



# Parent Guide to Literacy at Home

*There are many resources, websites and activities available to all ages at the moment when it comes to literacy.*

*Below are 5 useful and accessible websites which may help in supporting literacy at home in a fun and engaging way during your child's downtime.*

## 1. World Book Day

World Book Day has just started a 'Book Ideas Hub' with links and resources to encourage **young people** to read for pleasure: <https://www.worldbookday.com/2020/03/book-ideas-hub-brilliant-stay-at-home-ideas-free-resources/>

## 2. The Book of Hopes

A wonderful free eBook with short stories, poems & drawings which is the perfect tonic during a time of challenge. Great for KS 1, 2 & 3 – so a lovely activity for family time: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

## 3. Keep a Lockdown diary

This site encourages young people to keep a 'Lockdown Diary' to help with mental health and to bring some fun into these stressful times. You can select the appropriate age (early years- age 7; 8-12; and teen- YA) and then you will find videos by authors and educators talking to young people in a compassionate way and offering suggestions for their diaries: <https://www.ourcoronadiary.com/how-to-join-in>

## 4. Authorfy

Authorfy has interactive resources, videos and activities to support children's reading and writing <https://authorfy.com/about/#>  
For example, these 10 minute videos with challenges by acclaimed children's authors are fantastic and engaging: <https://authorfy.com/10minutechallenges/>

## 5. The Book Trust

The Book Trust has a new 'Home Time' page with a variety of ideas that are especially helpful if you have younger children at home, this might be a good activity for older children to take the lead in: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/hometime#!?q=&sortOption=AtoZ&pageNo=1>

### Literacy & Wellbeing:

Brain exercise

- Increases memory
- Reduces stress
- Develops language