



## Reading activities for home learning

### Top tips to help children enjoy reading

Reading should be fun. We asked experts and authors what you can do to help turn your kids into little bookworms.

**Make books a part of family life** – Always have books around at home. That way you and your children are ready to get reading, even if it's only for ten minutes.

**Read about something they're interested in** – Help your child find the right book for them. It doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.

**All reading is good** – Don't rule out non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines or leaflets. Reading is reading and it's all worthwhile.

**Get comfortable!** – Snuggle up together somewhere warm and cosy, whether it's in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa. And make sure your child has somewhere comfy to read on their own too.

**Ask questions** – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read. Start with 'Where did we get to last time?', 'Can you remember what's happened so far?' and 'What do you think will happen next?'

**Read whenever you get the chance** – Have a book or magazine with you for any spare time.

**Read favourites again and again** – Encourage your child to re-read the books and poems they love. Re-reading helps to build fluency and confidence.

**Enjoy bedtime stories** – Read with your kids at bedtime as often as you can. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with them.

**Make the most of rhyme and repetition** – Books and poems with rhymes and repeated words or phrases are great for getting your kids to join in and remember the words.

Please find below many useful websites to help support your child with reading at this challenging time.



## Book Trust

Here you can find lots of lovely interactive books to read online or watch with signing. There are classic children's stories that we think you and your family will love, including *Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy* by Lynley Dodd to *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson, along with newer favourites such as Chris Haughton's *Oh No, George!* and *Everybunny Dance!* by Ellie Sandall. You can also watch Storytime videos from the likes of Ore Oduba, Adam Buxton, Fearne Cotton and many more. And that's not all: below, we also have free, fun kids' games to enjoy online. Whether you want some number games, puzzle games, colouring or the Shape Game, you'll find lots of interactive activities to try. Have fun!

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



## BBC Bitesize

Bitesize is the BBC's free online study support resource for school-age pupils in the United Kingdom.

KS1: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zgkw2hv>

KS2: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f>

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*David Walliams*<sup>™</sup>

## Free Fun Activities Alert!

Roll up, roll up, get your free downloadable activities and resources here!

If you're looking for some exciting activities to keep boredom at bay, then you've definitely come to the right place! Scroll down for a treasure trove of fantastic activities, all inspired by David Walliams' tremendous tales.

Filled with all the wacky and wonderful characters in David Walliams' books, you can download any of these free activity sheets for hours of fun and learning at home!

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/activities/>

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To do at home

Here you'll find quick quizzes, wonderful wordsearches and all sorts of other things to stretch your brilliant brainbox.

<https://www.roalddahl.com/things-to-do-indoors>



*Bug Club* - capture your children's imagination and nurture lifelong readers. We are lucky enough to have access to an amazing online resource called Active Learn. This allows your child to use many fantastic resources which will support learning.

One of the programmes is called Bug Club. Bug Club allows children to access digital eBooks. These eBooks are interactive and offer features such as audio narration, and embedded digital quizzes.

To access this resource please use the link and school code below.

Website: <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

School code: SXFV

We hope that this will be a useful additional resource for your child to enjoy.

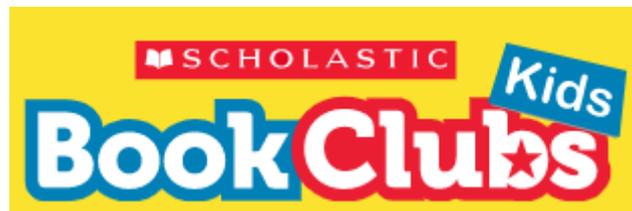
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<https://clubs-kids.scholastic.co.uk/>

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Free resources to help support your child's learning at home.

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/support-learning-at-home#Primary>



Free Resources & Activities

A range of downloadable sheets to keep your kids busy!

<https://www.harpercollinschildrensbooks.co.uk/free-teaching-resources-activities/>

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<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

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<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/reading>



<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/english/englishbooks.htm>



<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/?phase=primary>