

# 101 Things to do indoors

**STOKE  
READS**



This resource is brought to you by **Stoke Reads**, a campaign to inspire families across the city to read together and help parents to support their children's literacy skills. Everything in this document is free to access and will encourage families to explore a range of activities whilst discovering diverse authors and creators.

We'd love to see your family getting involved, so please send any pictures of you taking part to [stoke@literacytrust.org.uk](mailto:stoke@literacytrust.org.uk) and we may share them on our Facebook page.

## Making

- Create your own Charlie and Lola **puppets**
- Build a **wellbeing box** full of positive messages and your favourite items
- Make your own **friendship bracelets** and post one to your bestie
- Write a recipe for a much loved meal and make it with a grownup. Use the **Stoke Family Cookbook** to get some inspiration
- Turn a plastic bottle into a plant pot by following **these instructions**
- Craft yourself a **bookmark** using an old cereal box
- Make a **calm down glitter jar**
- Design and write **a postcard** to send to someone you're missing
- Create your own **time capsule** with your family and open it together in the future
- Paint and hide a **kindness rock** to spread positivity in your community

## Writing

- Make up some nonsense words and give them definitions - **Simon Mole** can help!
- Create a thankyou letter for your teacher
- Check out **Stoke's 100 books for children to read at secondary school** – write a list of all the ones you want to read
- Watch **this video** and then write some jokes of your own
- Become a **Story Explorer** and write a visitor's guide, or draw a map, based on your favourite story setting
- Try Karl Nova's top **10 poetry writing tips**
- Learn how write in a **secret code**
- Write a story inspired **by a picture**
- Make friends in lockdown with **#MyDearNewFriend**
- Start a **gratitude journal** and write down things your thankful for each day

## Reading

21.  Check out the **Author of the Week** in the Virtual School Library and have a go at the activities
22.  Read **The Book of Hopes**, edited by Katherine Rundell, on our website
23.  Start a reading diary – **this Matilda** one is full of fun Roald Dahl quotes!
24.  Borrow a book from **Stoke Library online** – they have a Click & Collect service to help make borrowing easier!
25.  Take part in the **Reading Miles Global Challenge** and compete with your family to see who can read the most
26.  Download a free ebook from **Oxford Owls**
27.  Ask your grandparents or family member to read you a bedtime story on Zoom
28.  Take a look at **Stoke's 100 best books to read before you leave primary school** and choose your next read
29.  Read **The Improbable Adventures of Blunger Woman** created by Gladstone Pottery Museum
30.  **Write a review** of the best book you've read so far this year – what made it so great?

## Listening

31.  Discover the best ways to **enjoy audiobooks** as a family
32.  Find free children's books to listen to at any time on **Audible**
33.  Discover **Tàta storytime**, an online kids show featuring authors from African, Caribbean and African American heritage
34.  Join Ben Shires for **daily 5 minute episodes** of Story Explorers
35.  Try some vocal warmups and tongue twister battles on **YouTube**
36.  Check out these great **podcasts for kids**
37.  Hear Humza Arshad present **Puffin Podcast** with the gang and listen out for his silly jokes
38.  Treat your ears to some **dub poetry** by Benjamin Zephaniah
39.  Learn the **upper case letter song** by MC Grammar
40.  Make a **sound trail** in your garden or on your daily walk

## Watching

41.  Watch **Why Black Lives Matter** with Ellis Fearon
42.  Take part in a lesson with **MC Grammar**
43.  Watch filmmaker Taiki Waititi read **James and The Giant Peach** with some of his famous friends!
44.  Enjoy the **Six Towns Storytelling series** for fun tales told by Stoke storyteller Alan Barratt

- 45.  Watch this [Malorie Blackman interview](#) about diversity and resilience
- 46.  Explore the [Pop'n'Olly YouTube channel](#) to learn about equality, diversity, and LGBTQ+ history
- 47.  Watch [Charlie and the Chocolate Factory](#) read in British Sign Language
- 48.  Explore [Luna Loves Art](#) with author Joseph Coelho
- 49.  Find out how [Jacqueline Wilson](#) came up with *Tracy Beaker's* name
- 50.  Do you want to write a story but feel stuck for ideas? Watch these [top tips](#) from Katherine Rundell



## Researching



- 51.  Ask a grown-up to like [Stoke Reads on Facebook](#) so you can hear about fun activities all the time
- 52.  Use our [NewsWise Navigator](#) to help identify real and fake news articles
- 53.  Use [Simple English Wikipedia](#) to research your favourite animal & make a project
- 54.  Take part in a [BBC Bitesize](#) daily lesson
- 55.  Discover your dreams for the future with our [When I grow up](#) activities
- 56.  Learn [how to spell your name](#) in British Sign Language
- 57.  Interview a grandparent or relative over the phone and ask them about their lives. Watch this video for some great [interview tips](#)
- 58.  Find dyslexia friendly resources on the [Barrington Stoke](#) website
- 59.  Watch this interview with [Onjali Q Rauf](#) to find out how you can help refugees
- 60.  Ask a grown up to download the [My Happy Mind app](#) to learn about your emotions



## Exploring



- 61.  Learn [how to decode](#) Ancient Egyptian documents
- 62.  Go on your very own Bear Hunt by completing [these activities](#)
- 63.  [Grow your own dragon](#) with Andy Shepherd
- 64.  Head outside with your family and take on one of our [Story Quests in Stoke](#)
- 65.  Go on an [accidental adventure](#) with Digital School House
- 66.  Find out what it's like to [design a video game](#)
- 67.  Journey around the world to learn about [the full story](#) behind the British Empire
- 68.  Take part in a [virtual workshop](#) at The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery
- 69.  [Look around Stoke-on-Trent](#) from the comfort of your own home
- 70.  Blast off to the moon! Try [these activities](#) inspired by Whatever Next! By Jill Murphy



## Drawing

- 71.  Learn to doodle with [The Doodle Boy](#)
- 72.  Follow Liz Pichon as she draws Shoe Wars' vile villain [Wendy Wedge](#)
- 73.  Find out how to draw [The Bolds](#) with David Roberts
- 74.  Paint and draw using this online [painting kit](#)
- 75.  Learn how to [draw your own coat of arms](#) with these instructions from Stoke Museums
- 76.  [Draw your own monster](#) from one of our Story Quests and give them a name
- 77.  Follow Chloe Breeze as she [teaches you how to draw](#) the aliens from our Middleport Martians Story Quest
- 78.  Do a [tree rubbing](#) in your garden or near home
- 79.  Create your very own [comic strip](#)! Try these [top tips](#) if you need story ideas
- 80.  Make a [memory book](#) full of your favourite things!

## Playing

- 81.  Challenge yourself to complete all the activities in our [kindness challenge](#)
- 82.  Think you're funny? Challenge yourself by guessing the answers to these [art jokes](#)
- 83.  You can find words everywhere! Take part in this [word hunt](#) around the home
- 84.  Complete each of the [potbank puzzles](#) made by Stoke-on-Trent Museums
- 85.  Create [a story sack](#) so you can play games about your favourite books
- 86.  Complete all the tasks in our football themed [match activity pack](#)
- 87.  Enjoy some [caterpillar play](#) inspired by The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- 88.  Become a small town superhero with this [BBC Bitesize game](#) all about literacy
- 89.  Test your knowledge with our [royal quiz](#) fit for little kings and queens
- 90.  Make magic with words! Give [these poetry mad libs](#) a try

## Skilling Up

- 91.  Unlock [skills videos](#) to learn freestyle football tricks, beatboxing, and breakdancing
- 92.  Challenge yourself to [unscramble these anagrams](#)
- 93.  Find out how much you know about the world about around you with this [trivia quiz](#)
- 94.  [Download Scrabble](#) on a device and play against a friend or family member
- 95.  Check out [these competitions](#) with National Geographic Kids
- 96.  Impress Matilda's mathematical mind and [build a decahedron ball](#) to play with
- 97.  Learn to [make your own mini book](#) and fill it with your own Stoke Story Quest
- 98.  Check out these [10 minute challenge videos](#) from best-selling authors
- 99.  Take part in the [Happy News challenge](#)
- 100.  Test your memory skills with [our memory game](#) and see if you can improve it
- 101.  Take a photo completing one of our 'things' on the list and send them to [stoke@literacytrust.org.uk](mailto:stoke@literacytrust.org.uk), we might even share it on [#StokeReads](#)!