

Ideas for activities, resources, and home learning for children within the early years (birth to five):

- The [Anna Freud centre](#) has useful information about supporting the mental health and well-being of children and young people (including babies and toddlers). The second question within the 'Advice for parents and carers' section contains specific reference to babies and toddlers as well as older children and teenagers:
- The NHS provides a useful resource to support parents with [understanding, caring for and playing with their baby and toddler](#):
- There are a lot of tips for [playing with a baby and young child](#) on the NHS website and simple ideas for [parents to help children of different ages with play and learning](#)
- Visit the [Imagination Library webpage](#) for ideas, activities and links for the Early Years Practitioners can visit the Imagination Library slack forum which will be updated daily with simple early years activities, ideas, resources, links and suggestions. Please do post your suggestions on slack too. (If you are not already a member, they can email earlyyears@northlincs.gov.uk and you will be invited).
- The North Lincolnshire local offer website contains information for parents and [professionals to support with SEND](#). Parents of early years children may find the resources within the Early Years SEND and Inclusion Handbook useful to support with strategies for behaviour and communication:
- [The BBC 'Tiny Happy People- Your words build their world'](#) helps parents to develop your child's communication skills. Explore our simple activities and play ideas and find out about their amazing early development.
- The [Cbeebies website](#) gives a range of games, puzzles and songs for young children from approximately age three onwards and [the app](#) provides stories that can be downloaded for free, including questions for parents to support talking about and understanding the story.
- [Big Little Moments](#) provides ideas for building young brains. Babies and toddlers are growing and learning every day and the little moments you share can make a big difference. From morning time to bedtime, waiting for the bus to playing together, every moment is a chance to help build a child's brain.
- [Small Talk](#) - Little ways to Make a Big Difference Chat-Play-Read
- [The 'Hungry Little Minds' campaign](#) provides simple, fun activities for children from new born to five.
- [BookTrust](#) provides information, advice and ideas to support your child with their reading and make reading fun. Great for families with children 0-5 years.
- [Twinkl is an on-line resource to support home learning](#), lots of resources, lessons and ideas to keep the children busy. Twinkl have removed their fee so that is free to access over the coming months.



- [Early Learning HQ](#) - Activities, games and resources for EYFS/KS1 children.
- [Wildlife Watch](#) - If you care about nature and love wildlife, Wildlife Watch is the club for you! Lots of fabulous and free ideas and resources linked to activities you can do outdoors.
- [IXL.COM](#) - Interactive activities, games and lessons for Reception to Year 13.
- [Virtual Museum/Gallery Tours](#) Most museums and galleries have virtual tours now - here is a link to just a few of them including National History Museum.
- The National Literacy Trust has developed a new '[family zone](#)' portal providing ideas and guidance for simple activities that children can do at home, while also benefiting their reading, writing and language development.
- [Words for Life Is the National Literacy Trust's website for parents.](#) A great website for parents with children of all ages. Showing them how to support their child with Communication, Language & Literacy
- [Classroom Secrets Limited](#) have produced some a home learning pack with practical ideas for early years aged children:
- [Alistair Bryce Clegg](#) has collated ideas for simple home learning
- [Mr MC has produced ideas for simple exploration activities:](#)
- Lego Education - [Download FREE Lego Education software](#) on to your computer or laptop. We like to use Story Starter Software (it's in the retired products section)
- The following company have created a '[30 days of Lego](#)' calendar providing ideas which could be either used with Lego. Alternatively, the ideas could be adapted to use with other items (e.g. boxes, dough, and blocks) or children could be encouraged to talk about, draw or paint their ideas:
- [Little pine learners](#) have some good suggestions for simple activities both indoors and outdoors:
- [Scholastic learn at home](#) has provided some stories, video clips and activities suitable for pre-school aged children here:
- [Library Service- BorrowBox](#). Get children reading with BorrowBox, your library in one app. Borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks free from your library using our BorrowBox app. Say hello to your future library, wherever you are, whenever you are free.
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