



Online activities to support

Literacy

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INTRODUCTION

I have been looking for some activities which might help you develop literacy skills in the ICT suite.

These are some of the ones which I thought might be useful.

Most need Shockwave and Flash to run (these are installed on most ICT suite computers).

All the activities have all been checked and run on my computer at home. I have sometimes found the computers in the ICT suite to be a bit slow to load up so make sure you perhaps set everything up beforehand.

I have added some annotated notes to save you having to try out lots of unsuitable stuff but it is still worth trying them for yourself first if you are thinking of using them with the children.

By including a wide range of resources, you should be able to differentiate the work more easily than at present.

If you discover anything else, make a note of it and I'll add it to the next brochure

There are other sites but I thought it would be too confusing to give you everything. If you want to look at other things type 'online phonics games' or 'online literacy games' into Google and work your way through the lists!

HINT: **Highlight** anything you like in the enclosed lists so that you can find it again. Cross out any you think are not useful at all or which won't run on school computers. This will save you going back to look at sites which you don't like.

The BBC site and Saxon Publishing are already in the 'favourites' list on several computers and I will work my way round to adding the others. This will make it quicker to find what you are looking for.

Hope this is useful
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ICT and literacy

Useful Websites:

<http://www.firstschoolyears.com/literacy/resources/games.htm>

- Hangman – (simple words, fairy story titles, days, colours, months, numbers)
- jumbled words
- phonic crosswords
- word searches
- letter-picture memory games
- long / short vowel sorting
- initial clusters, final clusters, clusters (full word)
- CVC final sound, CVC medial sound, CVC full word
- adding -ing
- book quizzes (multiple choice)

After the storm (Nick Butterworth)

Billy's sunflower (Nicola Moon)

Don't do that (Tony Ross)

Elmer and the Lost teddy (David McKee)

Elmer and Wilbur

Elmer and the Wind

Elmer and Grandpa Eldo

Katie Morag and the new Pier (Mairi Hedderwick)

Katie Morag and the Wedding

Pog (Lyn Lee)

Wake up Charlie dragon (Brenda Smith)

HMS Sweet Tooth (ORT)

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/online/>

- [Alphabetical Order \(Flash\)](#) (Gareth Pitchford)
Buttons designed by Edleston Children
- [Plurals](#) (Gareth Pitchford)
- [Apostrophes](#) (Gareth Pitchford)
- [Simple Cards \(Flash\)](#) (Gareth Pitchford)
- [Story: King Arthur \(Flash\)](#) (Gareth Pitchford)
- [Apostrophes](#) (Eluned Fenton & Faye Crowther)
- [CVC Generator \(Flash\)](#) (Gareth Pitchford)
- [Antonyms](#) (Chris Benson)
- [Adverbs](#) (Chris Benson)
- [Making a cup of tea \(Flash\)](#) (Gareth Pitchford)
Best run full screen.
- [Speech Marks](#) (Gareth Pitchford)
- [Commas](#) (Gareth Pitchford)
- [Simple Cards 2 \(Flash\)](#) (Gareth Pitchford)
- [Alien Worlds \(Flash\)](#) (Edleston Children)
- [CVC Generator 2 - Selected letters \(Flash\)](#) (Gareth Pitchford)
- [Anagram](#) (Chris Benson)
- [Story: Heracles 2 \(Flash\)](#) (Gareth Pitchford)
- [Sticky Letters \(Flash\)](#) (Dan Bunker)

- alphabetical order: put words into alphabetical order.
- plurals (one set of 10 regular and irregular plurals)
- apostrophes (one set of 10 sentences to type out and add apostrophes)
- apostrophes (select the right version of a sentence.)
- Read the story of King Arthur. (read the sentences on screen as there is no voice-over/ sequence the pictures / rewrite the story yourself – it seems to print out OK but change to landscape before you do otherwise it has an oddly squashed appearance.)
- Read the story of Heracles. (as above)
- Antonyms – 10 words to match
- Adverbs – 10 sentences to complete
- How to make a cup of tea: sequence the pictures and add captions. It will print out but change to landscape. I thought this was hard.
- Speech marks (10 sentences to type out)
- Commas (10 sentences to type out)
- Alien Worlds (pictures to inspire creative writing)
- Anagrams

Animated Stories: Kate at the Zoo / What if? / Ryan in Trouble

Early Years / Fun Activities

- Dress Sam - dress the teddy
- Animal Magic – different body parts appear as you click the buttons.
- Touch Tunes: making music – quite good sounds but doesn't seem to save a finished version so you can listen to your composition.
- Face Game – a bit scary – a 'real-looking' face demonstrates different expressions and you then have to identify the 'odd one out'.

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/index.shtml>

Phonics Year 2

- sandCastle quiz: vowel digraphs ou / ow / ar / oy / ir/ ear etc. – supply the missing vowel for assorted words.
- Write a postCard: identify the vowel sounds in the words and then click on the spelling patterns to drag them into the words.
- Magic pencil shows how to write some words although I couldn't get this to work in school so check first.

CVC words

- Jim's Crankophone: Auditory discrimination- medial vowels. There are some options for monitoring success.
- The whirly word machine: level 1 rhyming words (is it a real word or not?) level 2 (middle vowels) Level 3 (semantic)

Consonant Clusters

- Wordblender: select first sounds + end sounds to make the word given by the animated blender!

Long Vowel sounds:

- Poem Pack – selection of poems to listen to or read, find missing words etc.
- Snap it: timed activity to match the vowel digraph to the whole word (e.g. 'ai' to Spain) or (Level2) to the word with the digraph missing (e.g. 'ai' to Sp—n).
- Drag'n Spell: drag the digraph to make a word.

High Frequency Words:

Star Words: match words to their outlines.

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

Pingu Dominoes

Old Macdonald: matching games, signing support

Transport snap with signing support

Koala Bears Game: mouse control (catch falling parcels)

Bob the builder animal antics (catch apples using mouse)

Andy Pandy snap (find matching pictures)

Snap (matching pictures)

Fireman Sam Race (up/down arrows and space bar)

Angelmouse (use mouse or arrow keys)

Ready Steady Catch: (mouse skills)

Click a pic (mouse skills)

Build a house (mouse skills / sequencing)

Pingu keepy uppy (using the arrow keys)

Nursery Rhyme maker: listen to the rhyme and then use mouse to move items into correct place to complete the rhyme (humpty Dumpty, one, two three four five, Jack and Jill)

Baa Baa Black sheep – drag the correct symbol / picture into position.

Boo Jigsaw: different levels of difficulty. Finished picture is printable

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/4_11/literacy.shtml

- **Little animals' activity centre:** Spend time rhyming with Digby Mole, or practise your moves with Foxy Dancer. This site can be used as part of the literacy hour for reception year and years 1, 2 and 3. Little animals activity centre includes a range of activities e.g. Digby Mole has some word games which focus on visual skills e.g. words that end in 's'. (probably best for the younger children / non-readers).
- **Magic Key:** Unlock the secrets of sentence writing and work out new words with characters from 'Magic Key'. This site can be used as part of the literacy hour for reception year and year 1.

Adventures feature full stops (HMS Sweet Tooth), capital letters (Lug and the Giant Storks), sentence work (the Patchmaker), decoding (Code Calling), Questons (Dragon Land) and descriptions (Fraser the Eraser), Characteristics (Floppy and the Puppies), Rhyming Words (seeing patterns), sounds that match objects e.g. cuckoo etc. (Words that make sounds)

- **Starship:** Set off on a cosmic adventure aboard the Starship with Star, Sky and Hutch. Starship covers KS1 QCA schemes of work covered in Year 2. Starship enables the children to select parts of a story from several options. The options are then amalgamated into a story which can be printed out and finished by hand.
- **DynaMo** – Spellbound words are given briefly for the child to remember and then drag the letters into position.

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

Kindergarten



[Upper and Lowercase Letters](#) matching lower – upper case letters



[Recognizing Vowels](#) identify the number of balloons that have a vowel written on them.



[Choosing the Correct Word](#) match CVC, CCVC and CVCC words to pictures.



[Rhyming Words](#) find the pairs of rhyming words.



[Sorting Vowels and Consonants](#) put letters into the correct jars according to whether they are consonants or vowels.



[Ordering the Letters A - Z](#) put an assortment of letters in the right order.



[Picture-Word Match](#) picture-word matching (guess a level of book etc. as we don't have access to the specific scheme)



[Word-Picture Match](#) as above

Grade 1



[Upper and Lowercase Letters](#) (as above)



[Blends](#) match pictures to initial blends.



[Vowel Rules](#) a bit complicated, I thought



[Sorting Long Vowels and Short Vowels](#) probably only for good readers / spellers



[Contractions](#) use of apostrophe – matching game



[Final, Stable Syllables](#) matching pictures to the final letters (quite difficult)



[Picture-Word Match](#)



[Word-Picture Match](#)

Grade 2



[How Many Syllables?](#) – identify number of syllables in words.



[Blends](#) match pictures to letters.



[Alphabetizing Words](#) put words in alphabetical order.



[Wild Colt Words](#) I hadn't got a clue what a 'wild colt' word was even though I had played the game (using random guesses) but I 'Googled' it and found this... **'Wild Colt words** contain either the vowels o or i followed by two consonants'.



[Rhyming Words with Different Spellings](#) matching game



[Prefixes and Suffixes](#) put prefixes in one envelope and suffixes in another.

<http://www.free-kids-games.com/>

word searches

picture jig-saw puzzles (different levels of difficulty)

memory game

Essex Grid for Learning

<http://www.e-gfl.org/e-gfl/primary/ey/index.htm>

- Early Years: Characters- make a person and add text.
- Goldilocks and the three bears: Read the story and type in answers to questions.
- It's a goal- find missing letters to complete CVC words.
- Spelling Quiz 1 – word is presented briefly and has to be then typed in. It can be repeated by hovering over the sound button.

<http://pbskids.org/lions/games/>

- Look out below – find small words within larger ones (32 options).
 - Word Play – words on screen that do what they say e.g. peel / vanish / shrink (75 words).
 - Talking Gizmo – by clicking in the buttons, you can hear different verb / noun / preposition options and make different spoken sentences.
 - Pounce – the lion pounces on written words that match the spoken one – good for using phonic skills (60 goes).
 - A.B.Cow – find missing letters of the alphabet. You can listen to the song.
 - Alphabet Soup: quite difficult. The children have to rearrange the words floating in the soup and make a word which forms part of a joke e.g. why did the lion eat the tightrope walker? The answer comes up at the end ('because he wanted a well-balanced meal') Unfortunately there are 101 jokes to work through!
 - Flood- a semantic activity where you have to select three books from the same category (e.g. machines) and they return to the shelves (100 options).
 - Gawains word: knights called –ack –ock etc. joust with an initial sounding knight e.g 's' until the word is formed. (14 sets with 5 options in each).
 - Chicken stacker: - select the words that contain the target vowel (visually). You can alter the speed of presentation and the length of the words.
 - Fuzzy Lion Ears – complete the words by choosing the missing letter (6 sets of 6). All the words would be real words whatever letter you pick but you have to match the picture shown. The letter sounds are sounded as you hover over them.
- *All the games need shockwave and Flash but they do offer a version that runs with no sound or animation.

<http://www.primarygames.com/reading.htm>

There are quite a few games on this site but you may need to check, as it is very 'American'.

Slate

WORDO

Word Lab

Kim and Jason Daily Comic

Fowl Words

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Fowl words 2
Letter Rip
HangARoo
Color Words
Treasure Trove
See 'N Spell
Squigly's Apples
Bookshelf
Months of the Year
Younger Stationery
Older Stationery
The ABC Game
Alphabet Zoo

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/clifford1/>

- Interactive stories
- Concentration: a bit odd as you look for words with the same middle sound which meant that gate / plate, tree / key etc went together but also mule / music. (I thought the children might get confused about rhyme vs. medial vowel).
- Make a word is good – drag letters to make as many simple words as you can. You can replace the letters and at the end it tells you how many you could have made.
- Letter match – sort words according to the first letter (visual skills).
- Sound match – sort pictures according to initial sound (auditory).