

Literacy with Miss P – 10 useful online English resources for Learning from Home

- 1) [CLPE's PoetryLine](#) is an excellent resource. Their PoetryLine website holds an extensive bank of poems for children and [teaching resources](#), videos of [poet performances](#) and [interviews](#) to support the teaching of poetry. Here's an example of the Joseph Coelho page:
- 2) [Pobble 365](#) is another brilliant online resource for English. Offering a new picture and teaching resource every day, usually consisting of questions around an image, story starters that allow children to continue the story, sentence challenges and illustration tasks.
- 3) [Newsround](#) is a safe place for children to access news and a useful non-fiction resource. The [CBBC Shows](#) section of the site also has useful links to shows such as *Deadly 60* and *Horrible Histories* which they can watch through BBC iPlayer.
- 4) [Michael Rosen's website](#) and Youtube Channel is a goldmine of imaginative, fun ideas and video clips linked to stories and poetry. It includes hundreds of videos ranging from How to Beat Box with SchloMo, Storymapping and 68 Rib-Tickling Jokes, to Poetry Mega-Bundles, Interviews and stories read aloud by Michael himself. This site is a real gem!
- 5) [The Literacy Shed](#) has a range of excellent short films to inspire writing and discussion. Whilst the sequences/lesson plans are paid-for on Literacy Shed Plus, there are a range of videos, which you can access for free, on the main website.
- 6) In addition, [Literacy Shed Images](#) provides a series of interesting images, illustrations and photographs to act as writing prompts. Some have questions and ideas for writing written alongside them too.
- 7) [GetEpic.com](#) is full of non-fiction, comics and loads of great reading material! It's [free for educators](#) to sign up and they are currently offering free remote student access during schools closures. You'll be able to assign books and monitor class progress as students use Epic to learn from home.
- 8) [BBC Bitesize](#) has useful English resources for all key stages, including: [BBC Bitesize KS1 stories](#), [BBC Bitesize KS2 creative writing](#) and [BBC Bitesize KS3 creative and narrative writing](#) with a series of explanatory videos and related tasks or online interactive quizzes that test students' understanding of different skills and features.
- 9) [Once upon a Picture](#) is another fantastic stimulus website, including plenty of pictorial inspiration for your young writers! Each image comes with a raft of questions to ponder and, usually, a related writing task too.
- 10) [Lit Film Fest](#) has a range of free projects that teachers can access for Key Stages 1-4. A quick sign up process gives you access to planning for 5 free projects.

You may also be interested in [20 online tools for teaching vocab](#) and the various online grammar sites listed on my [Getting to Grips with Grammar](#) blog post.

