

Online Resources for at home use

www.twinkl.com.au/offer

Reading

Sunshine Online

www.sunshineonline.com.au

Sunshine Online is a digital literacy program. It has been designed to help children aged 4 to 10+ learn to read and develop the skills needed for continuing reading independence and success. The program also uses maths stories to develop skills and understandings in early numeracy.

Storyline Online

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

The SAG-AFTRA Foundation's award-winning children's literacy website, Storyline Online, streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations.

Scholastic Home Learning

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/teaching-tools/articles/resources/scholastic-learn-at-home--free-resources-for-school-closures.html>

Scholastic *Learn at Home* provides 20 days' worth of active learning journeys designed to reinforce and sustain educational opportunities for those students who are unable to attend school.

Writing

Scholastic - Story Starters Teaching Guide

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/>

Ready to get students excited about writing? Scholastic Story Starters activity serves up hundreds of creative combinations that take the writer's block out of creative writing for students.

Set young writers loose with prompts that explore the themes of Adventure, Fantasy, or Sci-Fi. Students can also choose the Scrambler for random word combinations. Story Starters gives ideas for character, plot, and setting. If you want to change your writing prompt, pull the lever and it will serve up a new prompt, either piece-by-piece or all at once.

Scriblett

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

Scribblitt™ is a launch pad for creativity where kids grab an idea, and using tools provided and collaboration with other kids, teachers, writers and publishers, take it where they want to go, making their own characters, story and illustrations come to life in a professional product.

Storyboard that

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

Digital storytelling creator. Has a free account option for light use.

Maths

Prodigy

The engaging, curriculum-aligned math platform loved by over 50 million students, teachers and admins. No cost, ever.

Easily motivate 1st to 8th grade students to learn and practice math. Accessible at home or in class!

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

Math Playground

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

Includes a wide variety of math topics, from problem solving and mathematical art to real world math and thinking games.

ABCya

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

ABCya provides over **400** fun and educational games for grades **PreK through 6**. Our activities are designed by parents and educators, who understand that children learn better if they are having fun. Games are categorized by grade and subject, and cover topics such as multiplication, parts of speech, typing, pattern recognition, and more. We even have games that are just plain fun (and safe) to play! With so much variety, there is sure to be something for kids at all learning levels and styles.

Funbrain

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

Created for kids in grades Pre-K through 8, Funbrain.com has been the leader in free educational games for kids since 1997. Funbrain offers hundreds of games, books, comics, and videos that develop skills in math, reading, problem-solving and literacy.

Educators and parents can trust our site to provide a fun and safe experience both at home and at school. Funbrain does not collect personally identifiable information from kids. For additional information, please see our Privacy Policy.

Other Subject Areas

Cool Australia

<https://www.coolaustralia.org/>

Our student toolbox is packed with all sorts of COOL info that will help you with your studies.

You will find video clips, documentaries, images, articles, stories and news for each major topic. These are all designed to entertain and inform at every turn. The toolbox is divided into Primary and Secondary levels and is brilliant for projects, research and further learning.

And best of all it's **ALL FREE!!**.

If you have any cool information for us to include please let us know. We love your ideas.

FUSE

<https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/?SearchScope=All>

Find resources for all stages of learning. Explore featured resources and browse resources aligned to the Victorian (and Australian) Curriculum. Developed by VIC Department of Education.

Science Kids

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/>

Science Kids is the home of science & technology on the Internet for children around the world.

Learn more about the amazing world of science by enjoying our fun science experiments, cool facts, online games, free activities, ideas, lesson plans, photos, quizzes, videos & science fair projects.

Technovation Families

<https://www.curiositymachine.org/>

Imagine a better world and build it together

We're on a mission to empower children and their families to become leaders and innovators of the future. And because we want every child to have the opportunity to build the future, Technovation Families is 100% free.

Whether you want quality learning challenges to do at home or curriculum for a classroom of eager learners, Technovation Families is a perfect source of inspiration to fuel curiosity, creativity, and perseverance while learning about the science and technology that will drive the future.

Switch Zoo

<https://www.switchzoo.com/default.htm>

Players assemble any mixture of animal they can imagine from the heads, bodies, legs, and tails of 140 vividly lifelike onscreen critters. Beyond its sidesplitting humor, this dazzling game of mix and match teaches children accurate info about animals and lets them make up names and bios for their surreal menagerie.

The Exploratorium

<https://www.exploratorium.edu/>

The Exploratorium isn't just a museum; it's an ongoing exploration of science, art, and human perception. Explore our vast collection of online experiences to feed your curiosity and education resources supporting online teaching and learning.

Brain POP

<https://go.brainpop.com/family/home>

Tap into your children's innate curiosity and set them up for success with the best teacher-approved content, games, and tools. BrainPOP's materials and resources empower children from K-12 to build deep knowledge in an engaging and safe space.

National Geographic Kids

<https://www.natgeokids.com/au/>

This site includes a large collection of videos, interactive activities, and fun games that will keep children of all ages engaged for hours on end.

National Geographic Kids' site is broken down into helpful subcategories for ease of navigating your child's learning. Each section contains extensive and informative write-ups on different animals from lions to whales supported with world class National Geographic footage.

Each section also includes memory games, quizzes, and other different activities to reinforce their learning by applying their new found knowledge.

ABC Splash

<https://education.abc.net.au/home#!/home>

Support your children's education with engaging videos, games, competitions and other fun educational resources.

Find entertaining programs, including videos that help explain the news to kids, or read thought-provoking articles about parenting and the latest education news.

SBS Learn

<https://www.sbs.com.au/learn>

SBS Learn is a library of educational resources linked to SBS documentaries, dramas, news & current affairs, sport and other productions aired on SBS and its national Indigenous TV channel NITV.

Created especially for teachers and students, SBS Learn hosts resources aligned to the Australian Curriculum.

Behind the News (BTN)

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/>

Behind the News (more commonly known as *BTN*) is a long-running news programme broadcast on the ABC made in Adelaide and aimed at school-aged children (8–13 years of age). *BtN* is aimed at upper primary and lower secondary students with the hope of helping them understand issues and events outside their own lives.

Behind the News explores news using the current language, trendy music and popular culture of youths. The programme explains the basic concepts that underpin the issues and events, while also providing background information in the hopes that children will take an interest.

Behind the News also covers childrens' issues often overlooked by mainstream news, and makes use of online resources including streaming video of *BTN* stories, study materials for teachers and additional information and arduous activities for students. *BTN* explains news items in a simplistic way that is trendy and makes good use of children's diminished attention span.

Australian Computing Academy (ACA)

<https://aca.edu.au/resources/>

Free resources created by the ACA for students and teachers!

The University of Sydney leads the Australian Computing Academy to provide the intellectual, technical, and practical leadership needed to fulfil the ambitious goals of the Australian Curriculum: Digital Technologies.

The ACA collaborates regularly with education, industry and the broader tech community to champion a deeper understanding of Digital Technologies and their applications in a range of fields, including computer science, data science and cyber security.

Hour of Code

<https://code.org/>

<https://hourofcode.com/au>

The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, starting with 1-hour coding activities but expanding to all sorts of community efforts. Check out the tutorials and activities. This grassroots campaign is supported by over 400 partners and 200,000 educators worldwide.

Maker's Empire

For when you need to move and have some fun!

Motherly

<https://www.mother.ly/child/montessori-inspired-indoor-activities>

It's important for kids to get outside all year long, but sometimes cold weather means cutting outdoor play time short. While kids might spend hours outside in the spring or summer, they may be shivering and ready to come in after only 30 minutes in the winter.

This means more time for indoor activities, and more planning for you, mama. We have a list to get you started, and after you show your child how to complete an activity, put it on a shelf where they can reach it so they can choose and complete it independently.

Nature Play

<https://natureplaysa.org.au/families/>

Unstructured play outdoors teaches children about themselves, the world around them, and the way they function within it. Their senses are fully engaged, curiosity is nurtured, speech and language skills are enhanced, problem solving and emotional regulation come to the forefront and, the big one, children learn about their capabilities and limitations – all of which are lifelong skills.

Go Noodle

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

GoNoodle® engages 14 million kids every month with movement and mindfulness videos created by child development experts. Available for free at school, home, and everywhere kids are!

General

<https://www.theedublogger.com/teaching-online-school-closures/>

Specifically published for school closures. Handy hints for maintaining a routine at home.