

Read, read, read!!!

In Early Years it is vital to foster a love of reading by sharing stories, poems and singing nursery rhymes to develop children's listening and language skills, vocabulary and understanding. Sharing real books helps children learn to follow words across the page from left to right, turn pages and develop their concentration skills.

However, if you and your child have finished reading books at home then try reading books online.

Read Books Online Free

Below you will find a few websites which provide free online story books for children. Some you may need to register with or sign up to read books online. Others you are able to navigate freely.

Oxford Owl -The British Oxford Owl Website offer a large range of free books online for children aged 3-11 years old. Simply select the categories and choose from the various options.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

BookTrust- This website has a range of free interactive books and games.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

Cbeebies Radio- Listening activities and poems for young children.

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

Phonics Play- This website is packed with interactive phonics games and resources to support children's learning of phonemes. Nursery should access Phase 1 activities and Reception phase 2 and 3 activities.

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

YouTube- This YouTube video shows how to enunciate the 44 phonemes in the English language.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW_v-1s

Muddy Puddle Teacher- This website provides outdoor learning ideas and activities.

<https://themuddypuddleteacher.co.uk>

Home Learning Ideas

- Draw the favourite part of a story that you read everyday.
- Paint/draw a family portrait.
- Make a model from construction toys or recycled materials and draw the finished product- can you label the different parts? What's the largest model you can make?
- Have an indoor treasure hunt everyday using a different letter of the alphabet- draw/write what you find.
- Ready, steady cook!- Draw/write what your baked or cooked.
- Have an indoor picnic- draw/ write what you ate.
- Make a tent or den in the bedroom or front room and read or draw inside!
- Make sandwiches in strange shapes- draw them in your book.
- Learn a rhyme or poem.
- Draw a pirate's map. Remember X marks the spot!
- Count how many nursery rhymes you know? Does anyone know more- who? Write the numbers. Act out the nursery rhymes.
- Blow bubbles- how many can you pop- draw a picture of you blowing bubbles and write down the number. Can you pop more the next day?
- Have a toy's tea party- how many cups, plates and spoons will each toy need?
- Can you design a ball or marble run in your house? Can you draw a map of your house showing where the ball run started and finished?
- Which superhero will you be today? Draw a picture of yourself.
- Use a sheet to play parachute games. How many times can you throw a ball or teddy up in the air without it falling off the parachute? Challenge yourself to get a higher score everyday and record the numbers.
- Make yoghurt pot telephones- Hello? Hello? Draw your design.
- Make sock/ finger puppets.
- How many things can you fit into a pocket? Count them and draw them too.
- Make a scrapbook of your favourite things.
- Play I spy with each letter of the alphabet.
- Make up an exercise routine for you and your family.
- Make up your own dance routine to your favourite song.
- Learn the days of the week, months of the year.
- Play 'Guess the pattern'. Draw a pattern and ask someone what shape comes next.