

## Resources for learning at home

There are lots of free, fun and educational activities to keep your child occupied at home, now that local schools have closed in response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Many schools will have issued guidance on what children can do whilst they are at home, but just in case you need some more ideas, here are a few suggestions to get you started;

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### Free eBooks and eAudiobooks

Bexley Libraries offer access to free eBooks and eAudiobooks for both adults and children via Overdrive and the Libby App. To access these online resources, you will need your library card number and PIN, plus an email address and an internet-enabled PC, tablet or smartphone.

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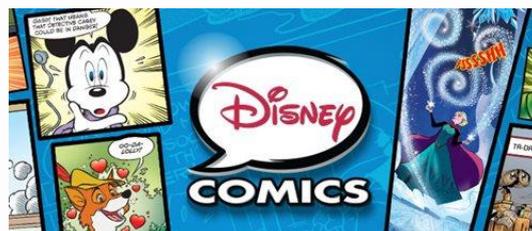


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[Find out more here](#)

Encyclopaedia Britannica – the world’s most famous encyclopaedia – is available free of charge and all you need is your Library card number which you should enter in the log-in box. You can also use Britannica Junior which is suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years.

[Click here to go to Britannica Junior.](#)



Issues Online gives access to over sixty topics for school projects, covering crime, government, bullying, travel and tourism and many more. There are lots of key facts, statistics and links to useful sites. Just enter your full library card number in the barcode box under 'Public Library' to get started.

[Log into Issues online](#)



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# **Online Resources for everyone to use – no library card required**

## **Home learning for under 5s**

The Department of Education suggests using the [Hungry Little Minds website](#) for children under 5 years of age.

[Bookstart](#) have a variety of interactive stories and games on their website, as well as suggested reading.



## **General learning**

For older children, the [London Grid for Learning](#) has some useful websites on topics such as [Fossils and Dinosaurs](#). They also have an [Explore Geography resource](#).

Some other London Grid for Learning resources require a token – contact your school for more information about this.

[National Geographic Kids](#) has great science resources too.

The British Museum might be closed temporarily, but you can still [visit its collections](#) online. You can also visit the [Science Museum's collection](#) and the [Natural History Museum collection](#) online too.

You might like to work through the [History of the World in 100 Objects](#) with the British Museum's Neil MacGregor.

And there are lots of other [podcasts from the BBC](#) available too, while [BBC's Newsround](#) has advice if you and your children are worried about Coronavirus.

The BBC has a variety of useful resources, including iPlayer, curriculum resources and podcasts, while [BBC Bitesize](#) has activities and tips to help you with English, Maths and Science and lots of other topics and is suitable for children aged 3 to 16+ years



## **English and reading**

The British Library's [Discovering Children's Books](#) website has lots of information about books and stories and some great activities.

[Shakespeare Week](#) website has lots of themed activities in their Kids' Zone. There is also a printable booklet to track what children have been doing.

[Michael Rosen](#) has an amazing website of him reading and performing his poems, plus more resources.

## **Maths and numbers**

[Sumdog](#) can help children age 6-14-years-old, practise maths through games. Free access gives you six different games for children to use. You can also sign up as a member.

## **Science**

[Science Museum](#) website has a range of learning games and apps that are free.

[British Science Week](#) website has downloadable 'Diverse Planet' activity packs for early years, primary school and secondary school children.

## **Geography**

[National Geographic Kids](#) website has fun learning games including quizzes, puzzles and word scrambles.

## **History**

[Virtual tours of famous museums](#) allow you to experience some of the best museums in the world, from the comfort of your own home.

## **Languages**

[Memrise](#) have free online language learning packages for a range of different languages.

## **Technology**

[Scratch](#) coding website has a range of tutorials for different coding activities.

## **Online Safety**

If you are looking at different websites online, you might like to check out [Learn My Way's guide to staying safe online](#).

Which? also offers videos and handy tips on [how to spot a scam](#).

