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BOOK BITES

Tasty morsels from your Education Library Service

Resources and help for those educating children at home

Over the last week or so, we've been keeping an eye out for resources and online help for those now educating children at home; there are lots of things available, so here is a small round-up of useful things we've found so far.

We'll be sharing anything else we find via twitter, so make sure you take a look or follow us if you have access: www.twitter.com/norfolkels

Great School Libraries: Ask a Librarian

With the closure of schools across the country, the Great School Libraries campaign group wanted to do something to help those now supporting or supplementing their children's learning from home. Ask a Librarian is a place to ask questions, regardless of whether you're a parent, teacher, or even a school librarian!

It's simple to use; just post a question and the team will get back to you as soon as they can, sharing their expertise. To see how it works, visit: www.greatschoolibraries.org.uk/askalibrarian

BookTrust Home Time

Children's Laureate, Cressida Cowell, has partnered with BookTrust to launch Home Time, a hub of resources and activities aimed at families and children. Authors and illustrators will be contributing going forward with readings, web chats and lots of other fun tasks.

To see what's on offer, visit: www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/

Literacy Trust Family Zone

The Literacy Trust's Family Zone is a new web portal for parents looking for extra resources during this time. Divided by age group, there are lots of ideas and guidance for a variety of activities which will engage children while developing their reading, writing and language skills.

To see which resources are available, visit www.literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/

Oxford Owl help with Phonics

If you're teaching your children to read, Oxford Owl have lots of resources to support phonics learning, including free eBooks and support for their Read Write Inc programme.

They have activity sheets, tips and advice for parents trying to engage reluctant readers and they have assistance for maths too: www.home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/



Norfolk County Council

Peters 100 books for parents

Peters Booksellers have curated a handy list of the most popular children's books, all of which come with supporting activity sheets which can be downloaded to work on at home.

There are lists and sheets for all primary year groups, from reception through to year six.

Find them here: www.peters.co.uk/100-books-for-parents

Open University Reading for Pleasure

Several reading for pleasure ambassadors from the Open University's Research Rich Pedagogies team have put together a list of social media support available during the school closures. It brings together lots of internet resources and is a real time-saver if you need something quickly:

www.researchrichpedagogies.org/news-awards/details/social-media-support-during-school-closure

Collins Connect

For the duration of the school closures, access to Collins Connect is now free, with primary and secondary resources for subjects including english, science & maths. They also have eBooks & activity sheets: www.collins.co.uk/pages/support-learning-at-home

Bloomsbury Education

You can sign up for free access to Bloomsbury's Early Years library of activities which has lots of online resources for those aged 0-5. For more info, visit www.bloomsburyearlyyears.com

CLPE home learning resources

The Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE) have launched Take 5: a brand new resources for Power of Reading schools to share with parents. The resources and activities link to the National Curriculum and texts children may be reading in school. To sign up, visit the CLPE page: www.clpe.org.uk/aboutus/news/clpe-launches-new-home-learning-resources

Norfolk Library and Information Service online resources

Though branches are now closed, Norfolk Library and Information Service have a digital roster of events and activities to support families now spending time together at home.

If you have a library card, you can access eBooks, eAudio, newspapers and magazines; see what's available here: <https://norfolk.overdrive.com/>. You can also use digital subscriptions like Encyclopaedia Britannica and Oxford Dictionaries (www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/library-services/online-resources). If you don't have a library card, you can sign up online; more info here: www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/coronavirus-update

Over on Facebook, there will be a weekly bounce and rhyme session every Tuesday, plus daily story times in which library staff read picture books you know and love— you don't have to be a library member to watch along! Other things on the horizon include an April challenge-a-day plus a junior shared reading book group. To catch these and stay up-to-date with anything else library related, visit: www.facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesUK/

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