



## Wombwell Park Street Primary School



### Useful Literacy websites to support your child's development at home

As a school, we are passionate about offering our children access to a range of resources to support in the development of key skills. We understand the importance of Literacy in shaping young children's ability to read and write effectively and independently. Below are websites we feel may support your child in securing, refining and consolidating skills they work towards as part of the National Curriculum.

**Phonics Play:** <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

*Currently provides free access to certain phonics games to support with the recognition of letter sounds and high frequency words.*

**Book Trust:** <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/>

*An excellent reading website jam-packed with fantastic ideas for supporting reading at home. With storybooks and games, activities and videos there is plenty to keep young minds engrossed in reading for pleasure.*

**LoveReading4Kids:** <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/kids-zone/>

*A recommendation website filled with suggested children's books from toddlers to teenagers. The Kidz Zone offers a wealth of activities, books and videos to engage young readers, as well as competitions aimed to inspire.*

**Literacy Shed:** <https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html>

*The Literacy Shed really does encompass it all! With stimulus filling every aspect of the site, it offers excellent opportunities to encourage reading and writing simultaneously. In addition to this, the site also has its own Spelling Shed to further reinforce National Curriculum spellings and offers innovative ways to tackle this with a subscription.*

**Oxford Owl:** <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

*This is an exceptionally informative website which seeks to offer advice and support to parents across the breadth of the curriculum. The site can be explored by age range, allowing parents to feel confident in knowing what they are accessing is pitched appropriately. It also offers insightful breakdowns as to what is covered in primary year groups and proposes suggested materials and activities for viewing.*

**Spelling Frame:** <https://spellingframe.co.uk/>

*This website offers both the statutory and non-statutory spelling words outlined within the National Curriculum for children to secure their knowledge of. Children are able to practice a set words linked to a given spelling rule and take a test to show their progress. A subscription to the site also enables children to play games linked to such rules.*

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

*An interactive site whereby children are able to watch as the letters of the alphabet tell stories and make words using phonics. Children are able to then play games, watch clips and print colouring sheets to further reinforce learning.*

**Topmarks:** <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=9>

*A wide-spanning bank of interactive resources and games for children to engage with to promote various aspects of the Literacy curriculum, including reading, writing, phonics and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. Resources are age marked to offer further insight into which children the content is most applicable to.*

**Learn English Kids:** <https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/>

*This website covers all aspects of English and is provided by the British Council. It is a fantastic resource for learners acquiring English as an additional language but also offers fabulous resources for those working to consolidate areas of learning. Children can enjoy free online games, songs, stories and activities linked to reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary and spelling.*

**Once Upon A Picture:** <https://www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/>

*Once Upon a Picture offers high quality, engaging images which seek to stimulate the imagination and promote creativity. Images are usually supported with a series of questions to stimulate discussion and develop vocabulary or as a prompt for creative writing. There are even reading comprehension activities with a mix of literal, inference, deduction and prediction questions to show how elements of Literacy can all be linked closely through a stimulus.*

**Pobble 365:** <https://www.pobble365.com/>

*Pobble 365 is a fun way to inspire children's creative writing. Every day, a new thought-provoking image appears on the website, along with activities. Activities include questions to prompt discussion, 'sick' sentences to improve — a quick, simple and fun way to cover grammar, punctuation or spelling. There's also a sentence challenge to take on either as new learning or a bit of revision. To finish, there's a story starter to inspire children to create either a short or an extended piece of writing*

**BBC Bitesize:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zt3rkqt>

*A fantastic website with content ranging from Foundation Stage to Key Stage 2 Literacy objectives. Children can engage with a whole host of content, including text explanations, videos, games and work-based activities.*

**ICT Games:** <https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/literacy.html>

*A broad array of interactive Literacy games suitable for children in Key Stage 1 and 2, covering phonics, spellings, reading and writing objectives from the National Curriculum.*

**Crickweb:** <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/>

*A host of educational interactive teaching resources to support across the curriculum, including Literacy. This site aims to offer support from Foundation Stage right through to Key Stage 2.*

**The Reading Realm:** <https://thereadingrealm.co.uk/>

*A wealth of resources linked to supporting reading in young children. Coverage includes both fiction and non-fiction as well as poetry units. With content written for children and by children, there are also challenges, quizzes, discussions and games to enjoy.*

**Nessy:** <https://www.nessy.com/uk/>

*An excellent website to support the development of Literacy skills, with a clear focus on supporting Dyslexic learners. A free trial of the Nessy Reading and Spelling programme is available and offers bespoke activities linked to children's current point of development.*

**National Oak Academy:** <https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

*Designed to support with home learning, the National Oak Academy offers lessons linked to the Literacy curriculum from Foundation Stage to Key Stage 2. With individual lessons contributing to an overall unit of work, this website seeks to draw all aspects of the curriculum into its sessions and offer children an additional way to refine their reading, writing, grammar and phonic knowledge.*

**National Literacy Trust:** <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>

*A family zone designed to offer further support in Literacy for children aged 0-12 from the comfort of home. Family Zone is full of free activities and ideas to keep children busy, whilst also benefiting their reading, writing and language development.*