



Learning at Home

We have collated some ideas to help you support your child's learning and development during this time. We have also included suggested apps and websites you can access.

Remember, there are lots of opportunities for your child to develop a wide range of skills through helping around the home, for example;

- Tidying up
- Washing the dishes
- Helping to make meals
- Helping with loading the washing machine, folding and putting away
- Making the bed

Literacy Activities

In nursery, children experience a wide range of activities to support their language and literacy skills.

- Read a story – talk about the characters in the story, how the characters might be feeling, what happens in the story, make predictions i.e. what do you think will happen next? Encourage discussions.

Reading tips;

https://www.education.gov.scot/parentzone/Documents/ReadingTips_EarlyYearsEN.pdf

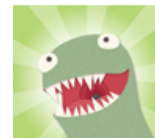
Apps and Links to support Literacy (Please note some apps are only available for iPad)



Bookbug's Songs and Rhymes 4+
Sing-along to Bookbug's rhymes
Scottish Book Trust
Free



Phonic Alien Adventure
Available on the app store.
Available on the App Store



Preschool Swipebook
Available on the App Store
Available on the App Store



The Expanding Picture Book
Available on the App Store
Available on the App Store



Phonic Street
Available on the app store.
Available on the App Store



Lingumi - Kids' English
Lingumi provides a course focused on spoken and communicative English. The app provides sets of learning games, speech recognition games and video-based games to help the child grow their grammar and get them speaking their first words.
Age: 2-5
Platform: [Apple](#), [Android](#)



Kaligo
Kaligo is a digital handwriting exercise book designed to teach children how to write using a stylus and tablet, built on an AI machine learning platform. A self-paced approach enables children to progress at their own speed according to their own ability, whilst AI Machine learning provides real-time corrective feedback.
Age: 3-5
Platform: [Apple](#), [Android](#)



Teach Your Monster to Read 4+
Learn to Read & Phonics Games
Teach Monster Games Ltd.
#9 in Education
★★★★★ 4.8, 1.1K Ratings
Free

- You can also find a variety of rhymes and stories on YouTube.
- Go on a letter hunt around the environment - initial letter of their name.

Mark Making

- Give your child some paper and a variety of writing materials i.e. pens, pencils, crayons.
- Write your child's name using a light colour, encourage your child to overwrite or copy.

Numeracy Activities

Numeracy skills can be explored everywhere;

Number, money & measure:

- Singing number songs and rhymes
- Going on a number hunt around the environment – cupboards, clocks, coins, car registrations
- Counting up and down when climbing the stairs
- Count objects around the house – could introduce adding and taking away i.e. 'If I add 2, how many will I have?'
- Group items into quantity i.e. put the amount of cotton wool balls next to the corresponding number.
- Introduce a range of coins – talk about the value, shape, colour.
- Use everyday items to measure i.e. how many hands/feet/spoons length is the table?
- Water play – a range of containers – use language such as full, empty.
- Go on a pattern hunt around the environment.

Information Handling:

- Sort and match socks
- Collect items from the garden – sort/order into size, colour, type.
- Helping to sort the washing
- Create a chart – record the weather daily, patterns on your socks etc.

Shape, position & movement:

- Go on a shape hunt
- I spy - colour, shape, description i.e. I spy something beside/next to/underneath/on top...
- Action songs

Apps and Links to further support;



Health & Well-being

It is very important to always keep moving – please see below some links to keep your child and yourself moving.

Go Noodle

<https://family.gonoodle.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/GoNoodleGames>





Kidz Bop

<https://www.youtube.com/user/KidzBopKids>

Cosmic Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

General activities, apps & links

Web Address	Content
https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-at-home/	 <p>A variety of fun ideas and resources for parents to do at home with their child including literacy, numeracy and health & wellbeing</p>
https://www.khanacademy.org/parent	 <p>Khan Academy Kids Fun educational games & books Khan Academy #1 in Education ★★★★★ 4.5, 1.9k Ratings Free</p> <p>4 years + Free on-line educational games</p>
https://www.e-learningforkids.org/	 <p>e-learning for kids Founding Dreams</p>
https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/series/p02pnn9d	



Hopster: Preschool Learning (4+)
TV, Games, ABC & Math for Kids
Hopster
★★★★★ 4.5, 399 Ratings
Free - Offers In-App Purchases



Bing: Watch, Play, Learn (4+)
Bing learning Games & Episodes
Acamar Films
★★★★★ 3.2, 53 Ratings
Free - Offers In-App Purchases

Playdough Recipe

2 cups flour
2 tablespoon of cooking oil
2 cups of water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup salt
A few drops of food colouring (optional)

Mix all ingredients together.

Gloop Recipe

2 cups of cornflour
1 cup of water
2 drops of food colouring

Mix together in a large container.

Encourage your child to mix together and explore

Junk Modelling

Provide your child with a variety of boxes,

Build a Den