

Resources for at home use: Yr 4/5

1. Literacy: Daily reading and writing

Writing: Students can write stories or do some journal writing.

- **Scholastic - Story Starters Teaching Guide (for story writing ideas)**
<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/>

Ready to get students excited about writing? Scholastic Story Starters activity serves up hundreds of creative combinations that take the writer's block out of creative writing for students.

Set young writers loose with prompts that explore the themes of Adventure, Fantasy, or Sci-Fi. Students can also choose the Scrambler for random word combinations. Story Starters gives ideas for character, plot, and setting. If you want to change your writing prompt, pull the lever and it will serve up a new prompt, either piece-by-piece or all at once.

Reading: Students can read books, online books (<https://www.getepic.com/>), or view Kidsnews (<https://www.kidsnews.com.au/>). They have also been set up with a Reading Eggspress account. (Teachers to provide logins.)

- **Storyline Online – for listening to stories being read**
<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

The SAG-AFTRA Foundation's award-winning children's literacy website, Storyline Online, streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations.

2. Maths: Focus is on number (times tables, the 4 operations), measurement and money

Students could be practising telling the time and their times tables, helping measure ingredients when cooking, calculating change and playing boardgames.

They could also use the following online resources:

- **Prodigy:** <https://www.prodigygame.com/> (Teachers to provide logins.)

The engaging, curriculum-aligned math platform loved by over 50 million students, teachers and admins. No cost, ever.

Easily motivate 1st to 8th grade students to learn and practice math. Accessible at home or in class!

- **StudyLadder:** <https://www.studyladder.com.au/> (Teachers to provide logins.)
- **Oxford Owl:** <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/maths/primary-multiplication-division/multiplication-division-year-4-age-8-9/>
- **Games, such as:** <http://www.scootle.edu.au/ec/viewing/L869/index.html>

3. Health & Wellbeing

- Colouring In
- Drawing and origami Lessons: <https://www.artforkidshub.com/>
- Go Noodle: <https://www.gonoodle.com/>
- Just Dance Videos on Youtube
- PE/ home workout: <https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1/featured>

4. Other Subject Areas

- Cool Australia: <https://www.coolaustralia.org/>

Our student toolbox is packed with all sorts of COOL info that will help you with your studies. You will find video clips, documentaries, images, articles, stories and news for each major topic. These are all designed to entertain and inform at every turn. The toolbox is divided into Primary and Secondary levels and is brilliant for projects, research and further learning. And best of all it's **ALL FREE!!**.

- Science Kids: <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/>

Science Kids is the home of science & technology on the Internet for children around the world. Learn more about the amazing world of science by enjoying our fun science experiments, cool facts, online games, free activities, ideas, lesson plans, photos, quizzes, videos & science fair projects.

- Switch Zoo: <https://www.switchzoo.com/default.htm>

Players assemble any mixture of animal they can imagine from the heads, bodies, legs, and tails of 140 vividly lifelike onscreen critters. Beyond its sidesplitting humor, this dazzling game of mix and match teaches children accurate info about animals and lets them make up names and bios for their surreal menagerie.

- National Geographic Kids: <https://www.natgeokids.com/au/>

This site includes a large collection of videos, interactive activities, and fun games that will keep children of all ages engaged for hours on end.

National Geographic Kids' site is broken down into helpful subcategories for ease of navigating your child's learning. Each section contains extensive and informative write-ups on different animals from lions to whales supported with world class National Geographic footage. Each section also includes memory games, quizzes, and other different activities to reinforce their learning by applying their new found knowledge.

- Behind the News (BTN): <https://www.abc.net.au/btn/>

Behind the News (more commonly known as **BTN**) is a long-running news programme broadcast on the ABC made in Adelaide and aimed at school-aged children (8–13 years of age). *BtN* is aimed at upper primary and lower secondary students with the hope of helping them understand issues and events outside their own lives.

Behind the News explores news using the current language, trendy music and popular culture of youths. The programme explains the basic concepts that underpin the issues and events, while also providing background information in the hopes that children will take an interest.

Behind the News also covers childrens' issues often overlooked by mainstream news, and makes use of online resources including streaming video of *BTN* stories, study materials for teachers and additional information and arduous activities for students. *BTN* explains news items in a simplistic way that is trendy and makes good use of children's diminished attention span.