

Reading & Book-Related Websites

To support pupils and parents during Covid-19 Closures, these websites are offering free access.

E books from Portsmouth School Library Service	Free	KS2
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The links is <http://portsmouth.wheelers.co>

To access, follow the instructions here ([click me](#))

Oxford Owl	Part free, part sub	KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Educational resources, teaching notes and **free eBooks** to support children's learning at home and at school. **Oxford Owl for School** is home to online teaching, learning and assessment resources, expert support and subscriptions for Primary Schools. Thousands of free quality resources and tools.

Get Epic	Part free, part sub	KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.getepic.com/>

Although this is American, there are a number of free books on here.

Audible	Free during closures	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.audible.com/about/newsroom/stories-help-audible-stories-lets-anyone-anywhere-listen-for-free>

A large selection of books and stories have been made free during school closures with a focus on stories that are suitable for children. The collection includes favourites like *Winnie the Pooh*, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, *Aladdin*, *Jane Eyre* and *The Call of the Wild*. There's no log in and no need to be an Audible member.

BBC CBBC – shows from books	Free	KS2
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tv/cbbc>

View books turned into TV series, including *The Worst Witch*, *Tracy Beaker*, *Deadly 60*, *Hetty Feather*, *Hank Zipzer*, *The Demon Headmaster*.

BBC Jackanory Junior	Free	KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007t9wg/clips>

Storytelling for younger viewers, using videos and read alouds.

BBC & Twinkl	Free	KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/l/1fgkpw>

Engaging videos for 5 -11 year olds covering curriculum subjects and Twinkl's produced content to support teaching from home.

Blue Peter	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/blue-peter>

Videos on author writing tips, who to read next, Blue Peter Book Awards, story dice challenge, author chats, story challenge wit Matt Haig, Cressida Cowell and more...

The British Library	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2+
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<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books>

Explore centuries of stories, poems and illustrations with *Discovering Children's Books*. For children, teachers and book-lovers of all ages. Examples: write an animal tale, how to draw a Gruffalo, make a miniature book, how to develop a character, the book of me – you as the main character, interviews with Joseph Coelho and Jacqueline Wilson, poetry for children and more.

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Epic	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.getepic.com/>

Full of free ebooks for all levels on a range of topics. Digital library for children 12 and under. Instantly access 35,000 of the best books, learning videos, quizzes and more. Make your own quizzes to go with the books. Great resource and free to educators. Children can use a class login to go on and read books you've assigned to them or they can search for their own. American based.

First News (Children's Weekly Newspaper): we use this in school	Digitally free for limited time during Covid-19	KS2+
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<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/free-downloadable-issue/>

HOME AND SCHOOL LEARNING RESOURCES

For a limited time, they're offering free, current issues of **First News newspaper** (PDF edition), **Activity Sheets, Newspaper and activity sheets**: We'll email you the latest available PDF edition of **First News**, which you can share with your colleagues and students. Alongside this, you will also receive a full pack of the week's Activity Sheets, including **comprehensions, vocabulary puzzles, debates and quizzes** in three differentiated levels for Lower KS2, Upper KS2 and KS3.

iHub interactive platform: Our online news and literacy tool, the iHub, **delivers pre-prepared reading activities for Key Stages 2 and 3, giving students access to engaging work that they can complete at home every week**. With the support of the iHub, teachers can rest assured that students will receive new work each week, automatically tailored at the level suited to them

To download your copy, you just enter your email address. As a service we will send you an email to remind you when there is a new edition available to download.

Free newspaper front page template on Teachwire: <https://www.teachwire.net/teaching-resources/newspaper-template>

<https://www.teachwire.net/products/read-all-about-it-using-current-affairs-in-guided-reading-sessions>

ICT Games: Literacy	Free	KS1
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<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/literacy.html>

Phonics, spelling, letter formation, reading, writing, common exception words, etc.

Once Upon a Picture	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2+
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https://www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR3EuPgj9ChPHbfoUydgEVOqJcMuxoo7SNjWyClfI89_t-dxRk2LPQdeio

Images and questions can be used to stimulate discussion and develop vocabulary, as a prompt for creative writing, a reading comprehension activity (with a mix of literal, inference, deduction and prediction questions), or as a starting point for a wider curriculum lesson. Some teachers have set an image and questions for homework, while others have organised whole-school writing competitions based on a picture.

Pop-Up Hub	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2+
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<https://pop-up-hub.com/>

Explore books, make stories, teacher resources, showroom (a collection of student's work).

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Storyline Online	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

Online reading/videos of hundreds of books. American based but some recognisable books from the UK curriculum.

Storyshed – Children’s Storytelling Podcast	Free	EYFS / KS1 / KS2
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<http://www.buzzsprout.com/170026>

Children's storytelling podcast for kids of all ages. A new and original story each episode. Stories with a heart, designed to encourage discussion... Perfect for parents and teachers! A family friendly podcast which can be used for school assemblies, car journeys, bedtime, anytime! Proud member of Kids Listen, a grass roots organisation promoting content just for children.

Teach your Monster to Read	Free computer version, app is sub	Ages see below
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<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

Covers everything from letters and sounds to reading full sentences. Designed in collaboration with leading academics. Complements all synthetic phonics programmes used in schools. **Computer version is 100% free whilst app is subscription.** The game is for children in the first stages of learning to read or for older children who need a bit more practice. 3 different games covering 3 levels of the reading journey.

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<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer>

Join up or sign if already a member, then use code UKTWINKLHELPS for UK primary resources during Covid-19 closures. **Free** access to all Twinkl resources for a period of **one month** in the first instance. Each school will receive guidance with full details of how to access this offer of help as closures are announced, and how to share this with parents.