
Reading

Reading Matters (www.readingmatters.co.uk)

This website is about books and ideas for children and teenagers. It is written for intelligent young readers who are keen to choose their own books. Adults can join in too. There are 328 detailed children's book reviews on this website and more are being added all the time. The full list of reviews is on the Books page. There is also a list by Authors.

The Parent Centre Website (www.parentscentre.gov.uk)

Good ideas about how to share books and help your child learn to read. For ages 0-16.

Bookstart (www.bookstart.org.uk)

Bookstart is a national programme that encourages all parents and carers to enjoy books with their children from as early an age as possible.

Literacy Trust (www.literacytrust.org.uk)

Suggestions and activities for parents and carers. Early Years to Adult.

Literacy

Sebastian Swan (www.sebastianswan.org.uk)

Suitable for KS1 with lots of activities.

Treasure Island (www.ukoln.ac.uk/services/treasure)

A site based on treasure island. Includes quizzes and how to write a book review.

Eric Carle (www.eric-carle.com)

The official Eric Carle website - features 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Red Fox'.

Peter Rabbit (www.peterrabbit.co.uk)

The world of Beatrix Potter tells us about the life of the author and the characters in her books.

CBeebies (www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies)

Activities and games based on CBeebies characters such as the Teletubbies, Fimbles, Tweenies and Bob the Builder. Aimed at ages up to 6.

Digger and the Gang (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/digger)

Digger and the Gang activities to support Year 3 and 4 of the National Strategies for Literacy and Numeracy, and KS1 and KS2 programmes of study.

Bitesize (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize)

Activities designed to prepare children for KS2 National Tests.

Spellits (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/spellits)

Covers the word and text objectives of year 3, 4 and 5 of the National Literacy Strategy.

Starship (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/starship)

Aimed at children preparing for KS1 National Tests in English.

Magic Key (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/magickey)

Can be used in the literacy hour for reception year and year 1.

Words and Pictures (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures)

Learning phonics can be used as part of the literacy hour for years 1, 2 and 3 with interactive games suitable for whole class work using an interactive whiteboard.

Numeracy

The NRICH Project (www.nrich.maths.org.uk)

New activities added regularly. Use the Archive to find activities and solutions from previous months.

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MegaShapes (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/megashapes)

Supports years 4 and 5 of the National Numeracy Strategy

Number Time (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/numbertime)

Number Time activities fit into the Numeracy Framework for reception year and years 1 and 2.

Bitesize (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize)

Activities designed to prepare children for KS2 National Tests.

Count On (www.counton.org)

Maths games and activities

Science

DynaMo (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/dynamo)

DynaMo Literacy, numeracy and science games, including Spellbound and Who's Spooking Who? Designed for home use.

Pod Mission (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/podsmission)

Pod's Mission covers KS2 QCA Science Unit 4A: Moving and growing, Unit 4D: Solids, liquids and how they can be separated, and Unit 4F: Circuits and conductors. There is also a unit on bones.

Bitesize (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize)

Activities designed to prepare children for KS2 National Tests.

Geography

Ordnance Survey (www.ordsvy.gov.uk)

Free and Fun section of the Ordnance Survey site for children.

Barnaby Bear (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/barnabybear)

Supports KS1 QCA Geography Unit 5: Where in the world is Barnaby Bear?

Rivers and Coasts (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/riversandcoasts)

KS2 QCA Geography Units 14 and 23: Investigating rivers and coasts.

Two Cities (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/twocities)

Explores and compares life in Belfast and Mexico City.

What is weather (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/whatisweather)

Covers KS2 QCA Geography Unit 7: Weather around the world.

History

Channel 4 Learning (www.channel4learning.com)

Channel 4's site packed with information and sources for historical research and other subjects.

Ancient Greece (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ancientgreece)

Ancient Greece covers KS2 QCA History Units 14 and 15.

Anglo Saxons (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/anglosaxons)

Anglo-Saxons covers KS2 QCA History Unit 6B: An Anglo-Saxon case study.

Victorians (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/victorians)

Children in Victorian Britain covers KS2 QCA History Unit 11.

WW2 Children (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ww2children)

Children of World War 2 covers KS2 QCA History unit 9.

Romans (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/romans)

Covers KS2 QCA History Unit 6A: A Roman case study.

Walk Through Time (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/walk)

Case studies in Unit 6: Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, Unit 8: Tudors, Unit 11 and 12: Victorians and Unit 13: Changes since 1948.

The National Maritime Museums (www.nmm.ac.uk)

The National Maritime Museums site with links to the Royal Observatory.

The Victoria and Albert Museum (www.vam.ac.uk)

The Victoria and Albert Museum better known as The V&A.

General

Bitesize (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize)

Parent Guides

Parent Centre (www.parentscentre.gov.uk)

Information and support for parents on how to help with your child's learning, including advice on choosing a school and finding childcare.

Schools Finder (schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk)

Search engine to find primary and secondary schools.

BBC Parenting (www.bbc.co.uk/parenting)

BBC website which has a range of ways to help children to learn in tandem with schoolwork, and just for the fun of it at home.

Tales of the Road (talesoftheroad.direct.gov.uk)

Information for children and parents on road safety.

Net Mums (www.netmums.com)

Netmums is a network for Mums (or Dads), offering information on both a national and local level. Once registered you can access details for all kinds of local resources, from child-friendly cafes to childminders, places to go and in just a few clicks you can chat with local mums in the coffee house.

Parent Line (www.parentlineplus.org.uk)

This website provides help and support to all parents mums, dads, grandparents, stepparents, other friends and relatives. Bringing up children is a rewarding yet hard thing to do and sometimes it can be tough if parents are splitting up, or setting up a new family, or a child is being bullied ...and sometimes parents can feel lonely, isolated and judged.