

## English

This list of English resources has been collected and assured with support from English Hub schools and trusted teachers.

Reading is another activity that your child should be encouraged to do. Reading, especially for primary age children, is critical to educational development and something that families can do together.

Some publishers are making their catalogues available for free. Schools should check what is available for the books used in their schools.

### English: Early Years Foundation stage

#### Phonics

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### **Jolly Phonics**

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**Key stages:** early years foundation stage to key stage 1. Key stage 2 children learning to read

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**Registration:** not required

### **Letters and Sounds**

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**Registration:** not required

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**Key stages:** early years foundation stage to key stage 1. Key stage 2 children learning to read

**Description:** phonics, word reading and spelling video lessons on YouTube. Phonics e-books, activities and advice from Oxford Owl

**Registration:** not required for filmed phonics lessons. Required for Oxford Owl for Home to access e-books

### **Sound Discovery® Phonics**

**Websites:** [www.syntheticphonics.net](http://www.syntheticphonics.net)

[Rapid reading e-books and resources](#)

**Key stages:** nursery to key stage 1. Key stage 2 and key stage 3 pupils learning to read.

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**Registration:** not required for Sound Discovery® videos and sample pages. Required for Pearson via school to access Rapid Phonics e-books.

### **Sounds-Write**

**Website:** [www.sounds-write.co.uk/](http://www.sounds-write.co.uk/)

**Key stages:** early years foundation stage to key stage 1. Key stage 2 and key stage 3 pupils learning to read.

**Description:** online courses and videos for parents, IWB resources, activity workbooks and games.

**Registration:** not required

## Other resources

### Audible

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**Description:** downloadable resource packs which cover a range of subjects, including reading and writing.

**Registration:** not required

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**Description:** free home learning packs for parents covering reading and writing. A school offer is also available.

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### **Manorfield Primary School**

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**Key stages:** early years foundation stage, key stage 1 and key stage 2

**Description:** YouTube videos covering phonics and reading.

**Registration:** not required

### **National Literacy Trust**

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**Key stages:** early years foundation stage to key stage 3

**Description:** a range of family activities to support literacy.

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Bug Club Reading -

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### **Emile Education**

**Website:** <https://www.emile-education.com/>

**Key stages:** key stage 1 and key stage 2

**Description:** game-based resources covering phonics, grammar and spelling. Schools need to register and distribute log-ins to pupils.

**Registration:** is required

### **English Mastery**

**Website:** <https://www.englishmastery.org/>

**Key stages:** key stage 1 and key stage 2

**Description:** downloadable resource books providing 8 weeks of activities.

**Registration:** not required

### **JMB Education**

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**Description:** 3 months free access available to game-based resources covering reading, writing and grammar

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**Key stages:** key stage 1 and key stage 2

**Description:** grammar lessons based on the BBC's natural history archives.

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**Website:** <https://www.pobble365.com/>

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### **Royal Opera House**

**Website:** <https://learning-platform.roh.org.uk/create-and-learn>

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**Description:** a range of resources which allow you to explore theatre from home.

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### **The Day newsletter**

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**Description:** a daily newsletter for parents and carers at home with children, helping to enrich learning with real-world knowledge and skills.

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