

Free Online Book Resources*

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Book recommendation sites

Name/location
BookTrust Bookfinder https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/
Bookwanderers bookclub (YouTube) https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXGj9JGOehYaTUY7bwyj_xQ/videos
Reading Zone https://readingzone.com/
LoveReading4Kids https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/

eBooks, eComics, and eNewspapers

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Collins Big Cats primary library https://collins.co.uk/pages/big-cat-ebooks	Access to hundreds of their Big Cats eReaders & related worksheets (temporary)	All
Oxford Owl phonics reading books https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/	Phonics books available as eBook to read for free. Includes: Biff Chip & Kipper, Project X, non-fiction, etc (temporary)	All
The Book of Hopes https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/	A collection of short stories, poems, essays, and pictures, from more than 100 best loved children's authors and illustrators	Age 8+
The Diamond Brothers: Where Seagulls Dare https://diamondbrothers.anthonhorowitz.com/home	Anthony Horowitz has been writing a new Diamond Brothers story and letting everyone read and comment as he goes – funny kid detectives	Age 8+
https://beano-production-uploads.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/assets/GOLDENBEANO1+with+Beano+links+smail+v3.pdf	A free digital eBook of The Beano comic	Age 7+
Comixology https://www.comixology.co.uk/free-comics	Thousands of eComics, many of them free to download (company is owned by Amazon)	various
Go Comics https://www.gocomics.com/comics/kids-teens	Hundreds of regularly updated comic strips, I've highlighted the kids/teens category – there are lots for adults too (but not inappropriate). You can sign up for an account or put up with ads!	Age 12+
Greenwich Libraries https://gllibraries.overdrive.com/	Thousands of books available on the Overdrive app for members of Greenwich Libraries (you can join online). All other authorities will also	All

	have an eBook library.	
Press Reader https://www.pressreader.com/	Hundreds of newspapers and magazines available electronically. Log in with your public library card details for free access	All

Coronavirus theme

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Coping with Coronavirus https://booksbeyondwords.co.uk/coping-with-coronavirus	Books Beyond Words create picture stories and illustrated guides for people with learning disabilities and autism. They have made access to their coronavirus pandemic guides free to download.	particularly PMLD/ASD
Coronavirus: a book for children https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus_ABookForChildren.pdf	Axel Scheffler illustrated a freely downloadable book, written with input by Professor Graham Medley of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine & advice from head teachers & a child psychologist	Age 5+
Everybody Worries https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/jon-burgerman-everybody-worries-free-ebook/	Free rhyming picturebook eBook by Jon Burgerman	Age 3+
Gaspard and the Quiet Day https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CR9Crv7DGbc&t=7s	Zeb Soanes tells a short story about Gaspard the Fox (YouTube video)	Age 5+
I Don't Want to Wash My Hands https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/birth-4/watch-i-dont-want-to-wash-my-hands-and-get-a-free-little-princess-book/	Tony Ross reads the Little Princess picturebook 'I Don't Want to Wash My Hands'	Age 5+
I Have a Question About Coronavirus https://library.jkp.com/id004325805/	Jessica Kingsley Publishing have offered a free download of their title explaining coronavirus to children	Particularly PMLD/ASD
Social story – basic http://www.charltonparkacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Coronavirus-social-story-basic.pdf	1 page simple social story created by CENMAC	Particularly PMLD/ASD
Social Story comic strip http://www.charltonparkacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Coronavirus-social-story-comic-strip.pdf	Comic strip social story created by CENMAC	Particularly PMLD/ASD
Social Story https://carolgraysocialstories.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Pandemics-and-the-Coronavirus.pdf	Carol Gray has created a social story about the coronavirus, recommended by The National Autistic Society https://www.autism.org.uk/	Particularly ASD

Staying Home https://www.andersenpress.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/STAYING_HOME_medium-res.pdf?utm_campaign=1740118_May%206th%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20Day&dm_i=32K1,11AOM,7HKA_XG,3Y4J1,1	Downloadable picturebook, written by Sally Nicholls and illustrated by Viviane Schwartz	Age 5+
Staying Well At Home https://library.ikp.com/id004325787/	JKP free download of their Workbook to Help Young People Cope with Feelings of Frustration and Anger During Lockdown by Vanessa Rogers	Age 11+
Winnie and Wilbur Stay at Home https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/winnie-and-wilbur/?utm_source=http%3a%2f%2foup.com%2fedu_oxforduniversitypresslz%2f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Winnie+and+Wilbur+Stay+at+Home&utm_term=Winnie+and+Wilbur+Stay+at+Home%3a+the+new+free+e-picture+book&utm_content=23241757&gator_td=Yy%2f7NeSv3RleDXjzd6FNaGfD8prz9zwpXvcCLLL%2f%2bgyIkN45AEi2I7DOiH1Q8Zua9eKZ%2fa1hKYIYFccinO3IO6QkaTo7kHzd%2fx%2bL0ld2a%2f2ANJ%2bjUoPFL1V8OLwAwP88DDD2BcmCgUuMtesLNZM68vf3sthQpTbVotiNtzl4Gu8QUReg0ieuQsXlried8RvCuAWq6xGSgD9JDOOF%2fEmQBRZF2EwCI2DuJgfwG%2f1%2bOZh%2bChwTOL2vElzH%2bz2mN1J		3+
The World Has Turned Upside Down https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/information-about-autism/coronavirus-and-autism/health-and-wellbeing/the-world-has-turned-upside-down	Illustrated story by Kes Gray and Chloe Batchelor for the Ambitious About Autism group. Download it to read, and/or listen to Jon Snow read it on a YouTube link	Particularly PMLD/ASD

Audiobooks/videos of readings – more appropriate for Pathways 1&2

Name/location	Description	Who for?
A selection of audiobooks https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/	Lots of audiobooks (more may be added) for children and young people	Age 5+ various
Love from Lexie by Cathy Cassidy https://www.cathycassidy.com/books/love-from-lexie/	About family, friendship, and belonging.	Age 8+
How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLE5MZB5pedUMNjLdgu0wYaSILOdRLHcUO	YouTube videos, one chapter per video, of the first book of the How to Train Your Dragon series – a funny fantasy adventure	Age 8+
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman https://www.mousecircus.com/videos/	Link to a YouTube video of Neil Gaiman reading his book, The Graveyard Book (there's other cool stuff on his site too)	Age 8+

Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjSYdWPHT2kPARKW5kQnvcQ	YouTube videos, one chapter per video, of the first book of the Alex Rider series – teen spy thriller!	Age 11+
Haven by Simon Lelic https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC97mlrE5xjNunD7L6_mCuiQ?disable_polymer=true	YouTube videos, one chapter per video, of Haven, read by the author	Age 11+
Attack of the Heebie Jeebies by Tom Percival https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXDVN5O8yTA06gre3DnW_nQ	YouTube videos, one chapter per video, of the first book of the Dream Team series, exciting adventures to help children deal with anxiety and worries	Age 6+
Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick https://marcussedgwick.com/floodland/	Imagine that a few years from now England is covered by water, and Norwich is an island.	Age 8+
Lockdown: Escape from Furnace by Alexander Gordon Smith https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-BrFPh--Vo	YouTube videos of the first book of the Lockdown series, read by the author (link to part 1, click his pic to find the rest)	Age 11+

Storytimes – more appropriate for Pathways 2 & PMLD/ASD Sensory

Name/location	Description	Who for?
Steve Antony https://www.youtube.com/user/StevelsDrawing/featured	YouTube videos of Steve Antony reading his picturebooks, including Mr Panda, and some drawalong activities	Age 3+
Mac Barnett https://www.instagram.com/macbarnett/	Mac Barnett has read lots of his picturebooks on Instagram	Age 5+
Nathan Bryon https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSkihS5mm-c	Reading Look Up, illustrated by Dapo Adeola (YouTube)	Age 5
Tom Fletcher https://www.youtube.com/user/tommcflytwitter/videos	Tom Fletcher's YouTube channel includes lots of readings of his books, including the "The Dinosaur that Pooped..." series!	Age 5+
Emily Gravett https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5cb9Mbt3p9brnwpVR5yocQ	YouTube videos of Emily Gravett reading her picturebooks and some drawalong activities	Age 5+
Chris Haughton Stay at Home https://www.chrishoughton.com/stayathome	Links to FacebookLive recordings of Chris reading his picturebooks, and related activities for each (see menu down the side)	Age 3+
Rain Before Rainbows https://stayhome.walker.co.uk/rainbows/	A beautiful picturebook, free to download, with a lovely message of hope	All

Oliver Jeffers daily storytime https://www.oliverjeffers.com/abookaday	YouTube recordings, that Oliver made daily at the beginning of Lockdown, of him reading his books	Age 5+
Wendy Meddour story times for little ones https://wendymeddour.co.uk/story-time/	Embedded YouTube recordings of Wendy reading all of her picturebooks	Age 5+
Bag Books https://www.youtube.com/user/bagbooks?fbclid=IwAR1VY1j-yJfLBKXAfM-9NKbY3KUUFFGgduzfiYKtcz_vhfwY-Mfc4aX_2o28	YouTube videos of readings of some of the Bag Books stories	Particularly PMLD/ASD
The Big Little Book Corner https://www.worldbookday.com/big-little-book-corner/	Early years books to watch and listen to at the same time, there are also related activities that can be printed	Toddlers+
Stories for kids online and fun games to play BookTrust	eBooks, some interactive	
BookTrust Storytime Prize https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/awards-and-prizes/current-prizes/booktrust-storytime-prize/	All the BookTrust Storytime Prize shortlisted books being read by their authors (links to YouTube videos)	Toddlers+
Cbeebies Bedtime Stories https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories	A new story every day, watch on Cbeebies or recordings on the iPlayer app	Toddlers+
Childs Play storytime videos http://www.childs-play.com/parent-zone/story_time_videos.html	A selection of picturebooks published by Childs Play	Age 3+
Ladybird Books https://www.youtube.com/user/ladybirdbooks	Storytimes, including Peppa Pig	Toddlers+
Lantana Book Club https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJy5hjkV2t01sdzZxljv3lqo7nID1GMS	Authors and illustrators reading their own picturebooks published by Lantana, also includes activities	Age 5+
The Little Angel Theatre https://www.youtube.com/user/TheLittleATheatre	Videos on YouTube of plays based on some favourite picturebooks	Age 5+
Moon Lane TV https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaft16bnMpkFQqcayyCZOW/videos	YouTube videos of (mainly) storytimes – the 'HipHop Love Books' videos are particularly brilliant	Age 5+
Nosy Crow https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLq4R6piMoBTunAKr_hT	Sing-a-long nursery rhymes on YouTube	Particularly PMLD/ASD

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Rhyming Multi-sensory stories https://www.rhymingmultisensorystories.com/	A number of step by step guides for multi-sensory stories, including The Three Little Pigs and The Haircut	Particularly PMLD/ASD
Storytime with Mama G https://www.facebook.com/MamaGStories	Lots of storytimes, regularly updated, facebook page links to YouTube	Age 5+
Storytime from Space https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpotjVqWv3KfGHjWztjPKgg	YouTube videos of NASA astronuat s reading bedtime stories from the Internation Space Station!	Various
Tata Storytimes https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJuZE8O--bqiM4j7eovEzuA	A fabulous collection of picturebook storytimes	3+
Tiny Owl stories https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJkMec_cxEVzTf2iUGvk2Pg	Librarians and teachers reading picturebooks published by Tiny Owl (including our Librarian, Caroline)	Age 5+

Poetry – more appropriate for Pathway 1

Name/location	Description	Who for?
Kwame Alexander http://athomewithkwame.com/	Poetry resources and readings	Age 12+
Michael Rosen https://www.michaelrosen.co.uk/	Loads of videos and activities based around Michael's poetry for children	Various
CLPE Poetry Line https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline/s?f%5B0%5D=bundle_name%253APoem&f%5B1%5D=bundle%3Aclpe_poem	A large collection of poetry suitable for children – there are videos of a number of them being read aloud, as well as ideas of things to do with them	Various, mainly 8+
The Poetry Foundation https://www.poetryfoundation.org/	An American website featuring international poets. Lots of poems to read and listen to, including a children's section	Various, mainly 11+

Drawing lessons

Name/location	Description	Who for?
Draw with Rob https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBpgrJijMpk_pyp9uTbxLdg	Rob Biddulph shows you how to draw lots of his picturebook characters (YouTube)	All

Draw-along-a-Lenton https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=%23drawalong+a+lenton	Steve Lenton shows you how to draw some of his favourite characters (YouTube)	All
Drawing with Sarah https://www.youtube.com/user/jabberworks	Drawalongs and short cartoons based on Sarah MacIntrye's picturebooks and illustrated MG (written with Philip Reeve) (YouTube)	All
Nick Sharrat drawing tips http://www.nicksharratt.com/drawing_tips.html	YouTube videos of Nick showing you how to draw some of his best known characters (including those he's drawn for Jacqueline Wilson)	All

Book related activities

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Author and illustrator masterclasses https://www.worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/	A wide variety of online workshops about writing and illustrating books and comics	Various
Authorfy https://authorfy.com/masterclasses/	10 minute clips of authors and illustrators setting creative writing and drawing challenges	Various
Barrington Stoke https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/product-category/free-resources/?swoof=1&product_cat=activity-sheets&really_curr_tax=444-product_cat	Dyslexia Friendly resources – worksheets and games (Barrington Stoke books are brilliant)	Various
Bloomsbury publisher https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/superpage/activity-packs/	Colouring sheets and activity packs based on their books	Various
Bonnier publisher https://www.bonnierbooks.co.uk/news/teachingresources/	Activities for a range of target audience, and Includes mindfulness activities	Various
Cbeebies Storytime app https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/cbeebies-storytime-app	Interactive story app to download, including lots of favourite characters	Age 3+
Children's Bookshow https://thechildrensbookshow.com/news	Weekly highlighted author, doing a reading and then lots of suggested activities	Age 7+
http://davidconnell.uk/activities/comics-drawing/	Making comics	Age 8+
Gruffalo activities https://www.gruffalo.com/activities/activities	Activities based on lots of the picturebook collaborations of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler	Age 5+

Love My Books http://www.lovelybooks.co.uk/	Creative activities based around beloved books for all ages	Various
Meg McLaren https://megmclaren.com/Drawing-and-activities	Activities based on Meg's books: The Station Mouse, Pigeon P.I., and Life is Magic	Age 5+
Our Story http://wels.open.ac.uk/our_story	Create your own story with photographs or pictures, as well as your own words and sounds – downloadable app	Particularly PMLD/ASD
Tom Palmer https://tompalmer.co.uk/free-stuff/	Loads of links to things related to Tom's books, accessible historical or sporty stories	Age 8+
Dav Pilkey https://pilkey.com/fun-stuff	Activities based on Captain Underpants and Super Diaper Baby	Age 7+
Star Wars Kids https://lol.disney.com/star-wars	Loads of activities including video tutorials and colouring sheets	Age 5+
Swapna Haddow http://swapnahaddow.co.uk/fun-stuff/	'Dave Pigeon' & 'Ballet Bunnies' activity sheets to print	Age 7+
Tiny Owl craft activities https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ximjc9jvUA&list=PLzoOcklOPgj5hFq_GNcdL7_LhBLffXA5O	Videos demonstrating lots of fun activities based on picturebooks published by Tiny Owl, on YouTube	Age 5+
You Wouldn't Want to Be https://www.youwouldntwantto.be/resource-category/activity-sheets/	This series of books are fun insights into history, and they've made lots of free resources free to download for each title (you don't need to have the books to use them)	Age 8+

Loads of stuff for all ages!

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BookTrust Hometime https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/open-the-hometime-cupboard/
Libraries from Home (online activities from library authorities around the country) https://www.librariesconnected.org.uk/page/librariesfromhome
London Grid for Learning https://cenmac.com/resources/london-grid-learning/
National Autistic Society https://www.autism.org.uk/services/helplines/coronavirus/resources/helpful-resources.aspx
National Literacy Trust Family zone https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/
Sensory Project (lots to look through here – particularly for PMLD/ASD families) http://www.thesensoryprojects.co.uk/covid19-resources
Usborne Play and Learn at Home https://usborne.com/play-and-learn-at-home/
World Book Day https://www.worldbookday.com/