

Dear Parents and Carers.

#### **FREE online education resources**

This is a list of helpful websites that will support learning if your child is isolating at home. This has been compiled by home educators. HPP has **not checked** each of these links and advise that you carefully monitor your children when they are on-line.

#### **FRENCH**

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gCRN6oWL1acZrdsf3Tgb6Y82rEWfEn u/view?usp=drive web

Each week, your child will have a French lesson with Mrs Al-Hasso. They can now access the same lesson from home so they do not fall behind. Please watch this short video which gives a step by step guide to how your child can access the French lessons which are include interactive slides, work sheets and French games to consolidate their learning.

#### **TTROCKSTARS**

https://ttrockstars.com/

Year 3 + 4 children will have a ttrockstars log in in home school diaries – Years 5 + 6 they haven't changed since year 4.

#### Oak Academy

https://www.thenational.academy/

Government recommended - Oak National Academy is an online classroom and resource hub. It provides teachers with free lessons and resources for pupils aged from 4 to 16, from reception to year 11.

#### **BBC** Bitesize

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Explore hand-picked videos, articles, games and quizzes for primary and secondary students.

#### **BBC** Learning

http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/

This site is old and no longer updated and yet there's so much still available, from language learning to BBC Bitesize for revision. No TV licence required except for content on BBC iPlayer.

#### Futurelearn

https://www.futurelearn.com

Free to access 100s of courses, only pay to upgrade if you need a certificate in your name (own account from age 14+ but younger learners can use a parent account).

#### Blockly

https://blockly.games

Learn computer programming skills - fun and free.







Scratch

https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/

Creative computer programming

Ted Ed

https://ed.ted.com

All sorts of engaging educational videos

National Geographic Kids

https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/

Activities and quizzes for younger kids.

Duolingo

https://www.duolingo.com

Learn languages for free. Web or app.

**Mystery Science** 

https://mysteryscience.com

Free science lessons

The Kids Should See This

https://thekidshouldseethis.com

Wide range of cool educational videos

Crash Course

https://thecrashcourse.com

You Tube videos on many subjects

Crash Course Kids

https://m.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids

As above for a younger audience

**Crest Awards** 

https://www.crestawards.org

Science awards you can complete from home.

**Paw Print Badges** 

https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk

Free challenge packs and other downloads. Many activities can be completed indoors. Badges cost but are optional.

Tinkercad

https://www.tinkercad.com

All kinds of making.

**Cbeebies Radio** 







#### https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio

Listening activities for the younger ones.

#### **Nature Detectives**

https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/

A lot of these can be done in a garden, or if you can get to a remote forest location!

**British Council** 

https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find

Resources for English language learning

Oxford Owl for Home

https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/

Lots of free resources for Primary age

**Geography Games** 

https://world-geography-games.com/world.html

Geography gaming!

**Blue Peter Badges** 

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges

If you have a stamp and a nearby post box.

The Artful Parent

https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/

Good, free art activities

Red Ted Art

https://www.redtedart.com

Easy arts and crafts for little ones

The Imagination Tree

https://theimaginationtree.com

Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest.

Toy Theater

https://toytheater.com/

Educational online games

**DK Find Out** 

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Activities and quizzes







#### **Alexa**

If you have an Alexa or smart speaker. You can use Alexa to check the weather and play your favourite tunes. But did you know that everyone's favourite voice assistant also provides plenty of learning opportunities? Here are some of the best educational Alexa skills to try right now. To get started, just say "Alexa, play...." or "Alexa, launch..." Some of these Alexa skills require you to enable additional permissions, but most don't.

#### 1. 1-2-3 Math

This educational Alexa skill tests kids their elementary math knowledge. Choose from three categories, "easy," "medium," and "hard," and earn points for correct answers.

## 2. Amazon Storytime

Kids can hear hundreds of short stories read aloud, and even make special requests. ("Alexa, tell me a silly story!)

#### 3. Animal Workout

This one is a great way to get kids up and moving! Alexa will challenge you to waddle like a penguin or crawl like an ant while upbeat music plays. Dozens of animal types/movements featured!

## 4. Curiosity

In this educational Alexa skill for curious kids, Alexa asks you to choose between different topics (like "the moon" and "emotions") and then gives you fun facts based on your choice.

## 5. Daily Dinosaur

Learn about the dinosaur of the day! After Alexa tells you about the dinosaur, consider having kids draw what they think it looked like. Then look on Google to see if you are right.

# 6. Earplay

Earplay has a "mature content" warning but in our testing we didn't hear anything that wouldn't be suitable for middle school and up. Use your own discretion, of course, but we loved this "choose your own adventure" storytelling skill that feels like an old-time radio show.







## 7. Escape the Room

Turn any room into an escape room with this skill! Really fun, really hard. (My family has yet to beat the easiest level.) Probably best for middle school and up due to the difficulty of the clues.

## 8. Guess the Animal

Kids love this guessing game! Alexa pretends to be an animal and reads a series of clues. As soon as kids know the answer, they can say "Alexa, you're a zebra!"

## 9. Kids News

A kid-friendly news digest that also features news and fun facts.

## 10. Kids' Quiz

You can try this skill every day to hear three new questions about animals, science, and more.

## 11. Lemonade Stand

Remember this old school computer game? It's been reinvented as an Alexa skill, and it's so much fun! Kids practice math while making and selling lemonade.

## 12. The Magic Door

This is another choose-your-own adventure story skill, set in a fantastical world. Good for all ages.

# 13. Silly Things

This one is maybe not as educational as others on this list, but still lots of fun! Alexa will give kids "silly things" to do, such as "do your most silly dance."

#### 14. Story Blanks

Like Mad Libs...for Alexa! There are only four story templates to choose from, but this is still a fun one.

#### 15. This Day in History

Ask Alexa to launch "This Day in History" to learn all about historical facts from the day. Powered by The History Channel.







# 16. Travel Quest

Kids can travel around the world and earn stamps for their passports with this virtual simulation.

# 17. Tricky Genie

Test kids' decision-making and logic with this story app that frequently pauses and asks kids to choose between three "sacks" with potential answers to a problem.

# 18. Word of the Day

Learn a new vocabulary word every day with this educational Alexa skill for all ages.

## 19. Word Play

This Jeopardy-like game allows you to compete with players around the world to complete word clues.

## 20. Would You Rather for Family

Spark family conversations with these fun "would you rather" scenarios, specifically written for kids.



