

Links and resources for home learning packs

Many companies and independent providers are trying to support teachers and carers by making their resources free during the Coronavirus outbreak, or recommending sources of free resources. Here are some suggestions which may help you to create either home learning packs or put links to elearning on your school's website. Twitter and Facebook are also regularly updated with links, ideas and resources to support schools and parents/carers in the current climate.

Generic

Teaching packs	50 Youtube Channels for Home Learning https://www.teachingpacks.co.uk/50-youtube-channels-for-home-learning/
Tutortastic	TOP 20 list of discounted or free resources for home learning. Some are exclusively for schools but many are for everyone. https://www.tutortastic.co.uk/blog/homelearning
Brain Pop	Engaging learning games, animated movies, and activities. Designed with relevance, depth, and humor to encourage kids on their unique learning paths. https://educators.brainpop.com/2020/02/19/free-brainpop-access-for-schools-affected-by-the-corona-virus/
Amazing educational resources	Wide range of links to sites with either full or partial free access. http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com

Literacy

Book Creator	This great website encourages children to have a go at writing their own texts. It's a highly versatile tool which is very motivating for budding writers who enjoy working online and being in charge of their own publications! https://bookcreator.com/2020/03/support-for-schools-affected-by-coronavirus/
Chip and Co.	Actor Josh Gad has decided to read children's books to families around the world via his Twitter page each night while either under quarantine or practising social distancing during the outbreak of coronavirus. https://chipandco.com/actor-josh-gad-is-reading-books-to-kids-online-every-night-during-coronavirus-quarantines-383789/
Emile	All our Emile products harness the power of games-based learning and gamification. Students are engaged by an enchanting adventure, crazy characters, enthralling game modes, ultra competitive class competitions, school leaderboards for most effort & most improved, reward systems that encourage more use and trophies to display. All these features lead students to wanting to answer questions, explore new concepts or revisit known topics. By making use of a simple Assess, Practise and Achieve model, we ensure that students are working at the right level and are making progress. Emile are giving FREE full access to our resources to ANY school affected by the Coronavirus outbreak. https://www.emile-education.com
Fun phonics (YouTube channel)	Phonics videos to help parents and professionals make learning fun! https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgxyO62Q29-DCuoikZidmZw/videos?disable_polymer=1
Grammarsaurus (YouTube channel)	Revise your grammar through song. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMhWKrdwzFr994ZhwqG4nIA

Handwriting practice	https://www.pinterest.com/pin/197173289913379650/ Try these early handwriting practice sheets for youngsters! Free to download.
Linguistic phonics	https://linguisticphonics.wordpress.com/phonics-from-eyfs-y6/ This site provides tables of phonemes and tricky words, rather than actual activities to do. However, the resources may be helpful in terms of your understanding of how words can be organised by the sounds of letters or letter combinations. Try to avoid just copying out lists of words. It's better to say the sounds out loud and to talk about the letter patterns within words. Then children can write some words with similar sounds or spellings, and read them back to themselves. Remember to go back over yesterday's work too!
Love my book	Love my Books! A brilliant website with enjoyable, educational activities which go with the book the child chooses. Simply click on a topic and age group, then click on a book to discover the activities. You'll need a copy of the text, so either choose one you have at home, or go to Amazon.co.uk to order your copy. http://www.lovemybooks.co.uk/
Mathematics mastery: English practice	Despite the name of the website, this includes English activities too, separated into year group packs. You can find the reading texts towards the end of each pack. You'll need to be able to print these off, for both reading and writing. Grammar, spelling and handwriting are included! (This does not include the Reception class.) https://www.mathematicsmastery.org/free-resources
Oliver Jeffers' online storytime	Head over to Instagram Live at 6pm GMT / 1pm EST / 11am PST to hear me read 'How to Catch a Star', my first picture book. It'll be up there for 24 hours for all other time zones. I'm recording them too and will add to my website a few hours later. https://www.instagram.com/oliverjeffers/
Once upon a picture	Once Upon A Picture is a collection of illustrations, digital art and animation accompanied by writing prompts. https://www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/
Oxford Owl	Watch our grammar playlist for a clear explanation of lots of key grammar terms – handy if you're helping with grammar homework or your child is preparing for the Key Stage 2 SATs test. http://ow.ly/bBZV50yK5rc
Pobble 365	One picture. One teaching resource. Everyday. Starting with a weird, wonderful and/or thought-provoking image, you and your pupils will be inspired to write creatively. There are 365 images to choose from leaving no chance for boredom! With images that capture alternative viewpoints of fairytales and interesting set ups with superheroes to animals losing their habitats in safaris and rainforests to mythical creatures causing madness and mayhem as well as many many more, the writing opportunities are endless! If the image itself doesn't spark a thousand ideas, simply scroll down and use the activities we provide. Use them as they are or as a starting point for something even bigger. http://www.pobble365.com/
Storyboard That	https://www.storyboardthat.com/articles/e/remote-learning is a free online storyboard creator, which provides super images and 'scenes' which children can drag and drop into their storyboard. There's a free trial, so that you can see what's on offer. Also, you can create two storyboards per week for free, or upgrade for more advanced features (which is payable).
Study ladder	Games organised by topic and year group from Reception to Year 6. https://www.studyladder.co.uk/games/english
Sumdog	Sumdog works closely with teachers and pupils to create an experience that genuinely engages pupils with practice, while providing the tools that inform teachers and enable them to adapt and support improved educational attainment. Includes

	spelling and grammar activities. https://pages.sumdog.com/home-learning-during-school-closures/
The Literacy Company	A range of free resources to engage pupils in practising key skills if they need to work from home. http://www.theliteracycompany.co.uk/free-resources/
Too good to go	Poetry competition (deadline 31 st March) https://toogoodtogo.co.uk/en-gb/lp/b2c/too-good-to-go-food-waste-poem-competition?utm_source=toogoodtogo&utm_medium=direct&utm_campaign=b2c&utm_term=too-good-to-go-food-waste-poem-competition
TTS Group	https://www.tts-group.co.uk/home+learning+activities.html Super home-learning books for Early Years, KS1 and KS2, packed with activities which support phonics, reading and writing. The Early Years resource is full of opportunities for learning, to be led and supported by an adult at home. Tip: some children in KS2 may be better suited to the KS1 booklet. Have a look and consider which one is more appropriate to their reading stage.
Typing Club	Typing Club offers the experience of learning to touch-type for free for individuals and schools. https://www.typingclub.com/
Words for life	Support, advice and resources for parents to develop their child's literacy skills. http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/

Maths

Colouring squared	Colouring by numbers (or rather calculation) sheets in the form of Starwars characters. These Star Wars free printable coloring pages provide hours of entertainment while supplementing math instruction. Color Darth Vader, Yoda, Luke Skywalker, and more with these free Star wars Coloring pages. Other characters available on the site including Disney characters, Harry Potter, superheroes, etc. https://www.coloringsquared.com/printable-coloring-sheets/star-wars/star-wars-multiplication-and-division/
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Greg Tang Maths	A small selection of online games https://gregtangmath.com/games
I see Maths – Gareth Metcalfe	Gareth plans to run daily live maths lessons via YouTube aimed at all KS2 children and guidance for maths games to play with younger children https://garethmetcalfe.wordpress.com/author/garethmetcalfe/
Math Playground	Games organised by topic or year group using US grading system (US Grade 1 = Year 2 in England/Wales) https://www.mathplayground.com/
Mathematics mastery	Maths activities separated into year group packs and organised into weeks. https://www.mathematicsmastery.org/free-resources
Maths for kids (YouTube)	You might be a child wanting a bit of extra help; a parent wanting to understand the methods taught in school today (lots has changed since you were at school!) or you may be a teacher, looking for ideas on how to help the children in your own classroom. Amber will introduce a new topic every week, with examples and questions for you to try yourself.

	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCob4tkfOSXy6yav9Y54SKIQ
Maths life	Maths.Life takes the 'work' out of homework for everyone! "It isn't homework - it's homeFUN." https://maths.life/
Maths no problem	Videos specifically designed for parents to support the teaching of concepts rather than procedures. https://mathsnoproblem.com/en/parent-videos/
Maths Visuals	Videos for teaching concepts and procedures: https://mathvisuals.wordpress.com Math Flips: flashcards with a problem on the front and a similar problem on the back (instead of a problem and an answer) to encourage relational thinking rather than answer-getting. https://mathvisuals.wordpress.com/math-flips/
Maths with parents	Our vision is for every child to be supported at home to fulfil their academic potential and so as a not-for-profit organisation, this term we are providing free access to all of our resources to support schools at this time. What will you get? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free videos and activities for topics across the full maths curriculum from EYFS to Year 6 • Videos of children to both support pupils' understanding and upskill parents who may not be familiar with current methods taught in school • Activities which are fun, require no special equipment and involve exploring maths around the home • Live engagement data for your class, including family comments and photos • Automated emails to parents when you set a new topic • A friendly face to help you if you need it! TEACHERS: Fill in the form and we will set you up with a FREE class to keep your children learning at home and monitor their engagement. https://www.mathswithparents.com/KWeb
Mathsticks	This is an engaging game designed to help children develop fluency with multiplication facts. The focus is on aiding learners to see connections between related facts by applying them and looking for patterns. https://mathsticks.com/my/2019/02/multi-grid-times-tables-game/ Other maths games by key stage: KS1: https://mathsticks.com/my/tag/ks1-5-7-yrs-2/ KS2: https://mathsticks.com/my/tag/ks2-7-11-yrs-2/
Matr	25 Fun Maths Activities And Games For Kids To Do At Home For Free! https://matr.org/blog/fun-maths-games-activities-for-kids/
No pressure maths	2 player times tables games without the pressure. Online or printable. https://www.nopressuremaths.com/
Numberblocks	Are you teaching maths in Reception or Year 1? Our hugely popular materials to go alongside CBeebies' Numberblocks programmes might give you ideas for how they might be used in lessons https://www.ncetm.org.uk/resources/52060
Prodigy	The engaging, curriculum-aligned math platform. No cost, ever. Easily motivate students to learn and practice math. Accessible at home or in class! https://www.prodigygame.com/
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Thinking blocks	Problem solving games using bar models to represent the calculation. https://www.mathplayground.com/thinkingblocks.html

Third Space Learning	These resources have been selected as they are suitable for pupils to do at home. Free Maths Hub access is available to all teachers and school staff but you need to register. Please note, you will need to use Google Chrome, Edge or Safari to access the Maths Hub. https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/home-learning-resources/
Times Tables Rock Stars	Free access during school closures. Free access offer is available to schools only, and does not apply to family or tutor subscriptions. https://trockstars.com/page/covid19support
White Rose	Problem of the day https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/classroom-resources/problems/ Free packs to support home learning: https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/

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Alistair Bryce Clegg – ABC Does Blog ‘(At Least) 50 Fantastic Ideas to Try At Home’ https://abcdoes.com/abc-does-a-blog/
Creative Star Learning Limited - Brilliant practical ideas for all sorts of outdoor learning. http://creativestarning.co.uk/
National Trust - The National Trust are working hard to keep open spaces available to families https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/
Action for Children – simple recipe (with video) for making play dough and a wealth of inexpensive ideas from den making and bringing a story to life to making musical instruments and junk modelling, https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/support-for-parents/things-to-do-with-your-child/messy-play/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMItbSS1Pql6AIVUtTeCh1IFwufEAAAYASAAEgJZn_D_BwE&gclidsrc=aw.d
The Literacy Trust - Discover new and exciting books for young children with a range of booklists that group books by topic (eg. animals, dinosaurs, classics, family and friends and bedtime). https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/choose-perfect-book-your-child-these-book-lists/
The School Reading List - 100 lovely picture books to excite and engage young children https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks1-school-pupils/100-best-picture-books-to-read-before-you-are-5-years-old/
Jackanory Junior – 15 minute stories for children. https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007t9wg
Author Read Alouds – youtube videos of some of our favourite authors reading their own stories https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3
Mr Mc – EYFS and KS1 teacher https://www.mrmcmakingmemories.com/school-closure-resources
Mathsticks – maths games for children in early years. https://mathsticks.com/my/tag/eyfs-2-5-yrs/
I see maths – early number sense games http://www.iseemaths.com/early-number/

Science

Wow Science	Collaboration with Primary Science Teaching Trust A website of resources and activities tested by in house scientists and teachers at PSTT (Primary Science Teaching Trust) https://learningscience.co.uk www.wowscience.co.uk
Science Museum Group Learning Resources	Free activities and resources https://learningresources.sciencemuseum.org.uk Includes science and maths hands on activities the whole family can do.
Primary Science experiments	Home science activities for KS1 and KS2 https://www.theschoolrun.com

KCU Kent Children's University	Home Learning Resources KCU Challenges – home learning resources being built daily- watch the space https://www.kentchildrensuniversity.co.uk/cukent/home/kcu-challenges/
Science Takeaway Homework	https://www.tes.com
Home School Science	Science Projects and craft ideas https://www.homeschooling-ideas.com/home-school-science.html
	There are of course the BBC sites but these will be well known and overused probably.