



## Online Holiday Fun

Dear Parents

Last year I provided parents with some ideas of websites with activities they could do with their children during the holidays. I have listed some websites which provide fun activities, many of which your children will be able to access with minimal support. I hope you enjoy them.

[www.ltscotland.org.uk/storybook/frame\\_panel/full\\_screen.htm](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/storybook/frame_panel/full_screen.htm)

This is a lovely website with interactive stories and games.

[www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/)

I can't praise this website enough. It is full of fun and games, some educational others less so! The children enjoy playing the games online but there are also lots of activities for you to print out and enjoy on a rainy day.

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/laac/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/laac/)

This website from the BBC has a slightly more educational slant.

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/numbertime/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/numbertime/)

Some fantastic maths games from the BBC.

[www.mathszone.co.uk/](http://www.mathszone.co.uk/)

This website has a lot of maths games covering many different areas of the subject from simple addition and subtraction through to reflection and rotational symmetry and many activities suitable for your older child.

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/magickey/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/magickey/)

A BBC website with some good spelling games and activities. They can also be printed out for a rainy day.

[www.ictgames.com/](http://www.ictgames.com/)

This is a fantastic website with some simple maths and literacy activities. The games will need your support to set up and talk through.

[www.wmnet.org.uk/wmnet/custom/files\\_uploaded/uploaded\\_resources/850/Count&Order.swf](http://www.wmnet.org.uk/wmnet/custom/files_uploaded/uploaded_resources/850/Count&Order.swf)

This is a collection of delightfully simple maths counting games.

[www.rainforestmaths.com/](http://www.rainforestmaths.com/)

This is another maths website. It is not based in the UK so the money games will not be appropriate. It has activities which you can choose by year group and so it is suitable for your older children to enjoy as well.

[www.wmnet.org.uk/resources/gordon/Hit%20the%20button%20v9.swf](http://www.wmnet.org.uk/resources/gordon/Hit%20the%20button%20v9.swf)

This is a wonderful game to practice number bonds. Your child may need some help in order to get started.

[www.kented.org.uk/ngfl/games/flags.htmls](http://www.kented.org.uk/ngfl/games/flags.htmls)

This is a good game for those who need extra practice with their CVC spellings.

<http://www.kented.org.uk/ngfl/games/index.htm>

This is a collection of educational games aimed at supporting the new phonics strategy which the government has developed called 'letters and sounds'. The page has some lovely games but your child will need help setting up as some games are more suited to classroom use.

[www.poissonrouge.com/abc/index.htm](http://www.poissonrouge.com/abc/index.htm)

Have fun exploring each letter of the alphabet by playing the games (early years and key stage one)

[www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/razzledazzle/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/razzledazzle/)

Fantastic stories, rhymes and games to play for 3 to 5 year olds aimed at developing speaking and listening skills.

[www.peterrabbit.co.uk](http://www.peterrabbit.co.uk)

This is a charming website with some interactive stories and some delightful games and activities to print out.

[www.crickweb.co.uk/](http://www.crickweb.co.uk/)

This website has links to games and activities from Kindergarten right through to the end of key stage two. There are some really simple literacy and numeracy games which your children will really enjoy.

[www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy.html#3](http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy.html#3)

This website has been created by a junior school but has many activities which our Key Stage 1 pupils will enjoy. The activities are targeted at key learning skills.

[www.underfives.co.uk/wshtalph.html#alphabet%20worksheets](http://www.underfives.co.uk/wshtalph.html#alphabet%20worksheets)

This website has some activities with printable activities to practice pencil control.

[www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/vtc/nursery\\_rhymes/eng/Introduction/default.htm](http://www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/vtc/nursery_rhymes/eng/Introduction/default.htm)

This is a really good site for our younger pupils in pr-prep. Follow the blue underlined links to the different activities based on nursery rhymes.

[www.topmarks.co.uk/Parents.aspx](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Parents.aspx)

This is the best website I have found. It has a search facility to find activities or support for everything from understanding the need for sand and water play to tips on helping your child read. The section on learning numbers through play is particularly good. You can also use the search facility for links to other educational websites.

[www.allkids.co.uk/kids\\_pages/Childrens\\_Free\\_Fun\\_Sites](http://www.allkids.co.uk/kids_pages/Childrens_Free_Fun_Sites)

A huge collection of online fun sites to suit all ages and abilities, from the youngest toddler to the sophisticated older child

[www.article19.com/shockwave/makeaface.htm](http://www.article19.com/shockwave/makeaface.htm)

This is a website for those who find it difficult to understand facial expression. This is a very simple site which needs a lot of talking with mummy and daddy.

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/)

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre started a campaign in the run up to Christmas aimed particularly at parents and carers, giving information about how to protect your children as they learn and play online. There are additional activities aimed at computer safety with children the website

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5\\_7/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/)

[www.netnanny.com](http://www.netnanny.com)

This website has information about the one of the possible software solutions to safe surfing for your children. Please be aware that the website is sponsored and contains a lot of advertisements.

I hope that you have found this list of activities useful. If you find any additional sites which others might enjoy please let me know so that I can continue to support ICT fun at home with regularly updated lists

Yours sincerely,

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