



## Dorset Libraries (Children & Adults)

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries-history-culture/libraries/libraries.aspx>

**Read** ebooks and listen to audio books without having to go to the library. Parents can also read ebooks and digital newspaper and magazines. All you need is your library card and your pin number.

- free ebooks and audio books on Borrowbox.
- free newspapers and magazines for adults.
- free reference resources (Junior Encyclopedia Britannica)
- **NOTE: Not a member of Dorset Libraries? You can sign up today using this link:**  
[https://www.librarieswest.org.uk/client/en\\_GB/default/?rm=JOIN+THE+LIBRA0%7C%7C%7C1%7C%7C%7C0%7C%7C%7Ctrue](https://www.librarieswest.org.uk/client/en_GB/default/?rm=JOIN+THE+LIBRA0%7C%7C%7C1%7C%7C%7C0%7C%7C%7Ctrue)

**Access above online services immediately using the temporary member number provided on sign up, until we are able to issue you with a permanent library card once libraries re-open.**



## Aquila Mega-Mag

KS2

<https://view.joomag.com/aquila-childrens-magazine-magnificentmegamag-92pages/0684174001584550709?short>

**Read** a magazine. Aquila is a monthly magazine for children aged 8-12, with articles, activities and puzzles covering science, history and general knowledge, plus themed topics. The above is a free specially produced 92 page mega issue.



## Audible

KS2 /KS3

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

**Listen** to books. A large selection of books and stories have been made free during school closures. Access the site from computers, tablets and smartphones and enjoy selections in six languages - English, Spanish, French, Italian, German and Japanese. No need to log in and no need to be an Audible member.



## Book Trust – Have Some Fun

KS2

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/>

Enjoy storytime with free online books and videos, play games, win prizes, test your knowledge in our book-themed quizzes, or even learn how to draw some of your favourite characters.



## Epic

<https://www.getepic.com/>

**Read a book.** Full of free ebooks for all levels on a range of topics. Digital library for children 12 and under. Instantly access 35,000 of the best books, learning videos, quizzes and more.

American based. Full of free ebooks for all levels on a range of topics. Digital library for children 12 and under. Make your own quizzes to go with the books. Children can use a class login to go on and read books you've assigned to them or they can search for their own. American based but still popular.

**Note: Epic will only work in the school hours of 9-3.**



### First News (Children's Weekly Newspaper) KS2

<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/free-downloadable-issue/>

**Read** a newspaper. Digitally free for limited time during current closures. Current issues of First News newspaper (PDF edition), Activity Sheets, Teaching Resources and an extended 6-week trial of the iHub.

**Newspaper and activity sheets:** We'll email you the latest available PDF edition of First News, which you can share with your colleagues and students. Alongside this, you will also receive a full pack of the week's Activity Sheets, including comprehensions, vocabulary puzzles, debates and quizzes in three differentiated levels for Lower KS2, Upper KS2 and KS3.

**iHub interactive platform:** Our online news and literacy tool, the iHub, delivers pre-prepared reading activities for Key Stages 2 and 3, giving students access to engaging work that they can complete at home every week. With the support of the iHub, teachers can rest assured that students will receive new work each week, automatically tailored at the level suited to them

<https://www.teachwire.net/teaching-resources/newspaper-template>

A free front pages newspaper template from Teachwire magazine.



### Free Children's Classics Audiobooks KS2

<https://www.researchify.co.uk/audiobooks.html>

**Listen** to classic books. Including Alice in Wonderland, Wind in the Willows, Railway Children, Jungle Book, Peter Pan, Black Beauty. In Word, pdf and audiobook formats. A few pages missing here and there in audio format.



### Mackin KS1/KS2

<https://www.mackin.com/hq/resources/free-stuff/>

**Read** books. Mackin Classics - free elementary/primary school ebooks, including Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Anne of Green Gables, Black Beauty, Call of the Wild, Grimm's Fairy Tales, Dracula, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea.

Free access to hundreds of Mackin Classics until the end of September 2020.



### Myon KS1/KS2

<https://www.mackin.com/hq/resources/free-stuff/>

**Read** books. Free during school closures, thousands of enhanced digital books through myOn and articles from myON News have been made available. Includes graphic novels. Excellent resource.



### Oxford Owl KS1/KS2

**Read** books. Free Oxford Owl eBooks. Also, advice and support for parents, educational activities and games.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Educational resources, teaching notes and **free eBooks** to support children's learning at home and at school.

**Oxford Owl for School** is home to online teaching, learning and assessment resources, expert support and subscriptions for Primary Schools. Thousands of free quality resources and tools. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>  
Free Oxford Owl eBooks. For school - Subscriptions and leadership support, Free teaching resources and eBooks, Free Professional Development videos. For home - Advice and support for parents, Educational activities and games, **Free eBook library** for 3- to 11-year-olds.



### Project Gutenberg

KS2 /KS3

<https://www.gutenberg.org/>

**Read** books. Free children's and adult's books to read online or download. Mostly classics. Includes old, classic picture books.



### Roy of the Rovers

KS2

**Read:** for the next month at least, they are making **Scouted** and **Kick-Off**, the first Roy of the Rovers' fiction and graphic novel, FREE for everyone to download and keep as eBooks.



### Salariya Books (You Wouldn't Want to Be...series)

KS2

<https://www.youwouldntwantto.be/>

<https://www.youwouldntwantto.be/web-books/>

Excellent **free web books** in the series You Wouldn't Want to Be...series. Web books, authors and illustrators and free resources.



### Storyline Online

KS2

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

**Read and watch.** Online reading/videos of hundreds of books. American based but some recognisable books from the UK.



### Storyshed – Children's Storytelling Podcast

<http://www.buzzsprout.com/170026>

**Listen** to stories. Children's storytelling podcast for kids of all ages. A new and original story each episode. A family friendly podcast which can be used for school assemblies, car journeys, bedtime, anytime!



### Time for Kids

KS2

<https://time.com/5808059/time-for-kids-coronavirus-digital-library/>

**Read** a magazine. Free for the remainder of the school year. American publication. The new **TIME for Kids digital library** will provide access to new issues of **TIME for Kids** each week and will also make available a complete library of previously published editions from 2020 along with additional educational resources and activities.



### Usborne Ebooks

EYFS/KS1/KS2+

<https://usborne.com/browse-books/features/feature-subject-areas/ebooks/>

**Read** a book. Usborne are making all their fiction and non-fiction ebooks available for only 99p. The offer ends at the end of April 2020. There are links to the Kindle Store, iBooks and GooglePlay from the book pages and they are working to make them available through other retailers.

## Authors, Illustrators & Poets

Most publishers provide links to author and illustrator's own websites and biographies. Also teacher's resources and lesson plans.

### Author Events Online

KS1/KS2

<https://www.carylhart.com/special-projects/author-events>

Live children's book broadcasts from authors and illustrators for kids, teachers, parents and carers. Updated daily, so check regularly for more additions. Compiled by Caryl Hart and Jonathan Emmett.

<https://www.carylhart.com/>

Caryl's website for updates and for her books and resources.

### Authorfy

EYFS/KS1/KS2

<https://authorfy.com/>

Author videos, online masterclasses, chapter readings, writing challenges, book extracts and cross-curricular schemes of work to use in the classroom or home. Sign up for a free account. Check their Authorfy Classroom and Authorfy Creative sections of the website.

<https://authorfy.com/10minutechallenges/>

**10 Minute Challenge:** creativity and fun every day with the 10 Minutes Challenges. Set by bestselling authors and illustrators. Updated every day. Including Cressida Cowell, Abi Elphinstone, MG Leonard, David Baddiel and more authors and illustrators.

<https://authorfy.com/creative/>

**Downloadable activity packs**, including The Wizards of Once, Nevermoor, Mr Penguin, Giraffes Can't Dance, Claude, the King Who banned the Dark, A Pinch of Magic, Fing and many more.

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### Booktrust - Fun at Home with Authors and Illustrators

KS2

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/fun-at-home-with-authors-and-illustrators/>

**\*THE\* Place to go for updated activities.** Lots of fun booky activities - watch and listen to a book/story, watch and join in with illustrators, get writing and drawing tips and so much more.  
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/fun-at-home-with-authors-and-illustrators/>

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<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/hometime>

Looking for something fun as a family? Enjoy storytime with our free online books and videos, play games, win prizes, test your knowledge in our book-themed quizzes, or even learn how to draw some of your favourite characters.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/>

Use Bookfinder to look for books that suit your tastes and interests, browse archive of interviews with authors and illustrators, watch online storybooks, or just see latest releases. Also reading tips and book recommendations for children of all ages, from babies to teenagers.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games>

Here you can find lots of lovely interactive books to read online or watch with signing. Also, free, fun kids' games to enjoy online. Whether you want some number games, puzzle games, colouring or the Shape Game, you'll find lots of interactive activities to try.

### **The Big List of Children's Authors Doing Read-Alouds and Activities**

<https://www.weareteachers.com/virtual-author-activities/>

Mainly American based but some UK in there.

#### **A.F. Harrold**

**KS2**

<http://www.afharroldkids.com/>

<http://www.afharroldkids.com/podcast>

From 23.03.20 he'll be releasing the [#AFHLEKPoPod](#) (AF Harrold Limited Edition Kids Poetry Podcast) 3 times a week for 7 weeks. It's 3-4 minutes long, contains one poem, a few words from him and some entirely unnecessary theme music!

#### **Abi Elphinstone**

**KS2**

<http://www.abielphinstone.com/home/4587677030>

Videos, Q&A, shemes of work, teacher's resources, top 10 desert island reads, Dreamsnatcher playlist, biography, meet the characters.

#### **Alex T. Smith**

**KS1/KS2**

[https://twitter.com/Alex\\_T\\_Smith](https://twitter.com/Alex_T_Smith)

Join **Claude** author every day for funny story prompts and creative writing ideas on Twitter. He's also hosting Q&As and planning drawalongs.

#### **Andy Seed**

**KS1/KS2**

<https://www.andyseed.com/poems/>

Links to fun activities and teacher's resources from Andy's non-fiction books and poems.

**Andy Shepherd**

UKS1/KS2

<https://www.andyshepherdwriter.co.uk/>

The Boy Who Drew Dragons series. Fun freebies and activity pack, posters, discussion.

**Andy Stanton**

KS2

<http://www.mrgum.co.uk/author/>

Click above for Andy's wacky website.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pU5FBOX1m-0>

Andy reads Mr Gum and the Biscuit Billionaire on [YouTube](#).

<https://play.acast.com/s/nincompoops>

A [podcast](#) with Andy and Carrie Quinlan answering children's questions in the most inaccurate ways they can think of. 18 funny episodes to listen to.

**Axel Scheffler**

EYFS/KS1

<https://axelscheffler.com/>

The Gruffalo illustrator Axel's website contains biography, the books, illustrations, The Gruffalo, colouring, what he's up to.

**Benji Davies**

EYFS/KS1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52bRXBR6KP8&feature=youtu.be>

Benji reads The Storm Whale. Subscribe freely to his channel for more stories.

**Chitra Soundar**

EYFS/KS1/KS2

<http://chitrasoundar.com/kids/>

During closures, Chitra will be sharing writing exercises she uses in her workshops during school visits. New exercises will be added regularly. Also, trailers, writing tips, colouring, poetry, cool facts, meet the illustrators, recipes, quizzes, puzzles, recommendations.

**Chris Bradford**

KS2

<https://www.youtube.com/user/youngsamurai2008/videos>

'Young Samurai: The Way of Fire' chapter readings on YouTube.

**Chris Haughton**

EYFS/KS1

<https://www.chrishaughton.com/>

Downloads, activities, books, illustration and more - click on his name.

<https://www.facebook.com/abitlost/>

Picture book illustrator Chris (Shhh!, We Have a Plan) reads his stories and does fun activities for children to join in with on his [Facebook](#) page



**Chris Riddell** (Facebook)

**KS2**

<https://www.facebook.com/authorchrisriddell/videos/944289572653096/>

Chris reads a chapter a day from his and Paul Stewart's book *Hugo Pepper* on Facebooks. Also on YouTube.

**Cosmos – the Infographic Book of Space**

**KS2**

<https://cosmos-book.github.io/index.html>

Free interactive versions of selected infographics to accompany the book by Stuart Lowe and Chris North. Updates, data/sources behind the graphics.

**Cressida Cowell**

**(UKS1)/KS2**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe01xn13M8q2dsIw0mvW9lg>

Cressida reads a chapter a day from *How to Train Your Dragon* on YouTube.

<https://www.cressidacowell.co.uk>

Cressida's website [here](#)

<https://www.hachetteschools.co.uk/hachette-schools-resources/hachetteschools-resources-key-stage-2/2019/09/06/the-wizards-of-once-teaching-resources/>

*Wizards of Once* series teacher's resources but useful also for children.

<https://www.hachetteschools.co.uk/hachette-schools-posts/hachetteschools-free-writing-friday/2018/04/24/cressida-cowells-free-writing-friday/>

**Free Writing Friday:** Cressida invites you to take part in **Free Writing Friday**. Cressida's aim with Free Writing Friday is to inspire children, once a week, to write whatever they feel like in a designated book and explore creativity. Here you will find all the resources to support Free Writing Friday including writing tips from Cressida, a letter, FAQs and more!

**Dan Walker**

**KS2**

<https://www.danwalkerauthor.com/resources>

Sky Thieves series; *The Light Hunters*. Videos, Q&A, resources, book trailer.

**Dav Pilkey**

**UKS1/KS2**

<https://pilkey.com/>

Author & illustrator of *Dog Man* (a World Book Day book 2020), *Captain Underpants*, *Ook and Gluk* and *Ricky Ricotta*. Books, biography, book trailers, how to draw like Dav, videos, colouring and other fun stuff.

*Dav Pilkey at Home* - will be streamed every Friday at 12 noon, beginning April 3rd. Dav will be on the Library of Congress and Scholastic's websites, along with Twitter ([@LibraryCongress](#), [@Scholastic](#)) and Facebook ([@LibraryofCongress](#), [@Scholastic](#)). Drawing lessons, read alouds, Dav's tips for children to act out scenes from his *Dog Man* books and for creating new characters of their own. Viewers will be able to access the videos any time after they are first streamed, as well.

**David Melling**

**EYFS/KS1**

<https://www.davidmelling.co.uk/>

About his books, teacher's resources, videos.

### David O'Connell

<http://davidconnell.uk/activities/>

Monster and Chips author. Activities include comics and drawing, colouring, dundoodle activities.

### David Walliams

KS1/KS2

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/>

David's website.

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

Free daily audio stories

### Debi Gliori

EYFS/KS1/KS2

<http://www.debiglioribooks.com/fun-stuff>

Book readings, biography, videos and activities

### Ed Vere

EYFS/KS1

<http://www.edvere.com/>

10am every Wednesday and Friday - check Ed's [website](#) for 'how to draw' videos.

[@ed\\_vere](https://twitter.com/ed_vere)

Also on [Twitter](#) (@ed\_vere) and Instagram (#drawwithedvere)

<https://www.facebook.com/AuthorEventsOnline>

Watch it again on [Facebook](#)

### Emily Gravett

EYFS/KS1

<https://www.emilygravett.com/>

Emily's website.

[https://www.instagram.com/emily\\_gravett/](https://www.instagram.com/emily_gravett/)

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11am - join Emily on [Instagram](#). On Tuesdays, she'll be reading one of her books and on Thursdays she'll be hosting a drawalong of a character from that book.

### Emma Carroll

KS2

<https://emmacarrollauthor.wordpress.com/>

Author of Letters from the Lighthouse, Frost Hollow Hall and others. Biography, books, blog, activities and teacher's notes on her website.

### The Etherington Brothers

KS2

<http://theetheringtonbrothers.blogspot.com/>

Join Robin and Lorenzo Etherington, British comic, book and film creators who work together as The Etherington Brothers. They created Von Doogan puzzle adventures for [The Phoenix](#). Their clients include Disney, DreamWorks, Aardman, and the BBC. They have also worked on *Star Wars*, *Transformers*, *Kung Fu Panda* and *How to Train Your Dragon*

<http://comicsboutique.blogspot.com/>



Read some chapters from their comics and books

<http://theetheringtonbrothers.blogspot.com/p/every-how-to-think-when-you-draw.html>

300 free How to Think When You Draw tutorials

<https://twitter.com/EtheringtonBros>

Free 50-page course on *How to Make Comics*, drawing lessons, puzzles, brain-teasers, lesson plans and much more (on Twitter).

### **Football School series**

**KS2**

<https://www.youtube.com/footballschoolfacts>

Join Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton at 10am every Friday on YouTube for Football School Fridays, plus lots of other fab football fun facts on their channel.

<https://www.footballschool.co/>

Check their website for books, activities, gallery, videos, events, biography and more.

### **Frank Cottrell-Boyce**

**KS2**

[https://www.instagram.com/frank\\_cottrell\\_boyce/](https://www.instagram.com/frank_cottrell_boyce/)

Frank will be posting stories on his Instagram.

### **Guy Bass**

**KS2**

<https://www.guybass.com/home-school>

Video book reading plus more fun stuff on his website.

### **J.K. Rowling**

**KS2+**

<https://harrypotter.bloomsbury.com/uk/>

About J.K. Rowling, discussion guides, the books, fun stuff.

<https://www.wizardingworld.com/>

Introducing Harry Potter at Home hub. Craft videos, fun articles, quizzes, puzzles, listen to Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone for free, discover your Hogwarts house and more.

### **James Mayhew**

**EYFS/KS1/(KS2)**

<https://www.jamesmayhew.co.uk/> James's website.

<https://www.facebook.com/jamesjmayhew/>

3pm every weekday - James Mayhew will be telling stories both recorded and live. Broadcast first on Facebook,

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqg\\_lz\\_q3pFTkkju-PpVOFA#Storytime4Hometime](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqg_lz_q3pFTkkju-PpVOFA#Storytime4Hometime)

<https://twitter.com/mrjamesmayhew> @mrjamesmayhew

These will be on YouTube then shared to Facebook and Twitter straight afterwards.

### **Jarrett Lerner**

**KS1/KS2**

<https://jarrettlerner.com/activities/>

Finish the comic, blank comic book pages, drawing/writing prompts, make your own character, name the gadget and decide what its buttons do - loads of fun drawing, writing and imaginative activities.

**Jim Field**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<https://www.jimfield.me/draw>

Join Jim as he draws Oi! Frog! and other delights. Picture books aren't just for small children, so join in!

**John Dougherty**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtdflzEQLws91s\\_eQd4jFiw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtdflzEQLws91s_eQd4jFiw)

John reads a chapter each day from his new unpublished story The Health & Safety Pirates on his **YouTube** channel. Updates with new chapters every day at 10am.

**Jonathan Emmett**

**EYFS/KS1**

<https://www.scribblestreet.co.uk/>

Jonathan's website for lots of fun activities and games.

<https://www.facebook.com/AuthorEventsOnline>

11am every Friday - Storytime. Join Jonathan live every Friday on **Facebook** for some picture book fun.

**Joseph Coelho**

**Mostly KS2**

<https://www.thepoetryofjosephcoelho.com/>

Joseph reads out some of his poems and stories and gives writing tips and advice. Watch interviews with him and download resources from his website. Click on his name above.

<https://twitter.com/JosephACoelho/>

Lots of ideas, activities and resources also on **Twitter**.

**Julia Donaldson**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<http://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/>

Julia's website contains masses of information, including biography, picture books, early fiction, fiction, poems, songs, plays, Songbirds Phonics, educational books, big books, audio, musicals. Phew! Julia will launch her first weekly broadcast on 1<sup>st</sup> April at 4pm. The star illustrator on today's

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Julia-Donaldson/104121759623073>

The author will perform stories, songs and poems, broadcast on Facebook from her home in Steyning. Each episode - airing 4pm each Thursday on **Facebook** - she'll be joined by guests including illustrators Axel Scheffler, Rebecca Cobb, Lydia Monks, David Roberts and Nick Sharratt.

**Katharine Orton**

**KS2**

<https://www.katharineorton.com/free-resources-for-schools>

Resources and extract for *Nevertell*.

**Kieran Larwood**

**KS2**

<https://www.kmlarwood.com/resources/>

'Podkin One Ear' downloadable resources and activities.

**At Home with Kwame Alexander**

**(Years 5 & 6)**

<http://athomewithkwame.com/>

Free Writing, Reading, and Learning Resources for children (and their teachers)/parents!) Be inspired through poetry and literature with powerful insight from award-winning author Kwame Alexander and some of his friends. These short videos and quick lessons offer a practical and fun way to teach (and learn) at home.

**Lisa Thompson**

**KS2**

<http://www.lisathompsonauthor.com/>

Join the author of *The Goldfish Boy*, *The Light Jar*, *The Boy Who Fooled the World* and *Owen and the Soldier* on her website. Biography, blog, books, teaching notes and more.

9.30am every Monday morning, Lisa will be chatting about books, reading and writing. Writing prompts on [Instagram](#) *lisathompsonwrites*

**Liz Brownlee**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<https://poetryroundabout.com/>

During school closures there will be a funny poem a day from Liz's blog. Poetry, news, resources, interviews with best children's poets, tips on how to write poems, fun activities, poetry reviews, A-Z list of children's poets.

**Liz Pichon**

**KS2**

<http://lizpichon.com/>

For all Tom Gates fans. Biography, books, news, free activities, events, music, fun stuff, doodles, colouring, make and do. Great Tom Gates rainbow poster to colour in.

**Marcus Sedgwick**

**UKS2**

<https://marcussedgwick.com/floodland/>

Marcus's website. The author is recording a chapter of his book *Floodland* every day and posting videos on his website.

**Matt Brown**

**KS2**

<https://www.mattbrownwriter.com/>

Matt's website, where you'll find the books, biography, podcasts.

<https://www.facebook.com/MattBrownWriter/>

Mondays at 4pm - Matt will be reading from his books on [Facebook](#) (MattBrownWriter). Each reading will lead to a chat about different types of writing (20mins). The plan is to get kids writing too. Aimed at KS2.

**Maz Evans**

KS2

<https://maz.world/>

Who Let the Gods Out resources.

**Meg McLaren**

KS1/KS2

<https://megmclaren.com/Drawing-and-activities>

During school closures, Meg has made all of the worksheets from her books *The Station Mouse*, *Pigeon P.I.* and *Life Is Magic* available to download on my website. There are drawing activities, colouring in and puzzles too.

**Michael Rosen**

EYFS/KS1/KS2

<https://www.michaelrosen.co.uk/>

Excellent [website](#). Large number of video masterclasses on how to write, with Francesca Simon (Horrid Henry). Videos of Michael reading his poems and stories. Biography.

<https://www.michaelrosen.co.uk/radio-tv/>

[Links](#) to his TV and radio appearances.

<https://www.youtube.com/MichaelRosenOfficial>

Michael's official [Youtube](#) channel, with him reading and acting out his poems and stories. Free to subscribe and excellent!

**Michelle Robinson**

EYFS/KS1

<http://www.michellerobinson.co.uk/>

Ten Fat Sausages; How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth, The Day the Banana Went Bad; There's a Lion in my Cornflakes; School for Little Monsters; Goodnight series; Odd Socks, etc. Printables, audio games and more.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY2sPq\\_kV6CUSbCFIjRFpQg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY2sPq_kV6CUSbCFIjRFpQg)

Youtube (Michelle Robinson Children's Author) Michelle Robinson's Read, Write & Play series helps you get even more fun out of her best-selling books. The videos are designed for families and schools and are safe to

**Mini Grey**

EYFS/KS1/(KS2)

<http://minigrey-blog.com/>

Mini's website. Books, sketching weakly (not a misspelling!), things to make and do.

**Mo Willems**

EYFS/KS1

<http://www.mowillems.com/>

Mo's website. Peek into the mind of an author (Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! etc. Website includes fun and games, info about Mo, interviews, videos.

<https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems/>

Mo Willems invites you into his studio every day for his [LUNCH DOODLE](#). Learners worldwide can draw, doodle and explore new ways of writing by visiting Mo's studio virtually once a day for the next few weeks. Grab some paper and pencils, pens, or crayons and join Mo to explore ways of

writing and making together. New episodes will be posted each weekday at 5pm GMT and then remain online to be streamed afterwards. Check back each weekday for new LUNCH DOODLES!

**Neal Zetter**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<https://www.cccpworkshops.co.uk/my-poems>

Read loads of Neal's poems online. Author information.

**Neil Gaiman**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<http://www.mousecircus.com/videos/>

The official website for younger readers. Watch the latest Neil Gaiman videos and see Neil (and some famous friends!) read fantastic *The Graveyard Book* and *Coraline* (both Years 5 & 6 recommended) in their entirety. Trailers, Meet Neil Gaiman, the books, illustrators, games and activities.

**Nick Sharratt**

**KS1/KS2**

[http://www.nicksharratt.com/drawing\\_tips.html](http://www.nicksharratt.com/drawing_tips.html)

Nick Sharratt's drawing tips. The illustrator behind Jacqueline Wilson and Jeremy Strong books.

**Oliver Jeffers**

**EYFS/KS1**

<https://www.oliverjeffers.com/>

Oliver's books and illustrations can be found on his website.

Via **Instagram (@oliverjeffers)** every day at 6pm GMT (after 30th March a possible different time so check) and then archived on his website afterwards. He will be reading one of his books every weekday, and talking about some of the things that went into making it.

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=oliver+jeffers](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=oliver+jeffers)

**Youtube** videos of some of Oliver's books and trailers.

**P.G. Bell**

**KS2**

<https://www.pgbellwriter.com/extras/>

**Book** excerpt, letter writing tips, activity sheets and teaching notes

**Paul Cookson**

**KS2**

<http://paulcooksonpoet.co.uk/>

Check Paul's website for his biography, the books, poems, audio, video, free resources for children, teachers and parents.

Paulcooksonpoet (Youtube) and @paulcooksonpoet (twitter)

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Paul will be posting poems every day on his **Youtube** channel

**Peter Bunzl**

**KS2**

<http://www.peterbunzl.com/>

Author of the Cogheart series. Books, videos and activities.

**Piers Torday**

KS2

<https://www.pierstorday.co.uk/news/>

Information about reading aloud stories [here](#) during school closures.

On [Instagram Live](#), Piers will be reading his stories out loud daily on weekdays at 2.30pm every day, beginning with *The Last Wild*. The chapters will be available there for 24 hours. [Story starters](#) with Piers on Instagram.

<https://www.pierstorday.co.uk/>

Piers' website, with extracts, interviews, trailers.

<https://www.sustainablelearning.com/resource/last-wild>

Teacher's resources for *The Last Wild*.

<https://twitter.com/PiersTorday>

Creating writing workshops here on [Twitter](#).

**Philip Ardagh**

KS2

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJLuhQbh9earTHkHFyDz4EA>

Philip Ardagh's Books & Things on his [Youtube](#) channel. Lots of quirky videos and readalongs. Piers' activities for children to do during school closures.

**Philip Reeve**

KS2+

<https://www.philip-reeve.com>

Resources, book trailers, interviews, activities.

**Quentin Blake**

EYFS/KS1/KS2

<https://www.quentinblake.com/about-drawing>

Watch videos of Quentin drawing, tips on drawing, fun stuff, biography and more on his website.

**R.J. Palacio**

UKS1/KS2

<https://twitter.com/RJPalacio>

Starting 25.03.20, the author is reading live from her bestselling book *Wonder*, every weekday at 4pm GMT and then from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm GMT on [Twitter](#) ([twitter.com/rjpalacio](https://twitter.com/rjpalacio))

<https://wonderthebook.com/about> Her website about the books, film, teacher guides.

**Rachel Ignotofsky**

KS2

<https://www.rachelignotofskydesign.com/free-downloads>

The author of *Women in Science/Art*, etc has some great colouring pages, posters, wallpapers and puzzles on her website.

**Rick Riordan**

KS2

[http://rickriordan.com/resource\\_type/teachers-guides/](http://rickriordan.com/resource_type/teachers-guides/)

Teacher's guides, discussion notes and other information for *Percy Jackson* and other Riordan books.

**Roald Dahl**

**KS1/KS2**

<https://www.roalddahl.com/>

Quizzes, biographical information, Dahl's writing tips, revolting recipes, teacher's notes more.

**Rob Biddulph**

**KS1/KS2**

<http://www.robbiddulph.com//draw-with-rob>

Rob will be posting a brand new Draw with Rob video every Tuesday and Thursday at 10am GMT. They will be permanently available as a free resource.

<http://www.robbiddulph.com/home> Rob's website.

**Robin Stevens**

**KS2**

<https://robin-stevens.co.uk/top-secret/>

The Detective Society's Top-Secret Files resources. Books include Murder Most Unladylike series, Deepdean Mini Mysteries, The Guggenheim Mystery.

**Ross Montgomery**

**KS2**

<http://rossmontgomery.co.uk/teaching-resources/>

Lesson plans, posters, blogs about writing, videos of the author reading extracts from his books.

**SF Said**

**KS2**

<http://www.sfsaid.com/> His website

Live on [twitter](#) chats on Tuesdays 1-2pm, answering questions about his books and chatting about reading,

**Sarah McIntyre**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<http://www.jabberworks.co.uk/>

Sarah's website includes fun activities and information about her books, comics and illustrations.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgoRgoLdl7E&feature=youtu.be>

On [YouTube](#), meet the writer and illustrator of Grumpycorn, get a taste of the book, learn how to draw Unicorn step by step and discover how to let your drawing inspire a whole new story. Share your drawings on social media using #DrawingWithSarah

<https://twitter.com/jabberworks>

On [Twitter](#), fun drawing activities, draw with Sarah and send your drawing to her twitter account.

**Sean C Jackson**

**KS1/KS2**

<http://www.seancjackson.com/downloads-02>

Author of the book *From Here to There: a book of mazes to wander and explore*. Downloadable and printable fun mazes to complete.

**Sir Charlie Stinkysocks**

**EYFS/KS1**

<https://www.sircharliestinkysocks.co.uk/>



Fun activities, author information, book series information.

**Steven Lenton**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<https://www.stevenlenton.com/>

Steven's website. Illustrator of The Nothing to See Here Hotel, Cruella, David Baddiel books, Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam, etc.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbpwB792UfmrY9JeQ2nk5Iw>

Join Steven for some great Drawalong videos on [YouTube](#).

**Swapna Haddow**

**KS1/KS2**

<http://swapnahaddow.co.uk/fun-stuff/>

Dave Pigeon fun stuff and activities.

**Tom Palmer**

**KS2**

[https://tompalmer.co.uk/schools-librarians/literacy-resources/?fbclid=IwAR1oa3q-nbTLAnuIfR2dUxDSDExtQLwd4XJr2j9DFB0dyBj\\_cskbUkfKFJU](https://tompalmer.co.uk/schools-librarians/literacy-resources/?fbclid=IwAR1oa3q-nbTLAnuIfR2dUxDSDExtQLwd4XJr2j9DFB0dyBj_cskbUkfKFJU)

Free powerpoints, photocopiable resources and first chapter extracts for all Tom's books to support children, schools and libraries in class and home work and encourage reading and writing for pleasure.

**Vashti Hardy**

**KS2**

<https://www.vashtihardy.com/bookresources>

Maps, posters and loads of activities from the author of Brightstorm.

**Varjak Paw read by Phil Wickins**

**KS2**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHZ-QX7QYuh6iEhEPQd0NoA>

Phil will be reading one chapter each day on weekdays at 6.30pm starting Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March on [YouTube](#).

## Publishers (often have fun stuff!)

**UK Children's Books - Publishers**

<http://ukchildrensbooks.co.uk/publishers/>

Links to publishers. Publishers very often have great resources relating to their books - teacher's resources, lessons plans, fun activities, etc.

**Andersen Press**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<https://www.andersenpress.co.uk/free-stuff/>

Resources, videos, books by theme, activities, authors & Illustrators.

### **Barrington Stoke**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/blog/2020/03/23/free-resources-from-barrington-stoke/>

Very useful website with wonderful books and activities for children who struggle to read due to dyslexia or visual stress or for children who generally don't enjoy reading. Writers and illustrators join Barrington Stoke to publish super-readable, accessible books. Teacher's resources, books, author information, advice on dyslexia and reading, posters. Picture books, under 5s, Little Gems for 5-8 years, 8-12 years and older.

### **Bloomsbury Children's Books**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/childrens/>

Website containing author videos and teaching guides.

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/childrens/teachers-librarians-parents-carers/>

Resources for teachers, parents and librarians.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8iLUOfZQZyWGjy62BqbP7ZaQhw2UbxJk>

Bloomsbury's own Youtube channel is [here](#). Author interviews and reading from their books, trailers, book previews.

<https://harrypotter.bloomsbury.com/uk/>

Information and fun stuff about J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter, discussion guides, the books, fun stuff.

### **Chicken House Books**

**KS2**

<https://www.chickenhousebooks.com/>

Fun stuff but also with content created by teachers and librarians that have a passion for reading, PDF downloads of chapter-by-chapter guides, schemes of work, videos and useful links to external resources are here to help with class or book club planning.

### **Childs's Play**

**EYFS**

<http://www.childs-play.com/home-page.html>

<http://www.childs-play.com/parent-zone/activities.html>

Parents and Teacher zones with lots of fun activities, Q&As with authors and illustrators and more.

### **Egmont Children's Publishers**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2+**

<https://www.14stories14days.co.uk/14-stories>

Egmont are curating [14 Stories in 14 Days](#), making new content available every day. Includes videos and activity sheets focusing on a different book bundle - one title for younger readers and one for older

<https://www.egmont.co.uk/teacher-librarian-resources/>

[Teachers' notes](#), lesson plans, activity sheets and posters for you to download and use. Make sure you sign up for our newsletter to find out about new resources, exciting books and competitions.

### **Faber Children's Books**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<https://www.faber.co.uk/faber-childrens-resources>

Free resources including activity sheets and cross-curricular lesson plans. Books include: Polar Bear Explorer's Club, Secrets of a Sun King, Letters from the Lighthouse, The Children of Castle Rock, The Pair Affair, The Iron Man (Chris Mould illustrated edition), Calm Down Zebra, My Hair and more.

### **Firefly Press**

**KS1/KS2**

<https://fireflypress.co.uk/fun-stuff/>

Book readings, games, activities and more

### **Hachette Children's Books**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<https://www.hachetteschools.co.uk/>

Resources including Oil Frog and Friends; The Boy at the Back of the Class; The Wizards of Once series and more.

### **Harper Collins Children's Publishers**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<https://books.harpercollins.co.uk/children/>

Website contains book extracts, book trailers, resources.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/HCCchildrensBooks>

Their YouTube channel is [here](#), with videos of stories, readings, extracts and authors, including Oliver Jeffers, Davis Walliams, Eoin Colfer, David Baddiel, Michael Morpurgo, Rob Biddulph, Mary Poppins book, Paddington, Dr Seuss and more.

### **Little Tiger Press**

**EYFS/KS1**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/littletigerpressuk>

A new video will be shown on their YouTube channel every day. Each video will have a link to an activity to try.

### **Nosy Crow**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<https://nosycrow.com/>

Book extracts, author information, videos, trailers, blogs.

<https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler/>

The Coronavirus explained in words with illustrations from The Gruffalo illustrator Axel Sheffler.

### **Puffin**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/puffin/>

Extracts, What Should I Read Next?, articles, games, activities.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIUB2qLdKSWYmpANz8WCnCA>

## Reading and Book-Related Websites During Coronavirus Closures

Puffin's own YouTube channel - with storytimes for 6-12s and under 5s, how to draw videos, activity and make & do videos, Wimpy Kid, Rick Riordan and more.

### **Salariya Books** (*You Wouldn't Want to Be...series*) **KS1/KS2**

<https://www.youwouldntwantto.be/>

<https://www.youwouldntwantto.be/web-books/>

Excellent **free web books** in the series *You Wouldn't Want to Be...series*. Web books, authors and illustrators and free resources.

### **Scholastic**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<https://clubs-kids.scholastic.co.uk/>

Loads of fun activities, book and author information and 'Book Wizard' to help you choose a book on their fun website.

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

All UK teachers get a free download during school closures. Resources by topic, key stage, subjects, assemblies, planning, reading hub. Access to resources - some are free, others are a sub to EYFS or Primary.

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/homelearning>

**Home Learning Packs:** During school closures, the Resource Bank have put together a range of free home learning packs for EYFS, KS1, LKS2 & UKS2 to support teachers and parents.

Free Resource Packs:

Early Years: <https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/39880>

KS1 (Year group 1-2): <https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/39881>

Lower KS2 (Year group 3-4): <https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/39882>

Upper KS2 (Year group 5-6): <https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/39883>

### **Walker Children's Books**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<http://www.walker.co.uk/>

Website containing book and author information. Videos include book trailers, animations and authors and illustrators.

<http://www.walker.co.uk/grown-ups/activities-for-home-and-school>

Teacher's notes, discussion guides, **downloadable** activity sheets

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2Begme37cpqPTlv6dqMA6Q>

Their **Youtube** channel.

<https://www.picturebookparty.co.uk/>

Their **Picture Book Party**, with information about authors and illustrators and loads of Fun Stuff.

### **Usborne**

**EYFS/KS1/KS2**

<https://usborne.com/>

Website contains books, book trailers, videos, Quicklinks/weblinks related to particular books, quizzes on the book, things to do, blogs, book reviews. In-depth teachers' resources to support the UK National Curriculum.

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

Making lots of resources available to you in the [Play and Learn at Home](#) area of the website, to help keep you entertained and engaged with topics you are already studying at school, with new ideas that will expand your minds. And lots of fun stuff!

Until 30th April 2020, Usborne are also making all of their **ebooks** available for only **99p** to buy. Check Kindle Store, iBooks and Googleplay (they are also working on making them available from other retailers).

## Comics, Graphic Novels and Drawing



### Aquila Mega-Mag

<https://view.joomag.com/aquila-childrens-magazine-magnificentmegamag-92pages/0684174001584550709?short>

Aquila is a monthly magazine for children aged 8-12, with articles, activities and puzzles covering science, history and general knowledge, plus themed topics. The above is a free specially produced 92 page mega issue.

### Alex T. Smith

[https://twitter.com/hashtag/StoryStarters?src=hashtag\\_click](https://twitter.com/hashtag/StoryStarters?src=hashtag_click)

Join **Claude** author every day for funny story prompts and creative writing ideas on Twitter. He's also hosting Q&As and planning drawalongs.

### Anthony Browne

<http://www.anthonybrownebooks.com/>

The books, biography, gallery and fun activities like Draw Your Own Willy the Wimp, Play the Shape Game and more.

### The Beano

<https://www.beano.com/>

How to draw, quizzes, games, jokes, videos, boredom busters during school closures and much more.

### Chris Haughton

<https://www.chrishoughton.com/>

Website.downloads, activities, books, illustration and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/abitlost/>

Picture book illustrator Chris (Shhh!, We Have a Plan) reads his stories and does fun activities for children to join in with on his [Facebook](#) page

### Chris Riddell

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=944289572653096>

Chris aloud reads his and Paul Stewart's book Hugo Pepper. Wonderful illustrations.

### DFC Comic Library

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/dfc-comic-library>

The DFC Library is a collection of comic books written and illustrated by some of the top comic creators. You'll find six brand new activities to do - how to draw characters, design your own robot, build a bus and create worlds.

### Dav Pilkey

<https://pilkey.com/>

Author & illustrator of Dog Man (a World Book Day book 2020), Captain Underpants, Ook and Gluk and Ricky Ricotta. Books, biography, book trailers, how to draw like Dav, videos, colouring and other fun stuff.

### David O'Connell

<http://davidoconnell.uk/activities/>

Monster and Chips author. Activities include comics and drawing, colouring, dundoodle activities.

### David Wiesner

<https://www.hmhbooks.com/wiesner/>

Join author and illustrator David on his website - biography, books, resources, the creative process.

### Ed Vere

<http://www.edvere.com/>

Ed's website.

[https://twitter.com/ed\\_vere/status/1242752939267182592](https://twitter.com/ed_vere/status/1242752939267182592)

Get your pencils ready! Every Wednesday and Friday Ed will be posting simple how to draw videos here. Share your drawings with him on [Twitter](#) & instagram using [#drawwithedvere](#)

### The Etherington Brothers

<http://theetheringtonbrothers.blogspot.com/>

Join Robin and Lorenzo Etherington, British comic, book and film creators who work together as The Etherington Brothers. They created Von Doogan puzzle adventures for *The Phoenix*. Their clients include Disney, DreamWorks, Aardman, and the BBC. They have also worked on *Star Wars*, *Transformers*, *Kung Fu Panda* and *How to Train Your Dragon*

<http://comicsboutique.blogspot.com/>

Read some chapters from their comics and books

<http://theetheringtonbrothers.blogspot.com/p/every-how-to-think-when-you-draw.html>

300 free *How to Think When You Draw* tutorials

<https://twitter.com/EtheringtonBros>

Free 50-page course on *How to Make Comics*, drawing lessons, puzzles, brain-teasers, lesson plans and much more (*Twitter*).

### Jarrett Lerner

<https://jarrettlerner.com/activities/>

Finish the comic, blank comic book pages, drawing/writing prompts, make your own character, name the gadget and decide what its buttons do, etc - loads of fun drawing, writing and imaginative activities.

### Jim Field

<https://www.jimfield.me/draw>

Join Jim as he draws Oil Frog! and other delights. Join in!

### Metaphrog

KS2

<http://metaphrog.com/activities/>

Graphic novels - free fun activities coming every week. Colour in *The Little Mermaid* and more.

From 30 March they're also unveiling pages from their new *Bluebeard* graphic novel, which is still scheduled for release! You'll be able to enjoy extracts every week.

### Mo Willems

<http://www.mowillems.com/>

Mo's website. Peek into the mind of an author (*Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* etc. Website includes fun and games, info about Mo, interviews, videos.

<https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems/>

Mo Willems invites YOU into his studio every day for his **LUNCH DOODLE**. Learners worldwide can draw, doodle and explore new ways of writing by visiting Mo's studio virtually once a day for the next few weeks. Grab some paper and pencils, pens, or crayons and join Mo to explore ways of writing and making together. New episodes will be posted each weekday at 5pm GMT/1 p.m. ET and then remain online to be streamed afterwards. Check back each weekday for new LUNCH DOODLES!

### Nick Sharratt

Nick Sharratt's drawing tips, from the illustrator of the Jacqueline Wilson and Jeremy Strong books.

### The Phoenix Comic

KS2

<https://twitter.com/phoenixcomicuk/status/1242004927586750464>

Scheduling activities at 10am, noon, 2pm, 4pm on Facebook, *Twitter* and Instagram.



[bit.ly/VONDOOGAN](https://bit.ly/VONDOOGAN)

Mind-bending puzzles to keep you occupied. Can you help **Van Doogan** solve the puzzles in Deadly Diamonds? Answers revealed at 4pm. Miss the beginning? Then download all Von Doogan episodes.

<https://thephoenixcomic.co.uk/>

Everything will be available for download afterwards at on the **website**.

Watch the authors of Corpse Talk on **YouTube** as they give you tips on how to create your own version.

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### **Shaun Tan**

<http://www.shauntan.net/books.html>

Enjoy discovering the illustrations from his books.

### **Steven Lenton**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbpwB792UfmrY9JeQ2nk5Iw>

Join author of Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam's YouTube channel for some great Drawalong videos.

## Podcasts



### A.F.Harrold

KS2

<http://www.afharroldkids.com/podcast>

From 23.03.20 he'll be releasing the [#AFHLEKPoPod](#) (AH Harrold Limited Edition Kids Poetry Podcast) 3 times a week for 7 weeks. It's 3-4 minutes long, contains one poem, a few words from him and some entirely unnecessary theme music!

### Andy Stanton

<https://play.acast.com/s/nincompoops>

A [podcast](#) with Andy and Carrie Quinlan answering children's questions in the most inaccurate ways they can think of. 18 funny episodes to listen to.

### Down the Rabbit Hole

<http://dtrhradio.com/>

Children's books radio and podcast with author/illustrator guests

### In the Reading Corner

<https://justimagine.co.uk/podcasts/>

*Useful for teachers, parents and older children to listen to. Mix of younger and older books. Excellent free podcasts from the team at Just Imagine, including interviews with authors and illustrators. Available to subscribe from iTunes and Pocket Casts.*

**Authors include:** David McKee, James Mayhew, Rob Biddulph, Anthony Browne, Benji Davies, Philip Reeve, Elizabeth Laird, Cerrie Burnell, Vashti Hardy, Abi Elphinstone, Jenny McLachlan, Michael Rosen, Ross Welford, Peter Bunzl, Marcus Sedgwick, Kwame Alexander, Piers Torday, James Sellick, Sally Gardner, Zanib Mian, Rebecca Stevens, Frank Cottrell-Boyce, AF Harrold, Geraldine McCaughrean and many, many more.

**Topics include:** Early Years Reading, Non-Fiction, Poetry, Reading and Well-Being, Diversity, Reading for Pleasure, Reading Picture Books, Readability, Classics in the Classroom, Humour, Excellence in Reading, and more.

### Radio Blogging

KS1/KS2

<https://radioblogging.net/>

## *Reading and Book-Related Websites During Coronavirus Closures*

Free daily shows with interactive links to keep everyone busy and engaged. Brought to you by Pie Corbett, Deputy Mitchell, Ian Rockey and Russell Prue. Just listen and blog, it's live, fun and interactive with new educational tasks each day for you, whether at home or in school. Also downloadable from various app stores and on Spotify.

### **Storyshed – Children’s Storytelling Podcast**

**EYFS / KS1 / KS2**

<http://www.buzzsprout.com/170026>

Children's storytelling podcast for kids of all ages. A new and original story each episode. A family friendly podcast which can be used for school assemblies, car journeys, bedtime, anytime!