Useful websites to support learning in the Early Years

Hungry Little Minds https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/

Supported by the DfE – activities for parents/carers to engage in with their children Birth to five years old. Includes electronic links to a variety of other EY online resources.

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

An excellent independent charity that supports schools and parents to develop literacy skills. It has a wealth of resources to support parents and they are available for specified age groups.

https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/?mc_cid=1a89f05f20&mc_eid=f1ee489d07

Interactive stories and games

Chatter Pack https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning - lots of links to resources and guidance

National Geographic Kids https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/

Activities and quizzes for young children.

The Kids Should See This https://thekidshouldseethis.com

Crash Course Kids https://m.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids

Some great science experiments for children to engage in.

You Tube videos on many subjects for a younger audience

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.

Cbeebies Radio https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio

Listening activities for the younger child

Cbeebies https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies

Lots of fun games to play, songs to sing, stories to listen to – linked to children's favourite TV characters/programmes

Numberblocks https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks

Fun ways with numbers. Including: counting, adding on, subtraction.

Nature Detectives https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/activities/

A lot of these can be done in a garden, or if you can get to a remote forest location!

The Artful Parent https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/

Good, free art activities – you need a Facebook account to access the page

Red Ted Art https://www.redtedart.com

Lingumi (For children aged 2-5): Sets of learning games, speech recognition games and video-based games to help with a child's grammar and getting them speaking their first words early on. https://lingumi.com/

Kaligo (For children aged 3-5): The first digital handwriting exercise book using a stylus and tablet, built using AI and co-created with teachers, occupational therapists and neuroscientists.

https://www.kaligo-apps.com/

Phonics Hero (For school-aged children): Over 850 fun, varied and motivating games take a child step-by-step through the 44 sounds, the reading and spelling of words, and how to conquer sentences. https://www.phonicshero.com/

Navigo Game (For school-aged children): Focuses on developing skills that underpin reading, including phonics, letters and sounds, designed by UCL Institute of Education and Fish in a Bottle. https://iread-project.eu/game/

Fonetti (For school-aged children): The world's first 'Listening Bookshop' interacting with children by giving visual cues in real-time as they read aloud and highlighting where the most support is needed. https://www.fonetti.com/

The Imagination Tree https://theimaginationtree.com

Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest

Five Minute Mum https://fiveminutemum.com/

Lots of fun ideas. Provides an outline of how parents/carers could structure their day. In addition, she is planning to provide a video a day on what games to play.

Instagram- @oliverjeffers – Reads a story every night 6pm

Interactive Phonics Resources

PhonicsPlay.co.uk - FREE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PERIOD
https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/

TESiBoard - Free resources available : https://www.tes.com/articles/ict-games-interactive-whiteboard-resources-and-activities-primary-and-secondary

Twinkl - App covering all Phases £4.99 (lite version available for free)
https://www.twinkl.co.uk/

Oxford Owl website – useful information for staff and parents.
https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home

Coosi box: Creative Drawing & Share Imagination
https://www.educationalappstore.com/app/coosi-box-creative-drawing

Bizzibrains I Learn: interactive storybook allowing you to add your own photos to the main characters http://literacyapps.literacytrust.org.uk/bizzibrains-i-learn/

ABC gurus - https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/abc-gurus/id932417099

Hairy phonics - My Story a simple book creator app, great for making multi-modal texts. Children can insert photographs, clipart, saved images. They can also record their voice and there are a range of mark making tools for them to write and record their ideas.

https://www.nessy.com/uk/apps/hairy-phonics-1-2/