

Home Learning – Website Ideas

Subject: Literacy – Semi-formal learners

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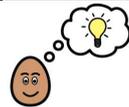
Top 10 Website Links

Link	Brief Description
www.Letters-and-sounds.com	Introduction to the Letters and Sounds Phonics scheme. Includes an explanation of each phase of phonics, useful learning resources and some online games.
www.phonicsbloom.com	Online games for each phase of Phonics .
www.phonicsplay.co.uk	Information and online games for each phase of Phonics .
www.storylineonline.net	Free animated stories for children.
www.freechildrenstories.com	Stories for children to listen to, watch and read.
www.literacyshed.com	Stories and ideas for activities .
www.oxfordowl.co.uk	Sign up to access free eBooks to help your child learn to read . Ask your child's teacher which level book your child should be reading!
www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/writingRepeater	For practising handwriting . This works best on a touch screen – so a tablet or iPad would be perfect!
www.storyjumper.com	Support your child to make their own online book! Great for story writing skills and computer keyboard skills.
www.mystorybook.com	Another simple website for creating an online book!

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Suggested Activities

Activity

Sensory or messy mark making. Use shaving foam, paint, sand or rice to practise mark making or letter formation! Great for children who are not yet writing or for children who need to practise letter formation.



Fine Motor Activities. Fine motor activities help to develop children's finger strength and movement that they need to be able to write. This could be threading beads onto a piece of string, placing tube pasta onto a straw, picking up buttons and placing them on patterns, threading string or pipe cleaners through a colander.



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Read a book or ebook. Support your child to read a book or an ebook. Ask them questions about what is happening in the story.



Design a front cover for a favourite book. Support your child to write the title and author of their favourite book and draw a picture.



Create a book online! Support your child to use the website mysterybook.com to create their own book. You may need to help them with typing.



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Make a story map by sequencing pictures from a story. Print off pictures from a story and ask your child to put them in the correct order or ask your child to draw pictures from the story in the correct order.



Tell a story using actions. Support your child to think of actions that could help them remember a story.



Metal Mike Phonics.

Make a 'Metal Mike' using a shoe box and kitchen foil. Write or print words on a card. Support your child to sound out the word like a robot. They then post the card into Metal Mike's mouth.



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Read some 'alien words'. A great way to help your child practise their phonics is to get them reading made up words. You can find 'alien words' online or make them up yourself!



Play Phonics 'I Spy...' Play 'I spy' with your child using the sounds that they have been practising.

For example: I spy with my little eye something beginning with... e. (Egg!)

I spy with my little eye something beginning with.... C. (cat!)