

## Reading and English

These are links to support reading, literacy and other aspects of English learning. The first set of links are suitable for all age groups. They are then split into different Year groups to help you find the right resources for your child.

### Suitable for all ages

#### Reading

If you already have a library card then check out the [e-resources all available for free](#), there are e-books, e-magazines and comics, audiobooks and even e-newspapers so there is something for all the members of the family to enjoy. Don't worry if you don't already have a library card as you can register online and get a temporary membership.

[The Reading Realm](#) have lots of video resources to support reading and literacy with quizzes, author interviews and sharing books online, including material on poetry and illustration.

Parents can learn more about how to support their child's reading by visiting Oxford Owl's [Reading pages](#) including phonics top tips and over 100 free e-books for children aged from 3-11.

Free download from publishers Barrington Stoke on how to [support dyslexic children](#) with their reading when home learning including links to lots of useful resources and activities.

The Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge website has a [home zone](#) which has lots of free resources and information to encourage reading for pleasure.

The books and reading section of the [Book Trust's website](#) has some really useful information to help children find the right book. They have recommended book lists, a bookfinder that will give you targeted recommendations and tips and advice for parents.

#### Literacy/English learning resources

[Words for Life](#) is the National Literacy Trust's website for parents. It has lots of fun activities, suggestions on things you can do together to support literacy and tips from top authors.

[Make your own comics](#) with these downloadable resources created by Seven Stories - The National Centre for Children's Books

[Spelling Frame](#) has all the words - both statutory and the example words - from the National Curriculum for Spelling for Year 1 to Year 6. Choose a spelling rule and each word is read aloud and provided within a sentence for context. There are also free spellings game to play to help support phonics learning.

#### Poetry

Brilliant collection of free resources to support learning about poetry from the [Children's Poetry Archive](#). Includes poems organised by theme, age group and searchable by poet, poem name or lyric. Includes interviews with poets, and audio clips of poems being read aloud

The brilliant Michael Rosen can be enjoyed virtually through his [channel on You Tube](#), with videos of him performing stories, poems and jokes. If you then want to do some learning activities around Michael's poetry, then try his website <https://www.michaelrosen.co.uk/>

## **Dual Language**

[Bilingual quick tips](#) covering playing with your baby, sharing books with your baby and talking to your baby in your own language from the Literacy trust

Booktrust's Bookstart programme of book gifting to newborns and toddlers does include a limited supply of dual language books. They also have through their website links to the [parental guidance leaflets](#) that go with the bookstart packs translated into 20 languages.

[Mantra Lingua](#) are a UK publishing company that specifically produce dual language books in a wide range of languages. Many of their books will be available through Coventry public libraries and SLS.

## **Nursery/Reception and Key Stage 1**

If your little one loves the Gruffalo then check out these [great activities based on the book](#).

If you want to try some new books for bedtime then take a look at all the different [CBeebies bedtime stories](#).

[Booktrust](#) have a brilliant collection of interactive books to read online or watch with signing. Also has educational games to play.

Free downloadable colouring and activity sheets for all of [Sarah McIntyre's](#) fantastic books

Learn more about letters with the [CBeebies Alphablocks](#) including levelled phonics learning support more literacy resources

[Hungry Little Minds](#) website has simple fun reading, playing and talking activities for little ones from newborn to age 5.

[School radio](#) has Video and audio resources for Reception with a focus on stories, music, movement and songs. The content links directly to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum and, in particular, helps to foster speaking and listening and movement skills.

[Create your own story dice](#) with this free download from Beanstalk. With pictures to colour in created by the wonderful illustrator Nick Sharratt you can use them to come up with your own imaginative stories

Use the Book Trust's playlists and downloads to create your own [rhyme time fun](#) for little ones. Sing along to favourites like Old MacDonal and get to know some brilliant new rhymes. A great way to develop speech and language skills

[Lovereadng4Kids](#) has book related activities from drawing along with illustrators to keeping records of plastic use via videos or downloads and book competitions.

[Love my Books](#) brings together brilliant books with creative reading activities, including videos specially designed to engage and excite young children's interest.

Visit [Story Time from Space](#) and watch the video of the picture book 'A Moon of My Own' being read by actual astronauts on the International Space Station!

[StoryNory](#) has fairy Stories, poems, myths and traditional tales from around the world that are free to read online or to listen to the audiobook.

[Phonics Play](#) gives free access to selected phonics games and teaching ideas to use at home.

For fans of **Oliver Jeffers** books (Lost and Found, the Book eating boy, Stuck etc.) then you can try some [puzzles, colouring and craft activities](#) based on his books

[BBC collection](#) of Jackanory Junior video clips and read aloud's to support storytelling for younger children

Resources from the BBC to support [KS1 English learning](#)

## **KS2**

Watch authors from the [Hay Festival](#) Programme for schools filmed this year. There are lots of author events to choose from including ones from Bear Grylls, Patrice Lawrence, Joesph Coelho and S F Said.

Listen to [Neil Gaiman](#) read from a selection of his spell-binding tales with Coraline and Graveyard Tales in their entirety as well as his picture books Cinnamon and Pirate Stew, there are also free printable resources and reading guides.

Go to [Cressida Cowell's You Tube channel](#) and check out her collection of videos where she reads from her How to train your dragon and new Wizards of Once series of books as well as showing you how to do your own illustrations and talks about creating books.

Resources from the BBC to support [KS2 English learning](#)

Find out about the new [Blue Peter Book badge](#) and follow the link to their book club page to