

## **READING AND BOOK RELATED WEBSITES WHICH MAY BE OF USE TO TEACHERS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL CLOSURES.**

<https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/product-category/free-resources/>

Great writers and illustrators join Barrington Stoke to publish super-readable, accessible books. Teacher's resources, books, author information, advice on dyslexia and reading, posters.

<http://booksforkeeps.co.uk/>

Books for Keeps is the UK's leading, independent children's book magazine. Over 12,500 reviews on website and more than 2,000 articles including interviews with the top children's authors and illustrators. The magazine can be viewed online, browsed, printed or downloaded.

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

Topic booklists, key stage booklists, reading for pleasure. Year group book recommendations, printable year group booklists, favourite non-fiction and more.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/>

Use Bookfinder to look for books that suit your tastes and interests, browse interviews with authors and illustrators, or just see latest releases. Also reading tips and book recommendations for children of all ages, from babies to teenagers.

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

Full of free ebooks for all levels on a range of topics. Digital library for children 12 and under. Instantly access 35,000 of the best books, learning videos, quizzes and more. Make your own quizzes to go with the books. Great resource and free to educators. Children can use a class login to go on and read books you've assigned to them or they can search for their own. American based.

<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/free-downloadable-issue/>

### **HOME AND SCHOOL LEARNING RESOURCES**

For a limited time, they're offering free, current issues of **First News newspaper** (PDF edition), **Activity Sheets**, **Teaching Resources** and an extended 6-week trial of the **iHub**.

**Newspaper and activity sheets:** We'll email you the latest available PDF edition of **First News**, which you can share with your colleagues and students. Alongside this, you will also receive a full pack of the week's Activity Sheets, including **comprehensions, vocabulary puzzles, debates and quizzes** in three differentiated levels for Lower KS2, Upper KS2 and KS3.

<https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/>

**View free Opening Extracts of thousands of children's books, both contemporary and classic. Videos, activities, books.**

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

Excellent site. Not just for World Book Day but all year round.

Resources include: book extracts, teaching guides & resource packs for particular books & authors, author & illustrator masterclasses which include videos and teacher's resources, brief themed booklists, recommended reads, Storycraft: expert story writing tips, Imagination author videos, booktrailers, colouring, cooking, make and do – and lots, lots more.

Also on website under Inspiration heading, World of Stories podcasts has a selection of free audiobooks. Available to stream **until 29th March 2020 (as at 15.03.20)**

## **AUTHORS, ILLUSTRATORS, BOOKS & PUBLISHERS**

Most of these include teacher's resources/planning and activities, with reference to their books.

Also author & illustrator biographies.

Most publishers provide links to author and illustrator's own websites.

This is just a small selection – there are loads of great websites and resources around.

### **Bloomsbury Children's Books**

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/childrens/>

Author videos, teaching guides

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/childrens/teachers-librarians-parents-carers/>

Resources for teachers, librarians & parents.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8iLUOfZQZyWGjy62BqbP7ZaQhw2UbxJk>

Bloomsbury's own Youtube channel. Author interviews and reading from their books, trailers, book previews.

<https://harrypotter.bloomsbury.com/uk/>

About J.K. Rowling, discussion guides, the books, fun stuff,

### **Chicken House Books (Mostly KS2/3)**

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

With content created by teachers and librarians that have a passion for reading, our PDF downloads of chapter-by-chapter guides, schemes of work, videos and useful links to external resources are here to help with class or book club planning.

Books, authors, school's hub, blogs.

### **Cosmos: the Interactive Book of Space**

<https://cosmos-book.github.io/>

Interactive versions of some of the infographics book of space.

### **Cressida Cowell**

<https://www.cressidacowell.co.uk/>

Wizards of Once Series Teacher's Resources <https://www.hachetteschools.co.uk/hachette-schools-resources/hachetteschools-resources-key-stage-2/2019/09/06/the-wizards-of-once-teaching-resources/>

<https://www.hachetteschools.co.uk/hachette-schools-posts/hachetteschools-free-writing-friday/2018/04/24/cressida-cowells-free-writing-friday/>

**Free Writing Friday:** Cressida Cowell invites you to take part in **Free Writing Friday**. Cressida's aim with Free Writing Friday is to inspire children, once a week, to write whatever they feel like in a designated book and explore creativity. Here you will find all the resources to support Free Writing Friday including writing tips from Cressida, a letter, FAQs and more!

### **Dan Walker**

<https://www.danwalkerauthor.com/resources>

Sky Thieves series; The Light Hunters. Videos, Q&Q, resources, book trailer.

### **Egmont Children's Publishers**

<https://www.egmont.co.uk/teacher-librarian-resources/>

Teachers' notes, lesson plans, activity sheets and posters for you to download and use. Make sure you sign up for our newsletter to find out about new resources, exciting books and competitions.

### **Hachette Children's Books**

<https://www.hachetteschools.co.uk/>

Teacher's resources including Oi! Frog and Friends; The Boy at the Back of the Class; The Wizards of Once series and more.

### **Harry Potter**

<https://harrypotter.bloomsbury.com/uk/>

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### **Joseph Coelho**

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

Joseph reads out some of his poems and stories and gives writing tips and advice. Watch interviews with him and download resources.

### **Maz Evans**

<https://maz.world/>

Who Let the Gods Out, etc

### **Michael Rosen**

<https://www.michaelrosen.co.uk/>

Excellent website. Large number of video masterclasses on how to write, with Francesca Simon (Horrid Henry). Videos of Michael reading his poems and stories. Biography.

<https://www.michaelrosen.co.uk/radio-tv/> links to his TV and radio appearances.

<https://www.youtube.com/MichaelRosenOfficial> Michael's official Youtube channel, with him reading and acting out his poems and stories. Free to subscribe.

### **Philip Reeve (KS2+)**

<https://www.philip-reeve.com>

Teacher's resources, book trailers, interviews, activities.

### **Puffin**

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/puffin/>

Extracts, What Should I Read Next?, articles, games, activities.

### **Rick Riordan**

[http://rickriordan.com/resource\\_type/teachers-guides/](http://rickriordan.com/resource_type/teachers-guides/)

Teacher's guides, discussion notes for Percy Jackson and other Riordan books.

## **Roald Dahl**

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

**Lesson plans**, quizzes, biographical information, Dahl's writing tips, revolting recipes and more.

## **Tom Palmer**

[https://tompalmer.co.uk/schools-librarians/literacy-resources/?fbclid=IwAR1oa3g-nbTLAnulfR2dUxDSDExtQLwd4XJr2j9DFB0dyBj\\_cskbUkfKFJU](https://tompalmer.co.uk/schools-librarians/literacy-resources/?fbclid=IwAR1oa3g-nbTLAnulfR2dUxDSDExtQLwd4XJr2j9DFB0dyBj_cskbUkfKFJU)

FREE powerpoints and photocopyable resources for all my books to support schools and libraries in class and home work and encourage reading and writing for pleasure.

## **UK Children's Books - Publishers**

<http://ukchildrensbooks.co.uk/publishers/>

Links to publishers. Publishers very often have great resources relating to their books – teacher's resources, lessons plans, fun activities, etc.

## **Usborne**

<https://usborne.com/>

Provides in-depth teachers' resources to support the UK National Curriculum. Also browse books, things to do, blogs.