

Primary online resources

Suitable for everyone

Netflix has put some of their educational programming on YouTube for free. For instance, they've put all 8 episodes of David Attenborough's nature series *Our Planet* and the Explained series

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvahqwMqN4M0GRkZY8WkLZMb6Z-W7qbLA

Cornerstones are releasing a set of Big Idea challenge cards each week. These are enjoyable, purposeful tasks that children can do independently or with family members while learning from home.

<https://cornerstoneseducation.co.uk/news/10-big-ideas-free-home-learning-challenges-for-children-and-families/>

Supporting reading and Literacy

Empathy Lab who run Empathy Day (9 June) have created a new Family Activities Pack. The activities cover Empathy Day's three themes - Read, Connect, Act - with just scrap paper and a pen or pencil.

www.empathylab.uk/family-activities-pack

The Reading Agency is launching this year's Summer Reading Challenge as an online offer and will start on 5th June.

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

Their Book Sorter is a great way to get recommendations for new reads that have been added by other children.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/book-sorter>

The books and reading section of the Book Trusts website has some really useful information to help children find the right book. They have recommended booklists, a bookfinder that will give you targeted recommendations and tips and advice for parents.

www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/

Watch authors from the Hay Festival Programme for schools filmed over the last 3 years. There are 55 author events to choose from including ones from Ade Adepitan, David Baddiel, Eoin Colfer, Andy Stanton and Cressida Cowell

www.hayfestival.com/home

The National Shelf Service is a daily YouTube broadcast featuring book recommendations from professional librarians. The books recommended will be available to borrow as e-books from most local libraries via their website.

www.youtube.com/channel/UCPUIqIJM0aieXdq-LxKDvWA

Video from author Konnie Huq with a first look at the cover for the second book in the Cookie series and an exclusive reading from *Cookie and the Most Annoying Girl in the World* and how to make your own personalised kaleidoscope

www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKnF6_ea1yo&feature=youtu.be

The International Children's Digital Library provides free access to high-quality children's books from around the world in different languages for ages 3-13.

www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/SimpleSearchCategory?ilang=English

Learn how to draw Claude with this video from Alex T. Smith
www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqCcOV5G34w

Spelling Frame has all the words - both statutory and the example words - from the National Curriculum for Spelling for Year 1 to Year 6. Choose a spelling rule and each word is read aloud and provided within a sentence for context.
<https://spellingframe.co.uk/>

Poetry for Kids has lots of funny poems for kids, classic children's poems, games, poetry lessons and activities, plus a rhyming dictionary and videos.
www.poetry4kids.com/topic/family/

Lovereading4Kids has book related activities from drawing along with illustrators to keeping records of plastic use via videos or downloads and book competitions
www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/kids-zone/

Classroom Secrets Kids covers grammar, punctuation, spelling and maths with practical ideas, games activities and answer videos
<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/home-learning-centre/>

Pobble 365 gives a picture every day which then has related literacy activities, such as story starters, questions, sentence and drawing challenges
www.pobble365.com/

Cornerstones have made their 'Love to Read' guides which cover Years 3 to 6 and centre around an enjoyable fiction book. Every guide includes a whole range of suggested activities, both for independent reading and talking points with parents.
<https://cornerstoneseducation.co.uk/news/free-access-to-cornerstones-love-to-read-resources-for-home-learning/>

Nursery, Reception and KS1

Small Talk have free play activities for 3-5 year olds with videos and guidance on how to carry out activities and language to engage children.
<https://small-talk.org.uk/3-5-years/play/>

Michelle Obama is doing online reading of picture books every Monday. In this episode she is joined by her rather famous husband!
www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXaYnnnl_34

Years 5-6

If you love writing stories and poems then why not enter the creative writing competition for 10-15 year olds run by the Anne Frank trust. Closing date 30th June
<https://annefrank.org.uk/the-anne-frank-creative-writing-awards-2020/>

Author Jeff Norton has read his whole book 'Alienated' online, chapter-by chapter. A sci-fi comedy that would appeal to fans of Harry Potter, Percy Jackson and Philip Reeve books
<http://jeffnorton.com/reading-alienated-the-whole-book/>

Free downloadable resources for exploring waterways and rivers
<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers/resources>