soup – Helen Cooper

Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book? – Lauren Child

Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets – Tony Ross

Not Now Bernard – David McKee

The Flower – John Light

Gorilla – Anthony Browne

Emily Brown and The Thing – Cressida Cowell

Frog and Toad Together – Arnold Lobel

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark – Jill Tomlinson

Fantastic Mr Fox – Roald Dahl

The Hodgeheg – Dick King-Smith

Flat Stanley – Jeff Brown

Willa and Old Miss Annie – Berlie Doherty

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF
READING 20
MINUTES PER DAY!

MCBOLASTIC

A student who reads A student who reads A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and scores in

90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and scores in

50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and scores in

10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests



Reading together (cont)

Year 3 Books

The Iron Man –
Ted Hughes

Cat Tales: Ice
Cat – Linda
Newberry

The Sheep-pig –
Dick King-Smith

The
Abominables-
Dick King-Smith

The Lion, The
Witch and The
Wardrobe – CS
Lewis

The Battle of
Bubble and
Squeak

Year 5 Books

The Wolves of
Willoughby
Chase – Joan
Aiken

Varjak Paw – SF
Said

Street Child –
Berlie Doherty

The Midnight
Fox – Betsy
Byars

Tom's Midnight
Garden –
Phillipa Pearce

FARThER –
Grahame Baker-
Smith

Year 4 Books

Bill's New Frock
– Anne Fine

Charlotte's Web
– EB White

Why the Whales
Came – Michael
Morpurgo

The Firework
Maker's
Daughter –
Phillip Pullman

The Snow
Walker's Son –
Catherine Fisher

Voices in the
Park – Anthony
Browne

Year 6 Books

Holes –
Louis
Sachar

Clockwork –
Phillip
Pullman

The Hobbit
– JRR
Tolkien

Skellig –
David
Almond

Fireweed –
Jill Paton
Walsh

River Boy –
Tim Bowler

Use your favourite author's websites

Below are some examples of the most popular Authors for Primary School aged children. For others, just search for an author's 'official website'. The sites often contain information about the Author, FAQ about books and even activities.

J K
Rowling

• <https://www.jkrowling.com/>

Dr Seuss's
World

• <https://www.seussville.com/>

David
Walliams

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

Jacqueline
Wilson

• <https://www.jacquelinewilson.co.uk/>

Megan
McDonald

• <http://www.meganmcdonald.net/>

Roald Dahl

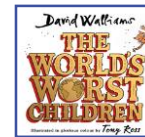
• <https://www.roalddahl.com/>

Jeff Kinney

• <https://wimpykid.com/>

Also check out competitions to win free books!
<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/competitions>

Stories narrated by famous people:
<https://www.storylineonline.net/>



Useful web links to help your child's education

Values, Money and Me - Interactive quizzes, stories and games to teach children the value of money

• <https://www.valuesmoneyandme.co.uk/>

Every School - Free online educational activities and games

• <https://www.everyschool.co.uk/>

Good to Know – Pretend to travel the world, virtual tours of museums and zoos

• <https://www.goodtoknow.co.uk/family/best-virtual-tours-for-kids-536089>

BrainPop - Social-Emotional Learning for All ages

• <https://www.brainpop.com/>

Cool Maths – Fun interactive maths games

• <https://www.coolmath4kids.com>

Discovery Education - videos, interactive activities, quizzes and worksheets

• <https://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/free-resources>

Cosmic Kids - Lots of yoga based stories and activities

• <https://www.cosmickids.com/category/watch/>

Emily's Wonder Lab – A Netflix show of fun STEAM activities, demonstrations and experiments to do at home

• <https://www.netflix.com/gb/title/81128389?preventintent=true>

How to use BBC Bitesize

Follow this link to the BBC Bitesize homepage - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Pick your year and start learning from home today!

Videos, articles and quizzes for KS1 & KS2 students to support their learning.

Primary Catch-Up Lessons in Maths and English to get back on track after the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can save any lesson or activity to My Bitesize to complete later.

It is advisable to explore the site to find the most appropriate topics for your child.

Resources available for KS2



Activities for Children Learning English as an Additional Language

British Council - Free games, songs, stories and activities.

• <http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/>

Agenda Web - English activities including Fairy-tales and Grammar exercises.

• www.agendaweb.org

Cbeebies Global - Learning games and activities for children aged 3-11

• <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

MANTRA - Free access and resources to dual language library books.

• <https://uk.mantralingua.com/homereading>

Oxford Owl - Free access to on-line books for children aged 3-11. Includes school reading schemes and audio support too.

• <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/library-page>

Children's Stories - Animated short stories to help children learn English with their parents. Each story has a downloadable transcript.

• <https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/childrens-stories>

How to keep your child safe online!

These websites are recommendations only and content can change. Please make sure to safeguard your children by using 'parental controls' from your internet provider and on the device they are using. We recommend supervising them and regularly checking the search 'History'.

For Older Children to learn how to stay safe online

- <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

Resources on how to keep children safe online

- <https://www.childnet.com/resources/>

Teach younger children how to keep safe with the cartoon characters of the SMART Crew.

- <https://www.childnet.com/resources/the-adventures-of-kara-winston-and-the-smart-crew>

Useful guides specifically about keeping Looked After Children safe online. There is also a section on responding to behaviours/warning signs in an appropriate manner

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/inclusive-digital-safety/>

Health and Wellbeing Tips

Focus

- Look at and listen to sights and sounds in the garden
- Notice how your feet hit the floor when walking from room to room
- Tune in to the taste and texture of your food as you eat

Exercise

- Dance to your favorite song
- Do push ups during the adverts on TV
- Walk to a local park
- Learn a dance routine on YouTube

Breathe

- Take control of your breathing
- Perform slow and rhythmic breathing in and out
- Listen to meditation guides such as on the Calm app

Gratitude

- Take notice of the pleasures in life
- Thank others for what they do more often
- Complete random acts of kindness everyday for a week

The *Every Mind Matters* campaign is offering practical NHS-endorsed tips and advice to support children's mental wellbeing