



Useful Apps and Links

For parents

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Literacy Links:

Comprehension and reading assistance:

<https://literacy.concordia.ca/abra/en/>

This app can be accessed online by following the link above. It can provide children with up to 3 months additional progress in relation to their reading comprehension with regular use. I've included some instructions below as the app can be quite difficult to navigate at first. The app was developed in America, so there may be some differences in pronunciation and/or a few spellings however, the majority of the programme works well for all children. For P4, the "reading" and "understanding the story" sections are the most appropriate for their ability level.



Click on the play button.



Choose a genre



Choose a title you want to read.



Choose an activity you would like to improve on.



Choose a skill within this to work on. Sometimes all skills are available to have a go at and other times only certain areas can be selected.

Then press the "Go" button to begin.

The activity will begin. It may start by showing you how to play so it is important to have your volume turned up.

The activities should only take 10-15 minutes each.

Phonics help:

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

This website has three free phonics games children can play. Just click resources along the top and the top three games can be played to practise blending/segmenting etc.

<http://www.oxfordprimary.co.uk> -Oxford Owl is a free parent support website – to help parents with their children’s learning at home.

Oxford Owl has over 260 FREE eBooks with linked activities, as well as lots of fun ideas and games to integrate reading and maths learning into everyday life.

Numeracy Links:

For quick number games including “Hit the Button” where children can recall number bonds/multiplication in quick fire questions then TopMarks is a great website. We will sometimes use this with the children too.

This is a link to the general website:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

This is a link directly to “hit the button”.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

More number based games: <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/>

https://www.mathplayground.com/number_bonds_20.html

If there’s anything at any point I can do to assist any of you with further, please don’t hesitate to give me a message.

Many thanks, Miss Gilliland.