# WEBSITES FOR PARENTS - HELPING THEIR CHILD WITH READING

## *FIVE TOP SITES*

**WORDS FOR LIFE**

This site has lots of tips to get children reading; fun stuff to do; book recommendations; ideas for all ages up to end of KS2. Excellent site.
http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/?gclid=CPmU_4e_57ICFUXHtAodVE8A4w

**BOOKTRUST**

This is an extensive site giving tips on how to share books; book lists & recommendations; catering for all ages including adults. Highly recommended.
http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/children/how-to-share-books/support-your-childs-reading-journey/

**OXFORD OWL**

Free eBooks; advice and tips for supporting children in KS1 & KS2; lots of games & activities that support reading skills; links to Oxford reading schemes. Definitely worth a look.
http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/

**THE GUARDIAN**

An excellent site dealing with all things 'bookish' – author interviews; reader reviews; what's hot and what's not... Probably most suited for kiddies who already have the reading habit, but a useful site for parents to keep up to date with children's books.
http://www.guardian.co.uk/childrens-books-site

**LOVE READING 4 KIDS**

This site regularly updates its reading lists for specific age groups. It gives synopses, reviews & recommendations. Useful for keeping abreast of what's popular in children's fiction.
http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/

## *TIPS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S READING*

**FIRST SCHOOL YEARS**

Provides a checklist of tips for hearing your child read.
http://firstschoolyears.com/literacy/text/resources/readingtips.htm

**NETMUMS**

Top ten tips on hearing your child read + a few related links.
http://www.netmums.com/activities/fun-at-home/reading-together/top-ten-tips-to-help-your-child-read

**TOPMARKS**
Ten general tips on hearing your child read. Rather sparse but a few further links to other similar websites.
http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Parents/ten-tips-on-hearing-your-child-read

**BBC**
This is a general site giving brief overview of how to support your child across a range of subjects. Not very specific.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/primary_support/

## *SOME SITES OFFERING ONLINE BOOKS OR READING ACTIVITIES*

**STARFALL**
American beginning-to-read site with some pre-reading and beginning-reading games.
http://www.starfall.com/

**STORYLINE ONLINE**
A site with a selection of popular children's books told by actors via YouTube clips, with some suggestions for related activities.
http://www.storylineonline.net/

**FUNBRAIN**
This site has a small selection of online books along with a few reading-based online activities.
http://www.funbrain.com/brain/ReadingBrain/ReadingBrain.html

**MAGIC KEYS**
This has some basic children's storybooks online, complete with animations and some with sound.
http://www.magickeys.com/books/

**PBS KIDS**
A wide selection of online reading and pre-reading games for children to play. Variable quality and usefulness.
http://pbskids.org/games/reading.html

**MIGHTY BOOK**
A selection of free animated online storybooks is available without subscribing.
http://www.mightybook.com/

**DR SEUSS**
This Dr Seuss related site has some fun activities that tie in with some of his more popular books.
http://www.seussville.com/

**ACADEMY ISLAND**
Basic reading game.
http://www.primarygames.com/langarts/academyisland/