

## **Literacy and Numeracy Resources**

*These resources could be used by parents to help support the development of their child's reading, writing and numeracy skills*

### **Literacy:**

Read an online magazine together...

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/discoverybox-face-face-with-lions>

Would they prefer to listen to stories? Free audio versions of stories...

<http://www.storynory.com/archives/classic-authors/>

*You might consider finding out what books are studied in your child's key stage and read them yourself, in order to have informed conversations/shared experience. Or perhaps you could borrow/purchase other works from the same author for your child.*

If your child prefers non-fiction and interactive resources...

Subscribe to the weekly newspaper for children, First News:

<http://www.firstnews.co.uk/subscribe>

Published in on-line instalments, and particularly empowering for girls:

<http://www.mysocalledsecretidentity.com/aboutcat>

General tips for developing a reading habit with teenagers:

[http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/content.asp?nav=2869%2C3047%2C6167&parent\\_directory\\_id=2865&id=10861](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/content.asp?nav=2869%2C3047%2C6167&parent_directory_id=2865&id=10861)

### **To develop writing skills:**

The Sprout is a Cardiff based, youth information, safe website

Encourage your child to read and post on [www.thesprout.co.uk](http://www.thesprout.co.uk)

CGP workbooks [http://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/Student/books\\_ks3\\_english.book\\_EL31](http://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/Student/books_ks3_english.book_EL31)

Write a play...

[http://www.innovationslearning.co.uk/subjects/english/activities/playscript/play\\_home.asp](http://www.innovationslearning.co.uk/subjects/english/activities/playscript/play_home.asp)

A website that makes writing and producing your own short graphic novel really easy:

<http://www.comicmaster.org.uk/>

### Apps to improve spelling:

An app called 'Chicktionary' is free, fun and addictive(!).

'Squeebles' is a paid for app that allows you to input and record your own personal spelling lists, and also keeps a record of your scores.

### General

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/english/>

Parents might wish to refresh their own literacy skills...

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/english>

## **Numeracy:**

### **WEBSITES**

<http://nrich.maths.org/>

A website giving a variety of numerical and mathematical tasks and challenges.

Transum Maths Starter of the Day

[http://www.transum.org/Software/SW/Starter\\_of\\_the\\_day/index.htm](http://www.transum.org/Software/SW/Starter_of_the_day/index.htm)

A selection of numerical puzzles that make for effective collaborative parent/child discussion.

### **BBC BITESIZE**

A good “all round” site that includes interactive, learner friendly information and activities.

### **MyMaths**

Some Cardiff schools have subscribed to this website. Learners will be able to access information, activities and worksheets.

### **BOOKS**

#### **CGP books**

Key Stage 3 revision and workbooks are available to buy from CGPbooks.co.uk or from most book retailers.

### **APPS**

#### **“Squeebles”**

A string of apps that focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Tasks can be managed and monitored by parents.

#### **Beluga Maths**

An app that helps to develop the understanding of concepts within mathematics.

Parents have a vital role in developing numerical skills in managing money. Listed below are some of the skills and knowledge that pupils at key stage 3 need to have:

- advantages and disadvantages of bank accounts, including bank cards;
- make informed decisions relating to discounts and special offers;
- appreciate the basic principles of budgeting, saving and borrowing;
- calculate using foreign money and exchange rates; and
- describe why insurance is important and understand the impact of not being insured.

Parents may want to take opportunities to develop their child’s numeracy skills within the context of real life situations.