

## **EYFS ideas pack for families, settings and schools**

There are a huge number of resources that are available for school and home, to ensure both families and practitioners are well supported throughout this time. We hope that this list will give you some ideas and resources that you can use at this challenging time.

We will update this list regularly, so please keep checking!

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

Lots of great ideas to help engage with children at home and chat, play & read together. The activities are in age groups from 0-5 years and there is also a list of quality approved apps that support language and communication development.

- <http://literacyfamilyzone.org.uk/>

The National Literacy Trust has developed a comprehensive web portal for parents. It will be regularly updated with new and useful content to engage children at home while benefiting their reading, writing and language development.

- <https://small-talk.org.uk/>

Small Talk is another website from the National Literacy Trust with lots of ideas to help develop language and communication skills at home for ages 0-5.

- <https://abcdoes.com/home-learning/>

The early years community have been submitting ideas for fantastic things to do at home to ABC Does, new ideas are being added all the time.

- <https://bradford.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/whats-it-all-about>

Use Bradford's '50 things to do before you are 5' app to give you some ideas for fun and practical experiences to share with your child. Practitioners can message them directly for ideas/letters to send home to introduce the 50 things via Twitter: [@50TTDBradford](https://twitter.com/50TTDBradford)

- <https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/resources/439122>

Scholastic has released free home learning packs for all key stages, including EYFS.

- <https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/>

Here are some ideas for fun and engaging indoor activities from the Scouts.

- <https://www.playscotland.org/parents-families/playful-families-library/>

Free to download Messy Play and Loose Parts Play booklets from Play Scotland.

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/7-tips-for-gardening-with-children>
- <https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/grow-plants/10-gardening-projects-for-kids/>

Both these websites have good ideas for gardening with children.

- <https://www.naturallylearning.co.uk/50-outdoor-activities-toddlers/>

50 outdoor activities for young children.

- <https://mindheart.co/descargables>

This is a social story for parents to share with children about how to talk about Coronavirus.

- <https://www.earlyyearsstorybox.com/corona/>

A children's book to help little ones process their thoughts and feeling in these uncertain times.

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

Joe Wickes, The Body Coach, will be leading the nation in a live 30 minute PE lesson every weekday at 9.00 am on his youtube channel.

- <https://www.rspb.org.uk/our-work/rspb-news/news/stories/coronavirus---let-nature-provide-some-welcome-cheer/>

RSPB Nature reserves are open and there are no entry or parking fees.

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

There are many virtual tours of museums and galleries around the world that you can access for free.

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

Yoga, mindfulness, and relaxation for children age 3+

- <https://www.tts-group.co.uk/home+learning+activities.html>

TTS has produced free home learning activity books that can be downloaded for EYFS, key stage one and key stage two.

- <https://mindstretchers.academy/>

This virtual nature school will help families support inquiry-based learning inside and in the garden at home. It will also allow children to virtually interact with their peers around the world.

- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/>

Online safety education for families at home.

- <https://www.playfulchildhoods.wales/ideas-for-play-things-to-do>

30 ideas for indoor play from Playful childhoods that are fun and cheap to do using things you have around the house.

- <https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/>

Lots of games and activities from the RSPB.

- <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/65-things-to-do-outside/>

65 things to do outside – lots of activities to do at home from Groundwork East.

- <https://usborne.com/play-and-learn-at-home/>

Lots of resources and activities for different age ranges available for free from Usborne.

- <https://oursaferschools.co.uk/home-learning-hub/#primary>

Lots of resources to explain coronavirus to children and talk about how to stay safe.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OS8vbjr2-Q&feature=youtu.be>

Coronavirus explained using Makaton by Ineque Safeguarding Group SEND adviser Holly Rankin.

- <https://penetwork.co.uk/product/family-home-learning-resources-group-1/>

Family Home Learning resources to encourage children to be interested, curious and explore the world around them from the Parental Engagement Network in Manchester – free while schools and settings are closed.

- <https://www.ineqe.com/2020/03/20/animation-story-book-explains-the-coronavirus-to-children/>

Animation and storybook explaining Coronavirus to children from Ineqe Safeguarding Group.

### **Many authors and publishers have story recordings and live storytelling, for example:**

- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7D-mXO4kk-XWvH6IBXdrPw>

Michael Rosen's youtube channel has lots of fun poems and stories to watch together.

- <https://www.instagram.com/oliverjeffers/?hl=en>

Oliver Jeffers will be leading a live Stay at Home Storytime session on Instagram every day at 6pm, where he will read and talk about one of his books:

- <https://www.roalddahl.com/things-to-do-indoors>

There are lots of ideas for parents and teachers linked to the magical world of Roald Dahl.

### **Apps to use at home:**

CBeebies Storytime – interactive books and bedtime stories: <https://bbc.in/3dExnUg>

CBeebies Playtime Island – fun and educational games: <https://bbc.in/33TwmJE>

Teach your Monster to Read – phonics and reading for 3-5s: <https://bit.ly/33Xd3IY>