

English

This initial list of English resources is based on recommendations from English Hub schools and trusted teachers.

Reading, especially for primary age children, is critical to their educational development and something that families can do together.

Some publishers are making their catalogues available for free.

English: primary

Phonics

Schools should seek advice from their phonics programme provider about resources that are available to support remote phonics learning at home. For example, Read Write Inc. (RWI) has made video content freely available online.

DfE's validated phonics programmes are:

- [Floppy's Phonics Sounds and Letters](#)
- [Jolly Phonics](#)
- [Letterland Phonics](#)
- [Letters and Sounds](#) (supplemented by closely matched and fully decodable books)
- [Phonics Bug](#)
- [Read Write Inc.](#)
- [Sound Discovery](#)
- [Sounds-Write](#)

Website: <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: all children's audiobooks are available for free while schools are closed.

Registration: not required

Authorfy

Website: <https://authorfy.com>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: access to masterclasses on texts from a range of authors, including videos from the authors and activities linked to novels.

Registration: is required

Book Trust

Website: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: a site with recommended booklists, categorised by age range and topic, including fiction and non-fiction. Family activities are included in the 'Home Time' section.

Registration: not required

Classroom Secrets

Website: <https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning-packs/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: downloadable resource packs which cover a range of subjects, including reading and writing.

Registration: not required

Elevenes with the World of David Walliams

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

Key stages: key stage 2

Description: one free audio book reading is available to listen to every day.

Registration: not required

English Mastery

Website: <https://www.englishmastery.org/>

Key stages: key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: downloadable resource books providing 8 weeks of activities.

Registration: not required

Literacy Shed

Website: <https://www.literacyshedplus.com/en-gb/browse/free-resources/key-stage-2-activity-packs>

Key stages: key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: downloadable resource packs with tasks based on video clips on YouTube.

Registration: not required

Love Reading 4 Kids

Website: <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: a site with recommended booklists, categorised by age range and topic, covering fiction and non-fiction.

Registration: not required

Pobble 365

Website: <https://www.pobble365.com/>

Key stages: key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: a new image is published each day as a basis for creative writing. Story starters, questions and drawing ideas are provided.

Registration: not required

Poetry by Heart

Website: <https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/>

Key stages: key stage 2

Description: a wide selection of poetry covering different topics

Registration: not required to view poems, but it is required to access teaching resources.

Purple Mash

Website: <https://2simple.com/purple-mash/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: free during the school closure period. Each week, a selection of daily activities is produced on different subjects, including comprehension and grammar.

Registration: is required

Storytime with Nick

Website: <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/help-during-school-closure/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: available from Monday 20 April. Films of well-loved stories read by Nick Cannon, a trained actor, teacher and trainer.

Registration: not required

The Children's Poetry Archive

Website: <https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: an archive of spoken poetry recordings. Children can listen to poems read out loud.

Registration: not required

The Day newsletter

Website: <https://theday.co.uk/subscriptions/the-day-home>

Key stages: key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: a daily newsletter for parents and carers at home with children, helping to enrich learning with real-world knowledge and skills.

Registration: is required