

## WEBSITES FOR PARENTS WISHING TO HELP THEIR CHILD READ

### ***FIVE TOP SITES***

#### **WORDS FOR LIFE**

This site has lots of tips to get children reading; fun stuff to do; book recommendations; ideas for all ages up to end of KS2. Excellent site.

[http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/?gclid=CPmU\\_4e\\_571CFUXHtAodVE8A4w](http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/?gclid=CPmU_4e_571CFUXHtAodVE8A4w)

#### **BOOKTRUST**

This is an extensive site giving tips on how to share books; book lists & recommendations; catering for all ages including adults. Highly recommended.

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/children/how-to-share-books/support-your-childs-reading-journey/>

#### **OXFORD OWL**

Free eBooks; advice and tips for supporting children in KS1 & KS2; lots of games & activities that support reading skills; links to Oxford reading schemes. Definitely worth a look.

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>

#### **THE GUARDIAN**

An excellent site dealing with all things 'bookish' – author interviews; reader reviews; what's hot and what's not... Probably most suited for kiddies who already have the reading habit, but a useful site for parents to keep up to date with children's books.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/childrens-books-site>

#### **LOVE READING 4 KIDS**

This site regularly updates its reading lists for specific age groups. It gives synopses, reviews & recommendations. Useful for keeping abreast of what's popular in children's fiction.

<http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

### ***TIPS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S READING***

#### **FIRST SCHOOL YEARS**

Provides a checklist of tips for hearing your child read.

<http://firstschoolyears.com/literacy/text/resources/readingtips.htm>

#### **NETMUMS**

Top ten tips on hearing your child read + a few related links.

<http://www.netmums.com/activities/fun-at-home/reading-together/top-ten-tips-to-help-your-child-read>

#### **TOPMARKS**

Ten general tips on hearing your child read. Rather sparse but a few further links to other similar websites.

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Parents/ten-tips-on-hearing-your-child-read>

**BBC**

This is a general site giving brief overview of how to support your child across a range of subjects. Not very specific.  
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/primary\\_support/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/primary_support/)

***SOME SITES OFFERING ONLINE BOOKS OR READING ACTIVITIES*****STARFALL**

American beginning-to-read site with some pre-reading and beginning-reading games.  
<http://www.starfall.com/>

**STORYLINE ONLINE**

A site with a selection of popular children's books told by actors via YouTube clips, with some suggestions for related activities.  
<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

**FUNBRAIN**

This site has a small selection of online books along with a few reading-based online activities.  
<http://www.funbrain.com/brain/ReadingBrain/ReadingBrain.html>

**MAGIC KEYS**

This has some basic children's storybooks online, complete with animations and some with sound.  
<http://www.magickeys.com/books/>

**PBS KIDS**

A wide selection of online reading and pre-reading games for children to play. Variable quality and usefulness.  
<http://pbskids.org/games/reading.html>

**MIGHTY BOOK**

A selection of free animated online storybooks is available without subscribing.  
<http://www.mightybook.com/>

**DR SEUSS**

This Dr Seuss related site has some fun activities that tie in with some of his more popular books.  
<http://www.seussville.com/>

**ACADEMY ISLAND**

Basic reading game.  
<http://www.primarygames.com/langarts/academyisland/>

**EPIC**

Epic is a digital reading platform. Lots of free books to read.  
<https://www.getepic.com/>