

Home Learning Links

Useful Links for Practitioners and Parents

Why is the Home Learning Environment important?

A child's language development begins long before they start school and is shaped by the people and places in their lives – their home learning environment. This is a [good video to share](#) with parents and practitioners as an introduction to current initiatives and valuing parents as their child's first educator.

Small Talk

The National Literacy Trust is working with the Department for Education (DfE) on a multi-faceted initiative, which will support parents to provide language-rich home learning environments for 0 to 5-year-olds. Part of this is the development of a [new website called Small Talk](#), filled with guidance, activities and videos for parents to help them turn the activities they are already doing with their child into new opportunities to build their child's language skills.

Words for Life

Here, you will find the [words and actions](#) to some popular songs and nursery rhymes. Singing songs and rhymes is really good for babies, as the rhythms and repetitive language make it easier for babies to learn language skills. Singing and reciting with children is also a great way of bonding with them.

NHS Speech Language Therapy Resources

[This NHS website](#) provides a wide range of information, activities, tips and strategies in promoting children's speech, language and communication.

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Speech, Language and Communication

[ICAN's recommended resources for home-learning and helping children's understanding of the Coronavirus](#)

Tiny Happy People – Communication skills and general play ideas to support development

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

Literacy

Letters and sounds

please ignore the ads for other year groups, these are not letters and sounds related <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

Phonics play

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

Alphablocks

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

Literacy trust family zone

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>

Scholastic Books

<https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/39880>

Audible stories free to download

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

<http://www.lovemybooks.co.uk/>

Bilingual Families – home learning ideas

<https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/childreducation/childcare/bilingual-children/home-learning-ideas.aspx>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents/free-resources-parents/free-resources-for-parents-free-resources-parents>

Dual Language books

<https://uk.mantralingua.com/>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

<https://www.little-linguist.co.uk/>

Learn a Language

Download the app **Duolingo** to learn a multitude of languages.

[BBC Languages](#)

frenchteacher.net/free-resources/

General EYFS Websites

Please be aware many have lots of ad pop ups for IXL with year groups to click on, this is not part of the website you are on.

Hungry Little Minds, supported by the DfE – activities for parents/carers to engage in with children Birth to five years old. Includes electronic links to a variety of other EY online resources.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Five Minute Mum – fun learning activities at home

<https://fiveminutemum.com/>

Creative ways to learn at home

<https://link.teachearlyyears.com/view/5d108d8a2ddf9c3bf7a634d7buha6.fiq/596c7019>

School Readiness:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/starting-primary-school/1>

has some great ideas to support school readiness, mental well-being, toilet training, bedtime routines etc.

Toddlers

Get inspired for activities to do at home on this blog - [Rainy Day, Any Day Activities](#)

Join [Captain Fantastic's Online Toddler Group](#) - Monday to Friday.

[The Ballet Coach](#) lovely toddler classes live on Facebook or Instagram. She'll soon be coming live on Youtube too.

Picklebums - <https://picklebums.com/> - from toddlers to teens, Picklebums has a [wide range of ideas and printables](#).

The Imagination Tree - <https://theimaginationtree.com/> - great for toddlers and early years.

This is the Imagination Tree Best Ever No Cook Play Dough Recipe
<https://theimaginationtree.com/best-ever-no-cook-play-dough-recipe/>

Frugal Fun for Boys and Girls - <https://frugalfun4boys.com/> - lots of activities for all ages.

No Time For Flash Cards - Early Childhood Education
- <https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/> - early years ideas.

Arts and Crafts

The Craft Train - <https://www.thecrafttrain.com/> - craft ideas for toddlers and young children.

I Heart Crafty Things - <https://iheartcraftythings.com/> - craft ideas for toddlers and young children.

krokotak - <http://krokotak.com/> - printable arts and crafts for all ages

Science and Nature

Virtual Tours Visit the zoo or a museum - there are lots of virtual tours you can take.

Virtual museum tour – includes Buckingham Palace

<https://www.familydaystriedandtested.com/free-virtual-tours-of-world-museums-educational-sites-galleries-for-children/>

[List of museums.](#)

This [3D tour of the Oxford Museum of Natural History](#)

Winchester Science Museum <https://www.winchestersciencecentre.org/science-home/science-home/#.XoG6bJhKjIV>

Zoo webcams

[List of zoos.](#)

[Melbourne Zoo.](#)

[Marwell Zoo.](#)

[Edinburgh Zoo](#)

[Dublin Zoo.](#)

RSPB – to be used under current guidance for staying home and social distancing
<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/>

Woodland Trust activities

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/03/kids-nature-activities-self-isolation/>

Home learning for children ages 3-16+

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

<https://www.brilliantbrainz.com/>

Maths

The Maths Factor – Carol Vorderman

<https://www.themathsfactor.com/>

Numberblocks

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

Physical

Joe Wicks Monday to Friday 9am live or stream via You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

Comic Yoga

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Other:

CBeebies

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

CBeebies Radio

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

CBeebies Playtime Island

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/playtime-island>

Family learning

<http://www.familylearning.org.uk/>

Twinkl

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

Topmarks

[/https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37)

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/what-we-do/uk-work/in-schools/families-connect>