English activities for Year 2

Reading/ Spelling

Practise your 1st High Frequency words / Next 200 High Frequency Words (inside your Home School Diary) / Common Exception words

Check which words your child can read without 'sounding out' and then focus on building sight fluency with 5 more words at a time.

Write the words on pieces of paper/post it notes/pieces of card and lay out as flash cards. Keep repeating these and when they are secure add further words. You can play games such as 'Snap!' or memory by making double sets of the words and asking your child to read each word as they turn them over to make pairs.

Reading

Listen to a story daily. Discuss the story you have shared together. The bookmarks given previously will help with questioning. You probably have lots of lovely books at home, but if you're stuck and need some more inspiration, try out these...

Oxford Owl has a free e-book library with books that you can share with your child and books that they will be able to read to you. This is good for all types e.g. fiction, non-fiction and poetry...

https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page

On **Audible** you can listen to a lovely range of books for free https://stories.audible.com/discovery

Join **David Walliams** for his daily story https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/

Here's some poetry too! https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/

Literacy Trust

https://literacytrust.org.uk/news/katherine-rundell-launches-the-book-of-hopes-a-free-childrens-book-by-over-110-authors-and-illustrators/

'Award-winning children's author, Katherine Rundell, has today launched The Book of Hopes: Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain Children in Lockdown.

Completely free for all children and families, the extraordinary collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures has contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators, including Lauren Child, Anthony Horowitz, Greg James and Chris Smith, Michael Morpurgo, Liz Pichon, Axel Scheffler, Francesca Simon, Jacqueline Wilson – and Katherine herself.

The Book of Hopes aims to comfort, inspire and encourage children during lockdown through delight, new ideas, ridiculous jokes and heroic tales. There are true accounts of cats and hares and plastic-devouring caterpillars; there are doodles and flowers; revolting poems and beautiful poems; and there are stories of space travel and new shoes and dragons.'

The story can be found here...

https://issuu.com/bloomsburypublishing/docs/thebookofhopes_interactivepdf/1?ff

Comprehension	On the Home learning page for Y2, you will see a selection of comprehensions. In the pack(s) there are a variety of texts. Choose a text that you like the look of. There are questions to ask about the text. Each text has *, ** or *** to choose from depending on how much of a challenge you feel you want/need! You don't need to print out the comprehensions and perhaps you could just write down the answers in your Home-School book or on a sheet of paper.
Phonics and Spelling	Practise your 1st High Frequency words / Tricky Words / Next 200 High Frequency Words (inside your Home School Diary) / Common Exception words The best approach is 'Look, say, cover, write and check'. Write the word for the child to read. Then say the word out loud. Cover the word over and then write it down. Check the spelling against the correct spelling. This should be repeated several times for each word.
	Phonic word games and interactive learning resources:
	Phase 2 word games: https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase2Menu.htm
	Phase 3 word games: https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase3Menu.htm https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvq9bdm
	Phase 4 word games: https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase4Menu.htm
	Phase 5 word games: https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase5Menu.htm
	Phase 6 spelling pattern games: https://www.spellingplay.co.uk/y2_member/interactives_learning_words_1.html https://www.spellingplay.co.uk/y2_member/interactives_vowel_suffixes_1.html https://www.spellingplay.co.uk/y2_member/interactives_more_suffixes.html https://www.spellingplay.co.uk/y2_member/interactives_letter_strings_1.html https://www.spellingplay.co.uk/y2_member/interactives_apostrophes_1.html https://www.spellingplay.co.uk/y2_member/interactives_homophones_1.html
Writing	A daily journal Your child should write 3-6 sentences unaided about their day. Encourage the children to use their phonics to spell and also apply their high frequency words / tricky words / common exception words knowledge. Encourage them to read back and check what they have written. Please remind your child that each sentence must begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop.
Speaking & Listening	Act out your very own story in your bedroom or in the garden with your toys or siblings
	Maybe you could make masks so you can play your role well
	Maybe you could write a play script for the story
	Make finger puppets for your story and act it out Maybe you could take some photos
	Listen to Audiobooks or e-books (Go to Twinkl website) / Podcasts of your favourite stories / You Tube (under adult supervision) — see the links above too
	Listen to your favourite stories on CBeebies

	Play a game of 'I spy' or 'Guess who' Play 'I'm an Expert in' Choose your favourite topic to talk about for 1-2 minutes. It could be your favourite traditional tale, the Great Fire of London, Space, Flags or Capital cities In fact, it can be anything you want to be!
Poetry Writing stimuli	Write a 'What am I?' poem linked to Spring / Summer / Plants
Jennan	What Am I?
	I'm yellow but I'm not a banana.
	I can be over ten feet tall but I'm not a giraffe.
	I have seeds but I'm not a lemon.
	I'm a plant but I'm not a rose.
Poetry Reading	Read some poems and share them (see links above)
Poetry Speaking & Listening	Learn a poem off by heart about summer, share it with a family member
Writing General	See Home Learning — Year 2 — Writing section for other ideas and inspiration!
Other	If you go to BBC Bitesize KS1 English, you will find a selection of lessons, activities linked to Phonics, Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation, Reading & Writing, Speaking and Listening, Types of Text. These can be used for further inspiration. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zgkw2hv
	Purple Mash If you go to English there is a collection of different resources to inspire you: English tools, SPAG resources, Writing Genres and Themes and an app called Simple City to play too.