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Reading Books during the period of school closure and additional resources

Dear Parents/Carers,

A number of parents have approached me regarding additional books for the period of school closure.

So far, in addition to the letter dated Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March outline learning from home activities as of today the following reading resources have been put in place –

Additional Reading Books sent home.

School Library Books sent home.

Also, children can also practise reading at home using the online resource – Oxford Owl.

Details below –

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/>

'Help your young child learn to read, and love to read, with our [eBook library](#), containing over 100 free eBooks.

Our eBooks have been developed for children aged 3–11, to teach them to read using phonics.

As well as much-loved characters such as [Biff, Chip and Kipper](#) and [Winnie the witch](#), you'll also find some great [non-fiction eBooks](#) to help your child explore their world.

All our eBooks are free to use, but you will need to register or log in on the next page to read your book.

Please note, our eBooks are not optimised for mobile phones and are best viewed on a computer, laptop, or tablet.

In addition, there are the following online education resources which are a non-exhaustive list that might help those affected by school closures due to coronavirus, compiled by home educators.

Feel free to share.

Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

Especially good for maths and computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. Note this uses the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.

BBC Learning

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/>

This site is old and no longer updated and yet there's so much still available, from language learning to BBC Bitesize for revision. No TV licence required except for content on BBC iPlayer.

Futurelearn

<https://www.futurelearn.com>

Free to access 100s of courses, only pay to upgrade if you need a certificate in your name (own account from age 14+ but younger learners can use a parent account).

Blockly

<https://blockly.games>

Learn computer programming skills - fun and free.

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Scratch

<https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/>

Creative computer programming

Ted Ed

<https://ed.ted.com>

All sorts of engaging educational videos

National Geographic Kids

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

Activities and quizzes for younger kids.

Duolingo

<https://www.duolingo.com>

Learn languages for free. Web or app.

Mystery Science

<https://mysteryscience.com>

Free science lessons

The Kids Should See This

<https://thekidsshouldseethis.com>

Wide range of cool educational videos

Crash Course

<https://thecrashcourse.com>

You Tube videos on many subjects

Crash Course Kids

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

As above for a younger audience

Crest Awards

<https://www.crestawards.org>

Science awards you can complete from home.

iDEA Awards

<https://idea.org.uk>

Digital enterprise award scheme you can complete online.

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.

Tinkercad

<https://www.tinkercad.com>

All kinds of making.

Prodigy Maths

<https://www.prodigygame.com>

Is in U.S. grades, but good for UK Primary age.

Cbeebies Radio

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

Listening activities for the younger ones.

Nature Detectives

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

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

British Council

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find>

Resources for English language learning

Oxford Owl for Home

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

Lots of free resources for Primary age

Big History Project

<https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home>

Aimed at Secondary age. Multi disciplinary activities.

Geography Games

<https://world-geography-games.com/world.html>

Geography gaming!

Blue Peter Badges

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

If you have a stamp and a nearby post box.

The Artful Parent

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

Good, free art activities

Red Ted Art

<https://www.redtedart.com>

Easy arts and crafts for little ones

The Imagination Tree

<https://theimaginationtree.com>

Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest.

Toy Theater

<https://toytheater.com/>

Educational online games

DK Find Out

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IwAR2wJdpSJSelTf4do6aPhff8A3tAktmnpaxqZbkgudD49I71ep8-sjXmrac>

Thank you to you all for your support during this time.

Kind regards,

Belinda Athey – Headteacher.