

Reading at Home

BookTrust

Lots of activities and videos from authors and illustrators, including Cressida Cowell reading *How to Train Your Dragon!* Yes, the whole book! You can also find videos [here](#).

Stay at Home with Oliver Jeffers

Oliver says, "I have been reading my books and talking how I made them. We are all at home, but none of us are alone. Let's be bored together."

Audible Stories

Instantly stream an incredible collection of stories, including titles across eight different languages. All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet. Choose "Elementary" for closest match to KS2.

David Walliams: Elevenses

David Walliams reads stories for children every day at 11am. Just in time for the grown-ups to grab a cup of tea and put their feet up!

Videos, Audiobooks, eBooks and more!

*As always, children should be supervised when using the internet.
Not **all** of the content on these websites will be appropriate for KS2.*

Storyline

Stream videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations.

First News

Weekly newspaper aimed at 7 to 14-year-olds. They are offering free access to the newspaper during school closures.

Julie's Library

Join beloved icon Julie Andrews for story time! Julie and her daughter invite you into their library to read their favourite children's books. Every story comes to life with sound, music and activities.

[Oak National Academy Library](#)

Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

[HarperCollins](#)

A range of downloadable extracts and activities

[eBooks about Covid-19](#)

Free downloadable eBooks to help children understand the coronavirus pandemic.

[The Book of Hopes](#)

This extraordinary collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures has contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators.
Free eBook.

[Storytime Online](#)

QR codes and links in the document link to story readings on YouTube and all of the books are read aloud by their fabulous authors and illustrators.

[Puffin Storytime](#)

20-minute stories from Puffin Books, and lots of other great videos on their YouTube channel.

[#DrawWithRob](#)

Author/Illustrator Rob Biddulph hosts a Draw-Along every Saturday morning on his social media channels.

[Julia Donaldson](#)

The author is producing a weekly broadcast on Facebook, reading stories, poems and singing songs.

[Hotel Flamingo: Life in Lockdown](#)

Free eBook from Piccadilly Press

[Badger Learning](#)

Offering one FREE eBook every week from a huge range of Hi-Lo books aimed at struggling and reluctant readers.

[Essex Library BorrowBox](#)

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