

Useful Early Years websites

Hungry Little Minds

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Supported by the DfE – activities for parents/carers to engage in with their children Birth to five years old. Includes electronic links to a variety of other EY online resources.

BookTrust

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

Interactive stories and games.

Chatter Pack

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning> - lots of links to resources and guidance

National Geographic Kids

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Activities and quizzes for young children.

The Kids Should See This

<https://thekidshouldseethis.com>

Wide range of cool educational videos

Crash Course Kids

<https://m.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids>

You Tube videos on many subjects for a younger audience

Paw Print Badges

<https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk>

Free challenge packs and other downloads. Many activities can be completed indoors. Badges cost but are optional.

Cbeebies Radio

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio>

Listening activities for the younger child.

Cbeebies

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

Lots of fun games to play, songs to sing, stories to listen to – linked to children's favourite TV characters/programmes

Numberblocks

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks>

Fun ways with numbers. Including: counting, adding on, subtraction.

Nature Detectives

<https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/activities/>

A lot of these can be done in a garden, or if you can get to a remote forest location!

The Artful Parent

<https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/>

Good, free art activities – you need a Facebook account to access the page

Red Ted Art

<https://www.redtedart.com>

Lingumi (For children aged 2-5): Sets of learning games, speech recognition games and video-based games to help with a child's grammar and getting them speaking their first words early on. <https://lingumi.com/>

Kaligo (For children aged 3-5): The first digital handwriting exercise book using a stylus and tablet, built using AI and co-created with teachers, occupational therapists and neuroscientists. <https://www.kaligo-apps.com/>

Phonics Hero (For school-aged children): Over 850 fun, varied and motivating games take a child step-by-step through the 44 sounds, the reading and spelling of words, and how to conquer sentences. <https://www.phonicshero.com/>

Teach Your Monster to Read (For school-aged children): Covers the first two years of learning to read, from matching letters and sounds to enjoying little books, designed in collaboration with leading academics. <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

Navigo Game (For school-aged children): Focuses on developing skills that underpin reading, including phonics, letters and sounds, designed by UCL Institute of Education and Fish in a Bottle. <https://iread-project.eu/game/>

Fonetti (For school-aged children): The world's first 'Listening Bookshop' interacting with children by giving visual cues in real-time as they read aloud and highlighting where the most support is needed. <https://www.fonetti.com/>

The Imagination Tree

<https://theimaginationtree.com>

Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest.

Five Minute Mum

<https://fiveminutemum.com/>

Lots of fun ideas. Provides an outline of how parents/carers could structure their day. In addition, she is planning to provide a video a day on what games to play.

Instagram

@oliverjeffers – Reads a story every night 6pm

Interactive Phonics Resources

PhonicsPlay.co.uk - Free resources for all Phases. School subscription £120/year. Also available as an app £0.79 (Phase 2 only. Phase 3 to follow soon). **FREE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PERIOD** <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Teach your Monster to Read

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

Phonics' and early reading. Free to register. Promoted and used by Oxfordshire schools

Education City - Subscription website for all curriculum areas. Links to Letters and Sounds and Jolly Phonics. Between £100-165 per curriculum area. <https://www.educationcity.com/>

TESiBoard - Free resources available for all curriculum areas. iboard+ £11.99/year.

<https://www.tes.com/articles/ict-games-interactive-whiteboard-resources-and-activities-primary-and-secondary>

Twinkl - App covering all Phases £4.99 (lite version available for free) <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/>

Oxford Owl website – useful information for staff and parents. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home>

Coosi box: Creative Drawing & Share Imagination
<https://www.educationalappstore.com/app/coosi-box-creative-drawing>

Bizzibrains I Learn: interactive storybook allowing you to add your own photos to the main characters <http://literacyapps.literacytrust.org.uk/bizzibrains-i-learn/>

ABC gurus - <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/abc-gurus/id932417099>

Hairy phonics - My Story a simple book creator app, great for making multi-modal texts. Children can insert photographs, clipart, saved images. They can also record their voice and there are a range of mark making tools for them to write and record their ideas.
<https://www.nessy.com/uk/apps/hairy-phonics-1-2/>