Online Educational Resources Available During the Coronavirus Outbreak

There are lots of useful Educational Resources available at this time that we, as School Librarians, can recommend to pupils, parents, carers and staff. This list is in no way exhaustive but highlights a few key resources that I have been made aware of over the last few days. If any of you come across some good sites that you think would be good to share, please let me know. I will add more to it as I come across them also.

- Public Library E-resources most, if not all, Local Authority Libraries offer online services including e-books and e-magazines. Often people are unaware of this service so it is always worth mentioning just in case.
- **BBC Teach & BBC Learn** have lots of different resources for different subjects and all school levels:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04yy4wy

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/Gh0JCgxj9jxxgvwQpqYw7k/projects

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach

BBC Scotland also has a Parents & Carers Facebook Group and will be updating this regularly with resources to do at home.

• Khan Academy (always free) good selection of teaching videos

https://www.khanacademy.org/

 Many children's authors and illustrators are offering read aloud sessions. Here are a few examples:

Read Alouds & Activities

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<u>Authorfy (always free)</u> - great resource of author videos and worksheets

https://authorfy.com/masterclasses/

Tom Palmer is doing daily short readings from his books on YouTube/Twitter:

https://www.youtube.com/user/TomPalmerBlackOp

Rob Biddulph - Illustrator

#DrawWithRob daily drawing lessons

- Free Audible Stories for children of all ages: https://stories.audible.com/discovery?fbclid=lwAR3r3657na1yn7WyWnHhVkXnFf V
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- British Library Online Activities:

https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/themes/all-activities#

• Creative Spark:

https://womenslibrary.org.uk/discover-our-projects/open-the-door/open-the-door-2018/creative-spark/

• World Book Online has made their collection of e-books available to children:

https://worldbook.kitaboo.com/reader/worldbook/index.html?usertoken=Mjk5MzQ6MTpJUjA5MjAxNjoyOmNsaWVudDE2OTc6MTY5NzoyMjE2Mjg4OjE6MTU4NDM4MDExMzA2Mjp1c

• Q Files online encyclopaedia is offering a free trial extended to the end of July 2020:

https://www.q-files.com/

Scholastic resource packs free access:

From Scholastic: 'We're offering all teachers and children in affected UK schools completely FREE access to Scholastic Reading Pro and Reading Pro Library for the duration of the school closures.* Simply email us at readingpro@scholastic.co.uk with the number of free licences you require for your staff and pupils and we'll set you up from there. We'll also provide you with full instructions for you to send on to parents so they can set their child up from home. *Access to Scholastic Reading Pro and Reading Pro Library will be free to all UK schools during COVID-19 closures. After the Department for Education re-open schools, we'll provide all participating users with a further 2 weeks of free access to download all linked reports and data.'

https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/

• NLA Newspapers for Schools (Always free) -NLA's free Newspapers for Schools archive holds newspaper articles from all the major national titles, as well as many regional papers. Teachers at licensed schools are eligible to set up an account, search the database going back to 2006, and access relevant clippings to share with students:

https://newslibrary.newspapersforschools.co.uk/

• <u>Ted Ed</u> educational videos & animations, create customised lessons etc

https://ed.ted.com/educator?user by click=educator

• National Museum of Scotland has lots of online, interactive resources and much of the museum can be viewed online:

https://www.nms.ac.uk/

• Museum Virtual Tours:

https://www.familiesmagazine.com.au/museum-virtual-tours/?fbclid=lwAR2kRDuBNSC7JFdIrj-jfgeisc2mb8yD7kee9DldtWVRVMFntjl1sk5ZjdA

• Edinburgh Zoo – Live Zoo cams:

https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/

Glasgow Science Centre at Home:

https://www.glasgowsciencecentre.org/gsc-at-home

• National Geographic for Kids:

https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/category/discover/

• Dorling Kindersley Find Out:

https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/parents/

• **JCS Resources** – Free access to e-resources from lots of different big publishing companies:

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Education Platform from the Copyright Licensing Agency - Once you sign your
school up for free you can activate copies of any text books you hold. This allows
teachers to digitally assign pages of those books to students via a simple email link
for home learning. Copyright restrictions are the same as photocopying, but a really
useful resource as you don't have to sign students up to the platform, only teacher
logins:

https://www.educationplatform.co.uk/

• British Sign Language course and certification:

https://www.british-sign.co.uk/coronavirus-crisis/

 One of the Moray School Librarians, Stephen Leitch, has kindly agreed to allow his links to be shared among our Community:

https://www.symbaloo.com/shared/AAAAA-8TxUUAA41_WbdTSA==

National Parents Forum of Scotland (NPFS) has a list of resources that can help also.
 It will be updated daily:

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• **Joe Wicks, The Body Coach** – will be doing online daily PE lessons:

https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe-1254.html

• Daily Creative Challenge:

http://dothinkshare.com/creative-inspiration/create-to-connect/

• Duncanrig CSB

@DuncanrigCSB – Will be Tweeting daily Mindfulness tasks

There are a lot of ideas and resources trending on social media just now, so it is worth keeping an eye there also.