



We understand it may be difficult for your children to access books during school closures. We have listed some ways below that your child can still continue their reading journey at home.

And the best part is, they're all free!



#### Croydon Digital Libraries

London Libraries Consortium offer digital books to borrow to members of Croydon libraries. Just sign in and you can browse hundreds of titles.

<https://llc.overdrive.com/library/youth>

If you don't have a Croydon library membership card, you can sign up

here: [https://llc.ent.sirsiidynix.net.uk/client/en\\_GB/croydon/?rm=JOIN+THE+LIBRA2%7C%7C%7C1%7C%7C%7Co%7C%7C%7Ctrue](https://llc.ent.sirsiidynix.net.uk/client/en_GB/croydon/?rm=JOIN+THE+LIBRA2%7C%7C%7C1%7C%7C%7Co%7C%7C%7Ctrue)

#### The Book Trust

A children's book charity offering free online books:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games>

#### Oak National Academy Virtual Library

Children's authors reading books they have wrote and more! Authors change weekly.

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

#### Oxford Owl

A high-quality educational website that we use in school. Sign up for free and access a range of books suitable for ages 3-11. Read Write Inc phonics books that match the programme we use in school are also available here

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/>

#### Ark Oval YouTube Channel

Our school YouTube channel offering lots of books read aloud by our own staff. Please subscribe to be notified when new content has been uploaded.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVraNWFZoXOBsszfyqNYXQ>

Listening to stories is a powerful way to develop your child's understanding of language. As they listen, encourage them to respond by drawing their 'mind pictures' or writing about the story.

#### Audible

This website offers a free 30-day trial for all of their audio books, many of which are read by real authors or celebrities.

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

#### Coming soon...

A full virtual library of all of the books in the Read Write Inc phonics programme.

Further information will be shared with you soon.

Regular reading is vital to not only your child's academic success, but for many other reasons including:

- Emotional development
- Communication skills
- Relaxation
- Escapism
- Motivation to learn