

Social Media Support during school closure

At this unprecedented time, many children may be wanting some activities to take their mind off of the news. Collated below are some initiatives that we are aware are happening online. For those without internet connection at home, we have educational packs, which can be collected from school.



- A HIPPO WHO HAS PICKED UP THE

WRONG PARCEL

- A PLANET JUST LIKE THIS ONE
EXCEPT EVERYTHING IS UNDERWATER



- SUDDENLY ALL THE COOKIES HAVE

DISAPPEARED

#STORYSTARTERS

Alex T Smith

Author and illustrator **Alex T Smith** is creating daily 'Story Starters' – designed to engage writing and illustrating during the time away from school. Follow the hashtag **#StoryStarters** on Instagram for more.



Chris Haughton will be sharing a story-time and art activity every weekday on www.facebook.com/abitlost

Perfect for all primary pupils.

OLIVER JEFFERS

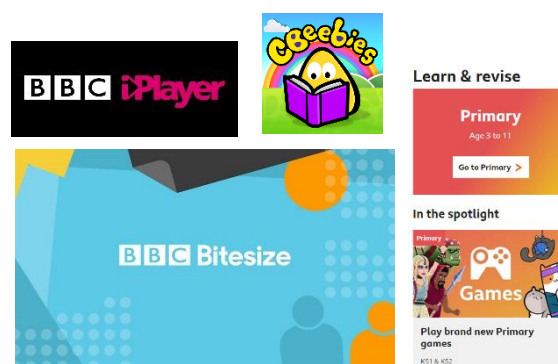
STAY AT HOME
STORY Time

with OLIVER JEFFERS

STAYing SAFE TOGETHER (but Apart)



Oliver Jeffers is sharing story-time at 6pm on his Instagram. Older videos can be found at: www.oliverjeffers.com



BBC Bitesize (due to be expanded while schools are closed) offers learning, games and interactive lessons on a wide variety of subjects. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

BBC iPlayer is going to be adding additional educational content over the forthcoming weeks. Also, **CBeebies** and story-time are great for bedtime reads for children in EYFS.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/ceebies/stories>

Poet Videos



This section of poetryline contains a bank of over 500 videos of poets, allowing you to see poets performing their poems as well as providing insight into their poetry inspirations and their tips for writing poetry.

There are a wide range of poets to choose from, well-known favourites such as **Roger McGough**, **Grace Nichols** and **Michael Rosen** to new and contemporary voices such as **Joseph Coelho**, **Kate Wakeling** and **Karl Nova**.

You can also view videos of children performing poems from The Centre for Literacy in Primary Poetry Award (CLIPPA) shortlisted collections, who have been selected as winners of the **CLIPPA Shadowing Scheme** and who have gone on to perform at the award ceremony at the National Theatre in London.



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Videos



Is there a dog in this book? Read by Viviane Schwarz



Illustrating a character from Is there a dog in this book?



An introduction to the author and illustrator Viviane Schwarz



Viviane Schwarz - Writing Process

CLPE has a great website to develop your English skills (including reading, writing, poetry and illustration). The **Poetryline** website has lots of poems and videos of performances. Pupils could be inspired to write their own based on some of their favourites. <https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline>

The **Power of Pictures** website has several illustrators reading their texts, with some showing how to illustrate their most famous characters. <https://clpe.org.uk/powerofpictures>

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFtPjlfGAYJxRik7kNvW4Jc5rnad2nx7r> (Author readings)

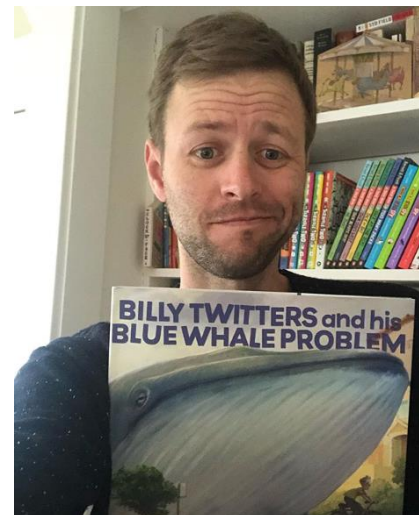
Mo Willems



Mo Willems invites you into his studio every day for his lunch doodle! Grab some paper and pencils, pens, or crayons and join Mo to explore ways of writing and making together while he chats about his characters Pigeon, Piggie, and Elephant.

Join **Mo Willems** for lunch doodles on his YouTube channel. Funny and suitable for all ages.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmzjCPQv3y8>



Author **Mac Barnett** (Insta: macbarnett) is sharing books regularly on his Instagram. <https://www.instagram.com/macbarnett/>



The **BookTrust** website has information to support reading at home, alongside book recommendations and e-books to share with all the family.

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



Headspace is an app that is useful for guided meditations and for practising mindfulness. They are offering a free section for the forthcoming months.

World events can sometimes leave us feeling powerless. We know this isn't an issue that an app on your phone can solve. But we also know that people who may be sick, whose loved ones are at risk, or who are anxious about all the uncertainty, need whatever support they can get. For the next few months, there will be a **free section** in the app called **Weathering the storm**, available to everyone. It includes meditation, sleep, and movement exercises designed to help guide you through this. It's our small way of helping you find some space and kindness for yourself, and those around you.

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

The Big List of Children's Authors Doing Online Read Alouds & Activities

Get reading and writing.

Jeanne Croteau on March 18, 2020



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

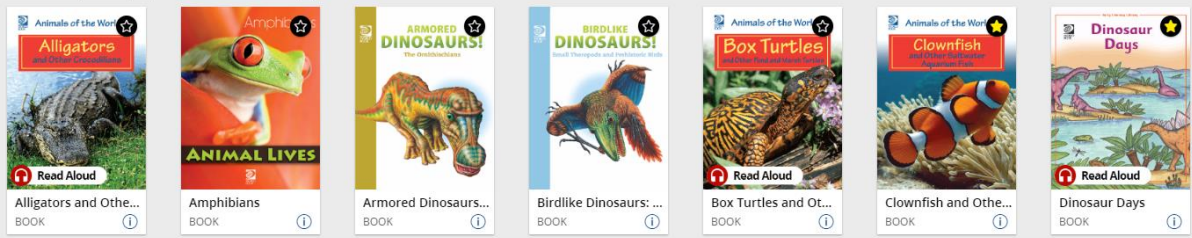
The above blog has a dedicated area for activities and readings by authors. Although focused on American writers, it is updated regularly and has several authors that our children love, like Jeff Kinney (pictured left).



Many music artists are using social media to bring some happiness and unite people who may feel isolated at home.

Follow the **#TogetherAtHome** on Instagram for more information. As always, parental judgement is required for individual artists and their lyrical content.

Animals: Amphibians, Reptiles, and Sea Creatures (29)



<https://worldbook.kitaboo.com/reader/worldbook/index.html?usertoken=Mjk5MzQ6MTpUjA5MjAxNjoyOmNsaWVudDE2OTc6MTY5NzoyMjE2Mjg4OjE6MTU4NDM4MDEzMzA2Mjp1cw==>

World eBook have a range of non-fiction texts that are currently free-to-access. With several topic areas, there's plenty of information for children to create an informational poster or research about something that interests them.



Newsround is a great website for children to find out about the world that surrounds them. Especially useful for explaining the news in a child-friendly manner. They also have support pages for children who are worried at this uncertain time.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>



Mr. T's Phonics is a useful place to visit to support phonics. There is a pronunciation guide and videos with Geraldine the Giraffe:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sW4j8p7k9D_qRRUsGqyw

Michael Rosen's YouTube Channel is a great place to ensure laughter and happiness continue to spread. He has a range of exciting and engaging videos for pupils of all ages, including: beatboxing book reading and poetry (chocolate cake is one of our favourites of all time!)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7D-mXO4kk-XWvH6lBXdrPw>



Kids' Poems and Stories With
Michael Rosen

