

Free online resources and ideas for activities

General activities

<https://medium.com/pobble/simple-and-fun-non-screen-activities-that-children-can-do-at-home-115543cb3b9c> has a list of good one of activities and a choice of non-screen ideas

<https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/indoor-activities-for-kids/> over 100 ideas for indoors activities to do with kids. The weblink has instructions for things like making playdough. Write these on small bits of paper and make a 'choice pot' for the kids to choose what they do.

<https://www.freehomeschooldeals.com/free-printable-30-day-lego-challenge-instant-download/> 30 day LEGO challenge

Facebook group sharing ideas and online

events: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/871176893326326/permalink/875872189523463/>

Paw Print Badges <https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk> Free challenge packs and other downloads. Many activities can be completed indoors. Badges cost but are optional.

Blue Peter Badges <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

Hungry Little Minds www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk simple fun activities for 0-5s, organised by age bracket

Elsa Support <https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/coronavirus-14-day-self-isolation-activities/> list of activities and ideas

Orchard toys https://www.orchardtoys.com/dept/activity-sheets_d0129.htm activity sheets and things to do for little ones

WWF www.wwf.org.uk/learn/quizzes Fun quizzes to do at home

A lovely idea to help connect with elderly people in the community – Postcards of Kindness <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PostcardsOfKindness/>

Making Rainbow pictures to spread joy 😊 <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-51988671>

Also, check websites for your local museums and galleries. Many of them are putting together activities and resources for families

Learning resources and apps

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning> lists a whole load of educational resources, websites and activities

Twinkl are a good website for children in Key Stage 1 (up to 7-8 years). They are currently offering free access to their resources using the code UKTWINKLHELPS at the website www.twinkl.co.uk/offer

<https://www.worldbook.com/free-educational-resources> Free educational resources

Khan Academy <https://www.khanacademy.org> Especially good for maths and computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. Note this uses the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.

Scratch <https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/> Creative computer programming

National Geographic Kids <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/> Activities and quizzes for younger kids.

Mystery Science <https://mysteryscience.com> Free science lessons

The Kids Should See This <https://thekidshouldseethis.com> Wide range of cool educational videos

Tinkercad <https://www.tinkercad.com> Design, electronics and coding for adults and kids.

Oxford Owl for Home <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/> Lots of free resources for Primary age

Toy Theater <https://toytheater.com/> US resource, educational online games

<https://www.educationalappstore.com/best-apps/5-educational-game-apps-for-young-learners> A list of 10 'best' educational apps for children

DK Find Out

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IwAR2wJdpSJSelTf4do6aPhff8A3tAknmpaxqZbkgudD49I71ep8-sjXmrac> Activities and games on a wide range of topics

Arts and crafts

The Artful Parent <https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/> and <https://artfulparent.com/10-things-to-do-at-home-with-kids/> Free art activities to do with kids

Red Ted Art <https://www.redtedart.com> Easy arts and crafts for little ones

The Imagination Tree <https://theimaginationtree.com> Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest.

Paint Republic www.thepaintrepublic.com Painting for secondary age and adults

Outdoors

<https://www.muddypuddles.com/blog/category/resources/> 150+ activities to do outside with kids, currently free access

Nature Detectives <https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/> A lot of these can be done in a garden, or if you can get to a remote forest location!

Exercise

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ> Weekdays 9am live fitness for kids and grown ups 😊)

<https://www.cosmickids.com/> Yoga for kids – at the moment 2 weeks free trial

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChIjW4BWKLqpojTrS_tX0mg Just Dance video clips on YouTube

Music & stories

Audible are giving free access to many of their audio books

https://stories.audible.com/discovery/enterprise-discovery-21103929011?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_ds_dbb_0-0

www.portsmouthmusichub.org/songsource - launches Monday, free songs for primary aged children with words

Cbeebies Radio <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio> Listening activities for the younger ones.

Ragdolly Annas (find on Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/pg/ragdollyannas/videos/?ref=page_internal) do live video sessions of songs and rhymes for 0-5s.