

Early Years Websites

Dear Parents,

During parents meetings a few of our parents asked for details of websites that can be accessed at home to support children's learning and development in the early years. Please find a list of suggested websites below. We hope you find this information useful and enjoy using these sites to enhance your child's learning experiences at home!

Kind regards,

Miss Biggam & Miss McCartan.

Web sites for young children

Always review the sites ahead of time so that you are able to help your children find the best resources available within the sites. Some offer a great number of games, songs, stories, videos etc. so it is important to know the site well in order to support and develop your child's learning.

www.busythings.co.uk

Excellent site built around the 7 areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage. You can access a free 7 day trial but you need to subscribe after this period to access the content - various subscription packages available.

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

Great site with some free phonics games

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies

Many games often recognised by children from their favourite programmes.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/eyfs/>

Links to particular cbeebies games from areas of learning.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories>

cbeebies stories and rhymes.

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

Interactive books and reading activities to share with your child at home.

<http://www.funwithspot.com/>

New and improved! Try creating your own Spot story.

www.sebastianswan.org.uk

Books for reading together with links to understanding of the world (good for natural science).

<http://www.ictgames.com/>

Some excellent numeracy and literacy resources

http://www.ictgames.com/looCoverWriteCheck/LCWC_demo/index.html

Good for spelling high frequency and tricky words!

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html>

Lots of maths and literacy games

www.boowakwala.com

Many games and songs including those relating to festivals.

www.poissonrouge.com

Many delightful games. Spend some time exploring!

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37>

Games of varying quality to support different areas of learning.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/laac/>

The Little animals' activity centre - plenty of good quality activities to support learning

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/laac/story/sbi.shtml>

The Little animals' activity centre - stories

www.abc.net.au/children/play

Various educational games, videos and craft ideas

www.britishcouncil.org/kids-songs-little-kids.htm

British Council "Learn English" - songs and stories

<http://www.bgfl.org/bgfl/15.cfm?s=15&p=252,index>

Good quality games from a range of websites such as BBC, as well as Birmingham's own. Supports communication, language and literacy, problem solving, reasoning and numeracy as well as other areas of learning.

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/numbertime/index.shtml

Problem solving reasoning and numeracy

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/barnabybear/>

Visit the world with Barnaby Bear!