

READING AND WRITING

There are some great websites out there for inspiration on what book to read next or for help on writing one of your own!

Guardian children's books site

<http://www.guardian.co.uk>

A site for young readers. Get a parent/guardian to join you up. Set up your profile and avatar, write reviews, join in discussions, enter competitions, receive newsletters and much more!



Scottish Book Trust

<http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/reading/book-lists>

From the 'Best Scottish Books' to 'Bedtime Reads', browse lists for adults, teens and kids!



Writing

Book Box

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

Read about where authors get ideas and inspiration for their books. The 'Writers Toolkit' will get you started writing yourself!



Blast

www.bbc.co.uk/blast/writing/

Loads of great information on how to write – not just stories but scripts, radio trails and comedies amongst other things. Read about how some of today's most popular writers have got to where they are, and share some advice with other budding writers.



You can access all the sites in this leaflet on West Dunbartonshire Libraries homework page:

<http://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/homework>



SEARCH THE INTERNET

The following websites are a good place to begin looking for something on the Internet:



KidsClick! www.kidsclick.org

A massive collection of excellent websites on every topic imaginable. KidsClick! is especially good for helping you research topics or projects you might have for homework.



Cybersleuth Kids



Cybersleuth Kids <http://cybersleuth-kids.com/>

More websites listed by topic. Another great resource for homework, and also for music, films, computers and great clip art.

North Ayrshire ERS Pupil Pages

http://www.ers.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/schools/schools_schooltopics.cfm

A collection of excellent websites covering the most popular topics studied in primary and secondary schools in Scotland. All the websites are arranged by school level then by topic so the site is easy to use.



<http://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/homework>



REFERENCE

Try these websites when you start your research. They are quick and really easy to use.



Britannica Junior

<http://library.eb.co.uk/elementary>

For 5 – 11 year olds



Britannica Student

library.eb.co.uk/comptons

For 12 – 18 year olds

Both of these are encyclopaedias and are great for finding out information on a range of subjects.

To use these resources at home, you will need to log on using your West Dunbartonshire library card.



Wikipedia <http://en.wikipedia.org>

Wikipedia is an easy-to-use, online encyclopaedia. You can find information about almost anything here, but be careful! Content can be added and edited by any visitor to the site, so you might need to check the accuracy of some of the articles.



SCRAN www.scran.ac.uk/

A huge collection of resources about Scottish life and culture, including LOTS of photographs and other multi-media files.



HOMWORK HELP

The sites on this page are really useful for finding help with your homework.

BBC Schools www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/education/

Lots of Websites to help you with different school topics, whether you are at Primary or Secondary school. The information is organised by school level then by topic.



Homework High www.channel4learning.com/apps/homeworkhigh/

Homework help for 11-16 year olds from Channel 4. They reckon they can answer any homework question you might have, so why not put them to the test?



Topmarks www.topmarks.co.uk

This site is particularly strong on resources and advice relevant to primary school children. It has interactive games which promote numeracy and literacy. It also acts as a portal to other useful sites.



Homework Help <http://www.homeworkelephant.co.uk/>

With over 5000 carefully selected resources to assist with homework this is another great site to find help with school projects.

