

# Resource Pack for Self-Isolating Students in KS3

While you are self-isolating at home, we hope you find this pack of study and revision websites useful.

And for fun there are short stories, audiobooks, and e-books for you to enjoy.



## Suggested Study Websites

Why not try these recommended websites to help with your classwork and revision?

**NEVER USE WIKIPEDIA FOR YOUR SCHOOL WORK!**

### General Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/index.html>

<https://www.britannica.com/>

<https://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/learning-activities/>

<https://theday.co.uk/>

<https://thekidshouldseethis.com/>

<https://www.lbq.org/QuestionSets>

<https://kids.kiddle.co/>

### English

<https://www.bl.uk/learning/online-resources>

<https://www.grammarbook.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z3kw2hv>

### MFL

<https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/index.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z2nygk7>

### Maths

<https://nrich.maths.org/secondary>

<https://me-u.com/maths/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zqhs34j>

<https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/ks3-revision/ks3-maths/>

## **Science**

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/teacher-category/science/>

<https://letsgolivescience.com/>

<https://mysteryscience.com/>

<https://climatekids.nasa.gov/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zng4d2p>

## **History**

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/category/discover/history/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zk26n39>

## **Geography**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrw76sq>

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/kids>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/category/discover/geography/>

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/>

**And why not try these more fun websites that might help with your classwork as well!**

Virtual Google Earth tours including Life in the Ocean Deep, UNCESO World Heritage sites and botanical gardens and much more...

<https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/google-earth-virtual-tours/>

Think You Know is a website about online safety for all ages.

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/?utm\\_campaign=1742132\\_May%2011th%202020&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=The%20Day&dm\\_i=32K1,11C8K,7HKAXG,3YB9X,1](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/?utm_campaign=1742132_May%2011th%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20Day&dm_i=32K1,11C8K,7HKAXG,3YB9X,1)

Lonely Planet Kids resources include loads of different activities such as how to Build a Space Rocket or a Hot Air Balloon, amongst other things, plus their YouTube channel features history, nature, science, transport, languages, and arts & craft activities.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=epwf0pZW\\_So&list=PLp8n0ijlfi5Iqx0D9O7sIUJ3k32tAMAu](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=epwf0pZW_So&list=PLp8n0ijlfi5Iqx0D9O7sIUJ3k32tAMAu)

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/kids/blog>

James Mayhew is a children's author and illustrator. He has participated in a series of events where he sketched or painted alongside live orchestras, and this set of clips provides a glimpse of the events.

Brilliant for anyone who loves music or art.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcnow/events/play/popular/p08dhjdv>

Tom Whipple, Science Editor at The Time, introduces the science of radiation without the boring bits!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWBMlozhq6w>

Wildlife webcams: A huge collection of nature webcams, including birds of prey, rodents, foxes, badgers, pine marten, marine wildlife, African game reserves ...

<https://www.discoverwildlife.com/animal-facts/livestreams-wildlife/>

Drawing lessons & free downloadable nature images from illustrator Ben Rothery

<https://www.benrotheryillustrator.co.uk/collections/free-colouring-images>

The Anne Frank Video Diaries: Created by Anne Frank House, these videos look at what might have happened if Anne Frank had a camera rather than a diary.

<https://www.youtube.com/annefrank>

The Churchill Archive- to access the Churchill archive and its amazing resources please use the logon details below:

[www.churchillarchive.com](http://www.churchillarchive.com).

Username: JRLibrary

Password: Library

## Audiobook recommendations

Below is a selection of the amazing audiobooks that are available for The John Roan School students. This list will be updated as more resources become available:

Watch videos and readings from your favourite authors including Michael Rosen, Anna James and Kwame Alexander

<https://authorfy.com/>

There is a selection of free classical audiobooks to listen to on both websites:

<https://www.learnoutloud.com/Results/Publisher/Lit2Go/1087>

<http://www.loyalbooks.com/genre/Children>

Cressida Cowell (current Children's Laureate) is reading aloud a selection of her books on her YouTube Channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe01xn13M8q2dsIw0mvW9lq>

Faber Booktime is a YouTube series where authors and illustrators discuss aspects of being an author or illustrator and their work, as well as reading from their books.

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvqjskRY40cs3YyJiCl\\_LynRY5094vMuc](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvqjskRY40cs3YyJiCl_LynRY5094vMuc)

Join Academy Award-winning filmmaker, Taika Waititi as he reads *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl, in full across 10 episodes.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/officialroalddahl>

Listen to Piers Torday read the brilliant *The Last Wild* on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/piersft>

Jeff Norton has read his book *Alienated* on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thejeffnorton>

Tom Percival has read his book *Dream Team: Attack of the Heebie Jeebies* on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3k9n7MKfQ1o&list=PLYPNXjmoCNbRd3QHsUMfSLQpxNGMV-eat>

### **Fun Reading Activities**

Below is just a small selection of the amazing free reading materials that are available for you to try...

Why not have a look at the British Library's amazing Harry Potter: A History of Magic exhibition?

<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/harry-potter-a-history-of-magic>

Make your own Shakespearean theatre!

<http://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Make-Your-Own-Globe-Theatre-Download-Online.pdf>

British Library has instructions for how to make your own mini book with instructions.

<https://bit.ly/33tLmas>

The National Literacy Trust has resources for all the family on its websites.:

The NLT Family Zone has activities for ages 0 to 12.

[https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/?mc\\_cid=994b485b8b&mc\\_eid=5ab87ba18d](https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/?mc_cid=994b485b8b&mc_eid=5ab87ba18d)

Zone In has activities for ages 13 plus.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/zone-in/>

There are lots of fun Harry Potter activities on the Wizarding World website.

<https://www.wizardingworld.com/collections/starting-harry-potter>

There's a brilliant selection of resources based upon the Murder Most Unladylike series.

<https://robin-stevens.co.uk/top-secret/>

Create your own version of a classic Penguin cover on this brilliant website.

[https://penguin.jos.ht/?utm\\_campaign=1743733\\_May%2013th%202020&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=The%20Day&dm\\_i=32K1,11DH1,7HKAXG,3YGGY,1](https://penguin.jos.ht/?utm_campaign=1743733_May%2013th%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20Day&dm_i=32K1,11DH1,7HKAXG,3YGGY,1)

## **Free-E-Books to Read at Home**

There is a selection of free comics available to download on this website:

<https://www.comixology.co.uk/free-comics>

Project Gutenberg offers over 50,000 free e-books in various formats.

[www.gutenberg.org](http://www.gutenberg.org)

On Neil Gaiman's website there are full versions of his books such as *The Graveyard Book* and *Coraline*.

There are also four short stories printed in full for reading and a whole load of activities and downloads based on Neil's writing.

<http://www.mousecircus.com/>

There is a selection of free E-book available on the NASA website. They can be downloaded in various formats.

<https://www.nasa.gov/nasa-at-home-e-books>

Top 50 classic books every child should read, complete with extracts!

<https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/blog/most-popular-books/top-50-classic-books-every-child-should-read-6074>

We hope that you enjoy these short stories that we have chosen for you...



*Who's There* by Kevin Crossley-Holland



The door slammed, shutting him in. When he tried to open it, he found it was locked. There was no window, no light. He couldn't see anything at all. And he couldn't get out, unless someone came to help him.

Quavering, he called, "Help! Is anybody there?"

And a deep echoing voice said: - "NO!"



## *Freddy and the Pig* by Charlie Higson

Freddy Wilberforce hated school. "It's boring and a waste of time", he told his teachers. "I'm going to spend the rest of my life playing Xbox, so what use is learning all this rubbish?"

One day he hit on a clever plan and sent a pig to school in his place. He dressed it in his school uniform and gave it an old pair on his glasses. Freddie was not a thin boy, so the uniform fitted rather well.

The pig was very happy at school. It sat in class and grunted, which is more than Freddy had ever done. The teacher was very pleased with him, but when she handed out worksheets, the pig ate his. Meanwhile Freddy ate everything in the fridge and sat on the sofa all day playing his favourite shoot-em-up, *Total Death War*. He was very happy, and when the pig came home at the end of the day, he seemed happy too.

The next day Freddy sent the pig in again. The pig spent the morning rolling in a puddle, but in the afternoon got full marks in a maths test, so nobody minded. In fact, the pig enjoyed himself more and more each day he went in. Soon he was sticking his trotter up in class and he even joined the football team. In his first match he scored two goals and ate the ball at half time. Freddy was in heaven too; he was ranked "Top Gun" on *Total Death War*.

The only problem was that Freddy's mum couldn't tell the difference between Freddy and the pig. Freddy had grown very fat and round, his arms and legs had shrunk from lack of use and he could only talk in grunts. The pig seemed brighter and was more helpful around the house, so she sold Freddy to a local farm and the pig to university, where he did Mud Studies. The pig went on to find his own successful mud pie business, even got elected to parliament. Freddy was eventually adopted by a family of vegetarians, but they never let him in the house.



## *The Enormous Frog by Maggie Pearson*

One time there was a frog the size of a mountain.

Imagine that!

Along came a snake whose tail curled right round the earth.

Imagine that!

The snake whose tail curled round the earth swallowed the frog the size of a mountain.

Along came a crow so huge, its wings covered the whole sky.

Imagine that!

The crow whose wings covered the sky ate the snake whose tail curled round the earth, that swallowed the frog the size of a mountain.

It flew into the sky and perched on the top of a tree that towered halfway to the moon.

Imagine that!

Along came a giant who pulled the tree, on which perched the crow whose wings could cover the sky, who ate the snake whose tail curled round the earth, who swallowed the frog the size of a mountain.

Imagine that!

Then a voice thundered from the heavens above.

"That's enough Junior! Playtime's over. Time for Bed".

Imagine that!

## *Alex Underground* by Anthony Horowitz

The man from Whitehall didn't know he was being followed. His name was Davenport and he worked as a civil servant in the Ministry of Defence.

He was carrying a black, leather briefcase which bumped against the side of his leg as he walked. He had no idea that there had been someone behind him from the moment he had left his office, but then he wasn't a very observant man. Nor did he realize that he had less than ten minutes to live. Just after half past two, he entered Leicester Square tube station, on his way to North London. The man who was following him passed through the ticket barrier and stood six steps behind him as they took the escalator down towards the platforms.

He was wearing orange tinted glasses and fingered a large, gold signet ring on his third finger. Neither of the two men noticed the 14-year-old boy standing on the other side, traveling up.

It was a one in a million chance.

SECRET

The boy's name was Alex Rider and he was on his way to the cinema, meeting a couple of friends. Anyone glancing at him would have thought he was an ordinary teenager, slim and fair haired, wearing jeans and a baggy jersey.

They would have laughed at the suggestion that he had been sucked, unwillingly, into a world of spies and terrorists and that he had worked for MI6 Special Operations as a unique and highly secret weapon no fewer than four times.

At the end of one mission, he had been wounded and had found himself in a private room at St Dominic's Hospital in North London. But even as he had recovered, he had tangled with four kidnappers who had broken in during the night. It had been the start of an adventure that had led him to Ark Angel, the extraordinary space station orbiting the earth.

He had never learned the men's names, but he had called one Spectacles after the tinted glasses that he wore.

Alex recognized Spectacles now as the two of them passed. For a moment, he was tempted to do nothing. What business was it of his? He never searched for trouble but at the same time he couldn't just let it pass him by. Spectacles was the worst sort of killer, a man who would do anything if the price was right. And he was here, in London. He couldn't just let him sink out of sight.

Alex was almost at the top, at ground level, but he made a sudden decision, threw himself over the handrail and - ignoring the cries of the other passengers - began to slide back down the central reservation, lying on his back with his knees bent, the polished wooden surface offering no resistance. The escalator was steep and within seconds he was rushing past the commuters, hurtling back down towards platform level.

There was a barrier in the way, presumably to stop people doing exactly this. Alex twisted sideways moments before he crashed into it, rolling over the opposite handrail and dropping on to the down escalator a few steps before it reached the end. Someone shouted at him. A hand reached out to grab him. Shaking it off, he ran forward.

The two men had already reached the eastern platform of the Piccadilly line. As Alex continued forward, Spectacles caught up with Davenport and reached out with one hand as if to tap him on the shoulder. At the same time, he pressed a tiny switch on his signet ring. A cloud of poison gas hissed out underneath Davenport's face and the civil servant collapsed, dead so fast that he didn't even know it. At the same moment, Spectacles grabbed the briefcase and turned to move away. That was when he found Alex standing in front of him.

His eyes widened in shock. He recognized Alex instantly, but he didn't let it slow his reactions. Still holding the briefcase, his hand lunged for the gun in the spring-loaded holster clipped over his belt. The gimmicked ring he had used on Davenport was empty. Behind him, the body lay sprawled across the platform. A few commuters were moving towards it.

Alex had seen everything. A murder on the Underground, but one that was so fast that it had been invisible. And now it was his turn. He was already in combat stance as the gun, a Glock automatic, came out.

Alex had learned karate from the age of six. His uncle, Ian Rider, had insisted that he take lessons. It was just one of the ways that he had been prepared for the life that was waiting for him, even though he hadn't known it at the time. He swept the weapon aside with a simple downward block then followed through with an explosive front kick - mae-geri as it had been called by his instructor. Although he was only wearing trainers, his foot slammed into Spectacles stomach with full force.

The man was thrown backwards and off the platform, just as a tube heading for Heathrow roared out of the tunnel.

There weren't many people on the platform, but a woman had seen what had happened and screamed as the man hung briefly in the air, the electric rails beneath him, the tube train bearing down on him, the horrified driver staring out of the window. In fact, Spectacles was lucky. He dropped in front of the advancing train, missing it by inches. Nor was he electrocuted. He landed in the crawl space beneath the rails and was still there, trapped, when police and the security services arrived to drag him out.

The station was evacuated. Davenport's body was taken away on a stretcher and that night on the news it would be announced that a senior civil servant had sadly died of a heart attack.

Alex was never told what the briefcase contained or who had paid Spectacles to steal it. But then, there are some secrets that must be kept at any cost and the existence of a 14-year-old spy was certainly one of them. Alex himself was allowed to slip quietly away.

Unfortunately, he had missed his film.