

Useful Websites For Family Reading

A Story For Bedtime

This is a community sharing site for parents and children. You can download MP3 files of stories to play to children, these can be burned to CD or loaded onto an MP3 player. Rather than professionally produced audio books, the stories are recordings of parents reading stories to their children. You can also record your own stories and send them in to the site. Users who register on the site can post in the discussion forums, comment on stories and also submit new stories, songs and drawings so that everyone can share them.

www.astoryforbedtime.com

BBC's Digger and the Gang

This BBC website was developed in partnership with the Department for Education and Skills to guide children aged five to 11 and their parents through the National Curriculum in England.

www.bbc.co.uk/education/schools/digger

Booktrust

Booktrust is an independent charity that works to bring together readers and books. It runs the books for babies project [Bookstart](#), funded by Sainsbury's. The site includes lots of information on books for children and adults, and book prizes.

www.booktrust.org.uk

The Child Literacy Centre

The Child Literacy Centre offers information for parents on methods used to teach reading to their children in school, and advice and tips on activities to share in the home.

www.childliteracy.com

Craigmillar Books for Babies

This website of an individual Bookstart project has general information useful for parents of young children, including nursery rhymes.

www.craigmillarbooksforbabies.org.uk

DfES Parents Centre

The Parents Centre has been developed by the Department for Education and Skills to provide parents with information about raising children and supporting learning, both in and out of school. It covers a broad range of topics, from how they can help their children learn to information on school holiday dates and rules on uniforms.

www.parentscentre.gov.uk

Familyrapp

Family-centred website offering guidance on a wide range of family issues, including family holidays and days out, education, health, recipes and shopping. It includes edurapp - advice and guidance on education - and book reviews and information for adults and children.

www.familyrapp.co.uk

Fathers Direct

The website of Fathers Direct, a support organisation for dads, takes the form of an online magazine. It is a source of information by and for dads, and a site fathers can visit with their children. There are competitions, games, quizzes and discussion boards plus archived expert advice. You can also find the best books for children, as well as recommend your own favourites.

www.fathersdirect.com

Help them read

Site developed by a former head of special needs education to help parents to support children who are struggling with reading. Free assessment guidelines and sample materials are available but further modules must be purchased, as you need them.

www.helpthemread.co.uk

Help your child discover ...

This part of the Department for Education and Skills' parents' site provides a range of guides to help parents and carers to understand and play an active part in their child's learning. Each guide focuses on a particular primary topic, giving information on what will be covered in school and how parents can help at home.

www.dfes.gov.uk/parents/discover/

Parent Link

Website created by teachers to explain to parents what children will be studying at primary school in English and maths. There are tips on how to help your child with maths, reading, spelling and writing.

www.parentlink.co.uk

Read Together

Read Together is the website of the Scottish Executive's Home Reading Initiative, which aims to encourage parents and carers to share books with children.

www.readtogether.co.uk

Silly Books

This is a site of free reading fun. There are animated cartoons with subtitles, comics, children's music, picture books, puzzles and games that entertain kids and teach them to read. www.sillybooks.net

On Line Learning Websites

The following website is useful for all subjects and contains fact sheets explaining how to tackle tricky problems as well as online games and printable worksheets (with answers!)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools>