

Resources for Reading at Home

Reading is unarguably one of the most important things your child should be doing! This is true generally, but perhaps even more so at the moment when you consider the impact that reading can have on wellbeing as well as the potential opportunities it presents for families and friends to talk together.

Consider setting time aside to read an article/ chapter/ short story together, or to read separately and then discuss together – it is through these interactions that you can support not only their development of reading and comprehension skills, but also the development of their love of reading. If your child has grandparents, or other elderly/vulnerable relatives who are isolated at home, maybe they could even read to them over the phone? Or how about working with friends online - read the same extract and then discuss via FaceTime?

- Reading develops confidence and improves self-esteem
- Reading can help young people to understand complex issues from the safe fictional world of a book
- Reading is proven to increase empathy!
- Reading is enjoyable, fun and relaxing (for fluent readers if they have the right book)

Online Reading Resources – Primary and Secondary

Audible: Free audio books

<https://stories.audible.com/discovery>

Authorfy: Loads of free content from a host of children's book authors

<https://authorfy.com/about/>

Bamboo Learning: Alexa controlled audiobooks (+ maths / music learning and more)

<https://bamboolearning.com/resources>

Lernerbooks: E-book library opened up for free during closure

<https://lernerbooks.com/help-at-home>

Literacy Trust: Links to a wealth of reading activities and resources

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>

Oxford Owl: Primary reading resources

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

Teaching Books: 1000s of resources related to 1000s of texts

<https://www.teachingbooks.net/preview.cgi?k=virtuallearning>

World of David Walliams: Daily reading of an audio story by David Walliams

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/?s=elevenses>