

## Helping your child with English: on-line learning suggestions

Many of the following links take you to websites where there are free games, resources and activities that will provide your child with additional curriculum-based learning for English. Some have 'teacher's notes', which may help you as parents to guide learning. Many also offer resources for all subjects. Whilst some websites will provide additional options to buy additional resources – we are not suggesting that you need to do this. Of course, we also encourage you to read as much as possible with your child, encourage them to read widely and to use the local library, if you are able.

If you wish to refer to the National Curriculum at any point, please see the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum>

### 1. EYFS (BBC)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5RMpbn1X8tMkMQgw0GRhz8L/early-years-foundation-stage-eyfs>

### Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

**EYFS / Age 3 - 5**

Audio provides ideal resources for **Early Learning** through 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.

**Nursery songs and rhymes**  
Age 3 - 5. Sing along to our videos of traditional nursery songs.

**Listen and Play**  
Age 3 - 5. Join Cat Sandion for stories, songs and sound discrimination games.

**Playtime**  
Age 3 - 5. Andy Day and Steven Kynman have stories, songs and movement activities.

**Wiggle Waggle**  
Age 3 - 5. Join Liz Kitchen for songs, stories and fun movement activities.

**Storytime**

**Stimulus Sounds**

**Stimulus Sounds Library**

### 2. BBC Bitesize KS1 (includes phonics games, SPAG and comprehension)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p>

Key Stage 1 is a phase of primary education for pupils aged 5 to 7 in England, or 6 to 8 in Northern Ireland.

Part of **Learn & revise**

Art and Design	Computing	Design and Technology	English	French	Geography
German	History	Mandarin	Maths	Modern Foreign Languages	Music
Physical Education	PSHE and Citizenship	Religious Education	Science	Spanish	

Small Town Superheroes

Karate Cats

**Phonics >**

Phase 2 phonics

Phase 3 phonics



















## 2. BBC Bitesize KS2

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>


**KS2**


### Subjects

Key Stage 2 is a phase of primary education for pupils aged 7 to 11 in England and Wales.  
Part of [Learn & revise](#)


 Art and Design	 Computing	 <b>Design and Technology</b>	 English	 French	 Geography
 German	 History	 Italian	 Mandarin	 Maths	 Modern Foreign Languages
 Music	 Physical Education	 PSHE and Citizenship	 Religious Education	 Science	 Spanish


**Games >**


  
**Crystal Explorers**



**Grammar, punctuation and spelling >**

  
**Spelling**

  
**Prefixes and suffixes**

  
**Punctuation**

## 3. Suitable for all ages – BBC School Radio (includes 'teacher guides' that can be used by parents, video clips and animations)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p007g5y4>

**BBC SCHOOL RADIO**

## School Radio

Home Teacher's Notes Podcasts FAQ EYFS English Music Dance Assemblies History Maths Drama MFL PSHE

CfE

Learning resources for primary schools offering video, audio and downloads for Early Years, KS1 & KS2 covering music, dance, history, collective worship, literacy and maths and some additional resources for secondary schools at KS3 & KS4.



  
**English KS2 / KS3: A Midsummer Night's Dream**  
Discover this new animation for KS2 / KS3 of Shakespeare's comedy on BBC Teach.

  
**Spring term resources**  
Explore our Spring-themed resources, including dance for KS1, assemblies and stories.

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### Nursery Songs

Animations of some of the best-known traditional nursery rhymes, many sung by ...

### Key Stage 1

The BBC is not responsible for the content of external sites. Read about our approach to ...

### Carrie's War

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### Spring Resources

Interesting facts about the patron saint of Wales from BBC Teach. KS2 - Audio ...

### English

School Radio offers a number of teaching resources to support the primary English ...

### Primary Music

Primary Music takes a cross-curricular approach, with music objectives explored in ...

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### Early Years Foundation Stage

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### Podcasts

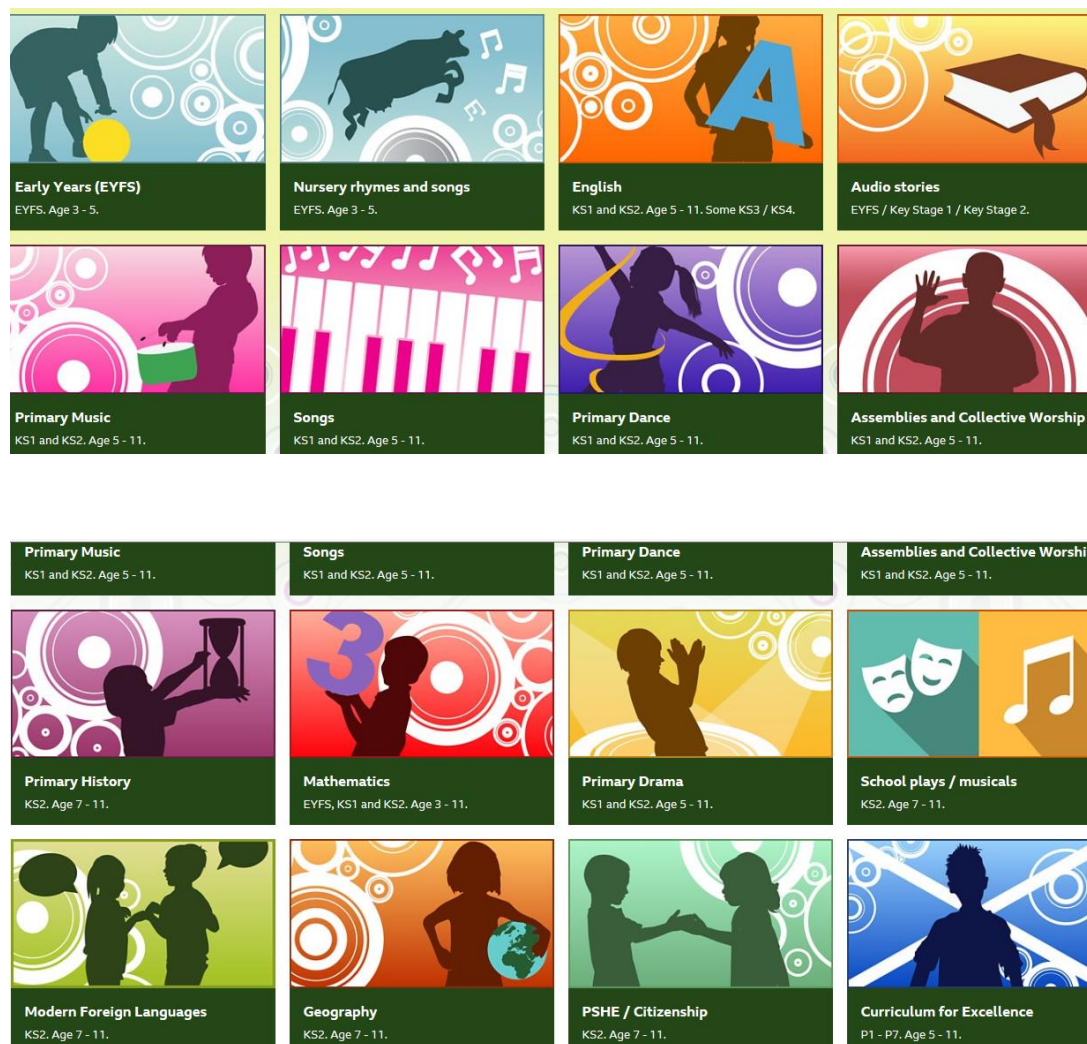
Promotions of School Radio podcasts on the Podcasts page. In addition to streaming ...

### Primary Dance

School Radio offers three co-ordinated series that provide a comprehensive Dance ...

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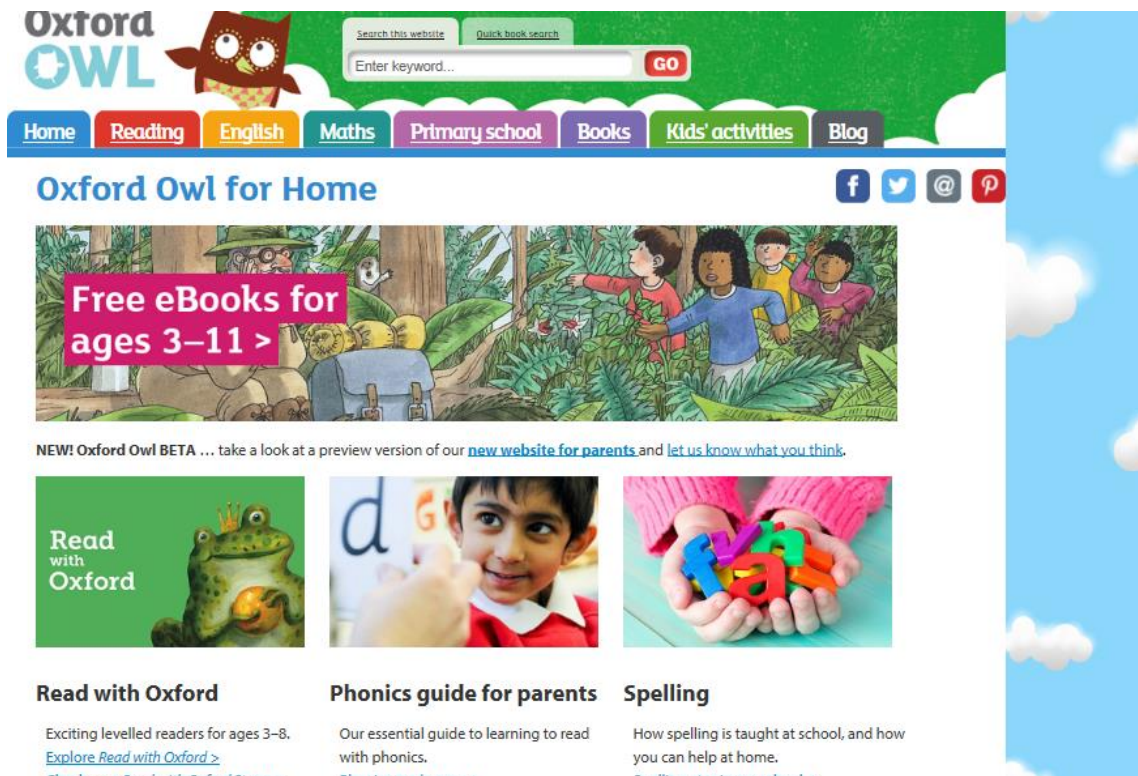
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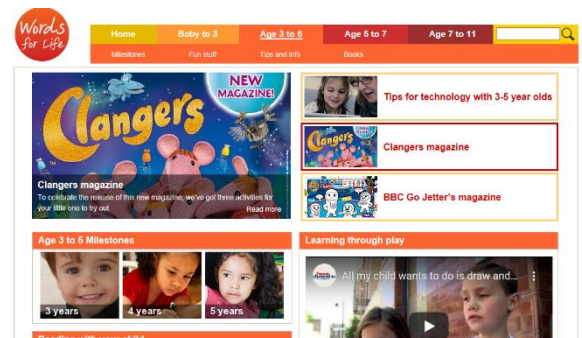
4. **Oxford Owl for Home** (aged 3-11) Free e-books, games, information and activities for English and Maths, including phonics, spelling and times tables!

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



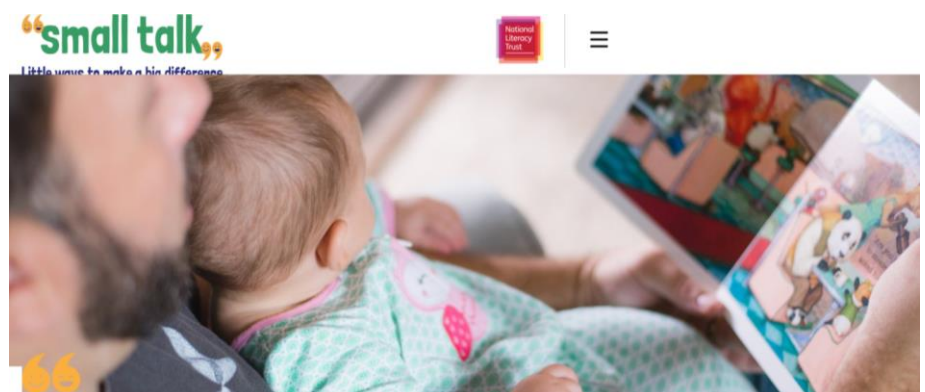
5. **National Literacy Trust** (all ages – go to 'Resources' then 'Resources for Parents and Families') Age categories: Baby-3, 3-5, 5-7 and 7-11

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/>



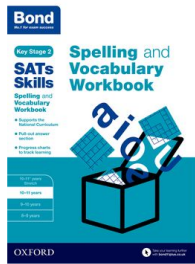
Includes **new website 'Small Talk'** with information and activities for 0-5 years

<https://small-talk.org.uk/>



If you'd like to learn more about how to support your child through their SATs, visit our [Key Stage 2 SATs](#) page.

## Free SATs Skills Worksheets Bundle



### Bond SATs Skills: Spelling and Vocabulary Workbook 10-11 Years

Bond SATs Skills Spelling and Vocabulary for age 10-11 has been developed by Bond with Oxford Dictionaries to build on core English language skills. With renewed focus on spelling and vocabulary throughout the National Curriculum and in academic testing, the ten units in this book will help children to establish the knowledge of the words expected in key assessments.

[Unit A worksheet](#) (PDF)

[Unit B worksheet](#) (PDF)

Answers: [Unit A](#) | [Unit B](#)

[Buy the workbook on Amazon](#)

## 6. Free comprehension and SPAG activities for KS2 (Oxford Owl)

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/school-year/free-sats-skills-worksheets>

**Letters and Sounds**

**ReadwithPhonics.com**  
Learn each phonics sound by playing 7 fun free phonics games. Each phonics game gets progressively harder and teaches you a range of skills, from segmenting and blending, word comprehension, grapheme recognition, pseudo words and more.  
**Tablet-friendly**

**Phonics Bloom**  
Phonics Bloom create interactive online phonics games to help teach children the relationship between letters and sounds and develop the skills needed to read and write.  
**Tablet-friendly**

## 7. Topmarks (suitable for all ages)

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

Links to games and activities for primary aged children including phonics games, reading activities, spelling activities, tablet / non-tablet friendly choices, links to other online learning, many subjects covered.

## 8. Primary Homework Help (Interactive games, links and free resources for spelling and grammar) Other subjects also available.

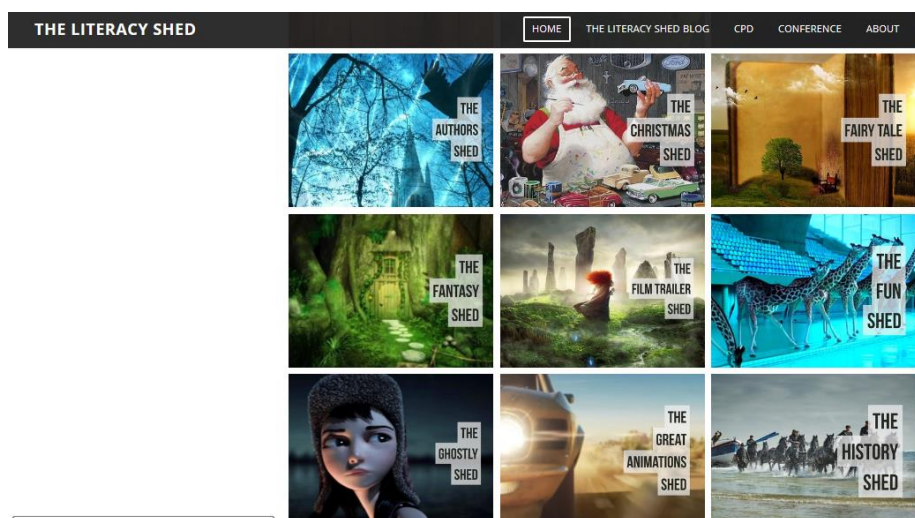
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/interactive/literacy.html#7>

9. **The Literacy Shed** (ages indicated – aimed at primary schools, but some may not be suitable for the very young children, so please follow the guidance). There is a 'Key Stage 1 box' you can choose.

There are many lovely, short films and animations to use as a stimulus for discussion, 'visual text' reading skills and writing activities. Many come with prompts for the adults to use alongside the clips.

The Literacy Shed site is completely free and has an extensive amount of resources, without having to subscribe to 'The Literacy Shed Plus'.

<https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html>



## 10. CBeebies and CBBC

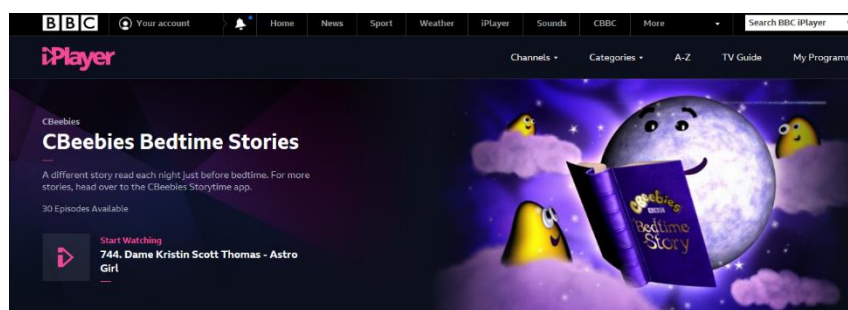
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories>

Although *CBeebies* is aimed at very young viewers, the website actually contains many links to programmes of interest for all. For example, 'Where in The World' gives children an insight into the lives of children across the world – the similarities and differences in terms of foods, languages, schooling, transport and hobbies.

'Andy's Adventures' also looks at history and geography. In terms of stories, there are lovely stories to share, including animated adventures with Beatrix Potter's '*Peter Rabbit*', whilst CBBC includes links to the '*Horrible Histories*' series and adaptations

of books such as Jacqueline Wilson's '*The Worst Witch*'.

*CBeebies* also has 'Bedtime Stories' to listen to as well as adaptations of Fairytales.



Encouraging KS1 and KS2 children to apply what they have seen, heard and learnt through 'summarising' can be a fun and interactive way of recording their learning. For example, they could write a film or book review for others – you could use a template such as the ones below or the children could create their own.

## My Book Review

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you like the book?

Rate the book by colouring in the stars.



What was your favourite part?

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Draw your favourite scene from the book.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a drawing of a favourite scene from the book.



# Book Review



## Plot

Event 1 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Event 2 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Event 3 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Cause and Effect** of one of the events in the book

Cause

Effect



## My Star Rating



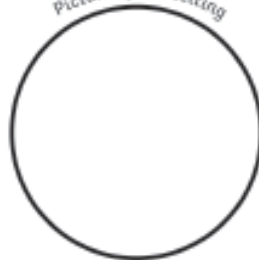
Why I rated the book \_\_\_\_\_ stars

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Setting

Picture of the setting



## Character

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Personality \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Physical Appearance \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How I feel about this character  
and why: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

draw how you felt!



**Book Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author** \_\_\_\_\_

**Illustrator** \_\_\_\_\_

Genre (tick as many as apply to your book)

☐ fiction

☐ scary

☐ animal story

☐ non fiction

☐ fairy tale

☐ biography

☐ fantasy

☐ adventure

☐ historical

☐ humour

☐ sports

☐ mystery

☐ other \_\_\_\_\_



## A Film Review by \_\_\_\_\_

Your star rating for this film



Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

### Plot

What happens? Are there any plot twists?  
Did you find the plot interesting?

### Characters

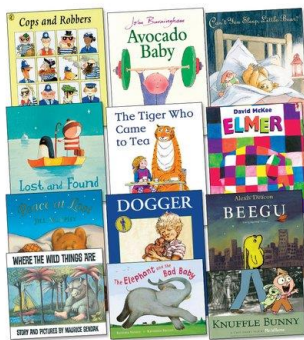
Who are the main characters?  
Who was your favourite character? Why?

### Your opinion

Did you like the film?  
What was your favourite part? Why?

### Recommend

Would you recommend  
this film to a friend?  
Why or why not?



## What to Read?

Please encourage your children to read widely and for pleasure. Reading books (non-fiction and fiction) comics, magazines, e-books and more all supports your child's reading and writing skills.

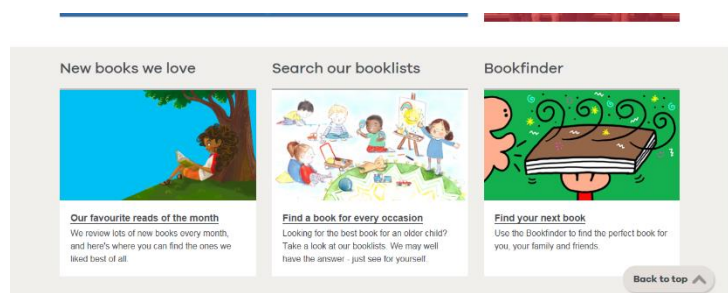
If you are looking for books that are widely recommended or are year group appropriate, (Nursery– Year 6), follow these links for ideas and inspiration:

### The Reading Spine (Pie Corbett)

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/reading-spine> (Has year group recommended reads from Nursery- Year 6)

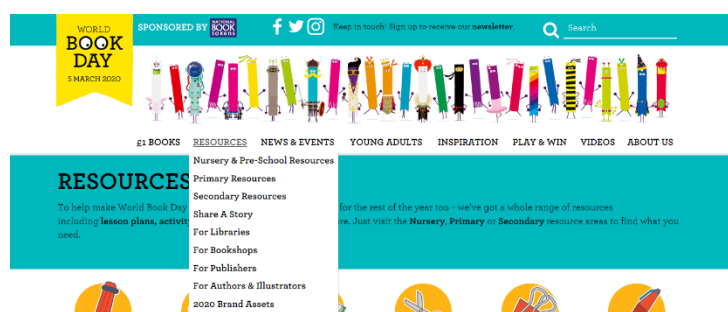
### Oxford Owl

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> (On-line, free e-books and guidance for parents)



### The Book Trust

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>  
(‘Book finders’, recommendations, news and more!)



### World Book Day

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>  
(Resources, audio stories read by authors, activities)

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