



## ICT

Any use of the internet will involve the appropriate supervision for your child's needs. Please see the Pond Meadow, Home Learning suggestions- e-safety for more ideas.

### Touch typing activities

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr>

#### Level 1 starts with the home row keys.

In this level you will learn to type the keys on the home row as well as letters e, i, r and u.

- Stage 1: f d s a j k  
l ; g h
- Stage 2: e i
- Stage 3: r u

Play level 1 and click on the button to select the stage you want.



Purple Mash are currently offering free access – they provide a variety of different activities. You will need to set up a log in.

<https://2simple.com/blog/using-purple-mash-when-school-closed/>

Oxford Owl has lots of stories for you to listen to. You can click the mouse to turn the page and to have the story read to you.

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

The screenshot shows the Oxford Owl website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Oxford Owl logo and the tagline "Help your child learn". The navigation menu includes links for Home, Reading, English, Maths, At school, Books, Kids' activities, and Blog. Below the navigation bar is a large banner with the text "Welcome to Oxford Owl for Home". Underneath the banner, there is a section titled "Explore by age:" with buttons for age groups: 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 6-7, 7-8, 8-9, 9-10, and 10-11. Below this is a featured section for a "Free eBook library" with a button to "Browse eBooks".

Free educational apps on the Microsoft Store. Some of these are great for early ICT skills such as mouse control, click and drag, timing and scanning. Here are two of my favourites:



### ABC kids Games- Learn Alphabet letters and phonics

GREYSPRINGS SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED  
Education > Early learning  
★★★★☆ 2 Share  
ABC kids Games - Learn Alphabet letters and phonics is a fun learning App for kids. This kids app is loaded with multiple small learning games for toddlers, and preschool kids to introduce them to English alphabet learning in ABC phonics. Each More



### Kids Puzzles game for toddlers. Animal jigsaw for children 2-4

CLEVERBIT • Kids & family > Entertainment  
★★★★☆ 4 Share  
The "Funny animals" Kids' Puzzles is an educational game for kids from 1 year old and for children aged 2-4. More



BBC bitesize have some interesting animated videos about ICT. It's also worth checking their page again soon as they are planning to upload new online lessons and activities:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3tbwmn/articles/zykx6sg>

The image shows two video thumbnails. The first thumbnail is titled "What is Coding?" and features a pixelated character. The second thumbnail is titled "How to Make a Computer Game" and features a video game controller.

Recording messages, stories and songs on a phone or tablet and playing them back:



[www.senictsoftware.com](http://www.senictsoftware.com) has lots of carefully crafted activities for the development of early ICT skills.

You can use a 4 week free trial. Lots of the web-based games work brilliantly. It seems the downloadable activities are not compatible with Windows 10 yet though.

<https://www.senictsoftware.com/launch-pad/>



ICT around the house – which buttons do what? How do I use them safely? Do I need a grown up to help?



Functional reading that might motivate the gamers in your house. Not interested in Biff and Chip? How about Pikachu and Mario? Some of us might be more inclined to learn new words if it helps us level up!



Beginning Monday 20 April, BBC Bitesize will publish daily online lessons for all ages. We'll also have a new dedicated TV channel full of learning content, podcasts on BBC Sounds and loads of educational videos on iPlayer.