

Primary online resources

Suitable for everyone

Free to read online or to download is this excellent book explaining the Coronavirus and the measures taken to control it for Primary age children. Illustrated by the wonderful Axel Scheffler (The Gruffalo) with input from a range of experts, this is great way of helping children to understand what is going on and to make them feel more in control of the situation.

<https://nosycrow.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Coronavirus-A-Book-for-Children.pdf>

You can book a free, live and interactive safari experience for a 45-minute tour of some of the most iconic wildlife areas in the world. You can ask questions in real time about what you see with the expert naturalists leading the trip.

<https://wildearth.tv/kids/>

Free Encyclopaedia-like resource from DK Publishers using their brilliant Find out series of books. With clear explanations, links to take your research further and quizzes to test your knowledge. Great for a whole range of subjects. Check out these links for Planet Earth, Science and History

www.dkfindout.com/uk/earth/ www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/
www.dkfindout.com/uk/science/

Brilliant free resources from the Historical Association to support a range of Primary curriculum topics such as the Indus Valley and the Great Fire of London. There are also free podcasts on historical subjects for those who like to listen.

www.history.org.uk/primary/categories/7/news/3815/primary-resources-to-support-you-during-covid-19

STEM Learning have created a wide range of free learning resources which embed Science, Maths and Technology into all sorts of fun activities and challenges that can be done at home

<https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning/primary>

Premier League Primary Stars have produced some fun physical activity resources that can be used at home to help you stay healthy and active or check out their Friday family challenge

<https://plprimarystars.com/home-learning/physical-activity>
<https://plprimarystars.com/news/friday-family-challenge>

Lots of different ideas for family friendly outdoor fun from the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew including looking for minibreasts and spotting the signs of spring

www.kew.org/learning/learning-at-home/family-fun-activities

Growing Local have created weekly family activity and recipe sheets that are free to download and are a great way to encourage children eat healthily by growing their own veg or just cooking something new for tea.

<http://growinglocal.org.uk/education-resources/>

Supporting reading and Literacy

Join our Virtual Reading Club and take part in the mini Easter challenge or the illustration challenge. Includes related downloads, links to online reading resources, the Book Doctor to help with reading conundrums and you can add your book reviews too!

www.coventry.gov.uk/slsreadingclub

Join in the fun this Friday with the Pyjamarama virtual festival of story time with a great line up of events throughout the day including live drawing with Chris Riddell at 11am and a chance to quiz the current Children's Laureate Cressida Cowell at 3pm
www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/pyjamarama/pyjamarama-festival/

If you are a fan of The Lost Words by Robert MacFarlane and Jackie Morris check out the request from Kenilworth Books and Penguin Books to create your own Fox drawing/painting and post them on Twitter with the #TheLostSpells so that they can find them.

<https://twitter.com/KenilworthBook/status/1253384294686482433>

Tune in every day during the week for Puffin Storytime. 20 minutes of Story magic for kids! Mondays and Fridays for under 5s with picture book read-alongs followed by draw-alongs. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for stories aged 6+
www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC9XXoFSuEuhuA5a-yTklZcyjk8Bv3i-b

StoryNory has fairy Stories, poems, myths and traditional tales from around the world that are free to read online or to listen to the audiobook.

www.stornory.com/archives/myths-world-stories/

Edited by Katherine Rundell, with contributions from more than 100 children's writers and illustrators. The Book of Hopes is a collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures. It is dedicated to the doctors, nurses, carers, porters, cleaners and everyone currently working in hospitals. It is free to read online here

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

The musical adaptation of David Walliam's performed at the Chichester Festival Theatre will be streamed online for free for 30 days (30th April – 29th May)

www.cft.org.uk/the-midnight-gang-broadcast

Nursery/Reception and Years 1-2

Develop listening skills whilst learning about sports! Suitable for those developing their speaking and listening skills. Match the sounds to the sport

www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/eyfs-listening-skills-sports/zkfy6v4

Visit Story Time from Space and watch the video of the picture book 'A Moon of My Own' being read by actual astronauts on the International Space Station!

<https://storytimefromspace.com/a-moon-of-my-own-2/>

Take a trip to the rainforest with Joseph the tortoise to see where chocolate comes from and how the cacao tree grows. This has been created by the royal Botanical Gardens at Kew

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJ-1snuKJ7o>

Fun introduction to musical instruments and the sounds they make from the BBC. Each programme highlights a different group of instruments with the final episode bringing them all together in a mini performance.

www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/music-ks1-instruments-together-index/zkqphbk

Great lesson ideas and activities from writer/illustrator Steve Anthony linked to his picture books and the wider curriculum which are free to download

www.steveantony.com/schoolactivities

Years 3-4

Konnie Huq (former Blue Peter presenter) has written a hugely entertaining book about science fan Cookie and her friends. You can read the first chapter of the book and create some amazing science experiments of your own with the free downloadable activity pack.

<https://konnie-huq.com/resources>

Find out all about chocolate, where it comes from, how the cacao tree grows and how it's fruit becomes the chocolate bar you buy in the shop, fascinating!

<https://www.kew.org/read-and-watch/chocolate-cacao-kew-gardens>

Years 5-6

Join author Tom Palmer for a Facebook Live chat on Tuesday 5th May at 10am. He will be talking about reading and writing the Second World War, answering questions and doing his first reading from his new book After the War

<http://facebook.com/tompalmerauthor>

Take an amazing virtual tour of the surface of Mars in this 360° viewer that allows you to move the Curiosity Rover around to see the pictures it has taken of Mars' surface and sent back to Earth.

<https://accessmars.withgoogle.com/>

Find out about a huge range of important people from modern times and history. The biographies are grouped under headings to make it easier to find the right person whether you are researching Artists, Civil Rights, Ancient Egypt or Scientists you are bound to find who you are looking for here. The biographies have been written at the right level for children to be able to read and understand, they also include an audio version of the page and a short quiz to test what you have learnt, much better than Wikipedia!

www.ducksters.com/biography/