

Useful links

<http://www.nc.uk.net/home.html>

National Curriculum Online

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/about/ED/NED/00018088/page853899785.aspx>

Features details about the Scottish National Curriculum

<http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/nq/>

Support site for national qualifications in Scotland

<http://www.sqa.org.uk/>

The Scottish Qualifications Authority

<http://www.accac.org.uk/english.html>

Awdurdod Cymwysterau, Cwricwlwm ac Aseu Cymru/The Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales (ACCAC)

www.qca.org.uk

Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, offering e-mail updates

www.dfes.gov.uk

Department for Education and Skills

<http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/literacy/publications/framework/63277/?leaf=0&subleaf=3>

DfES information on the literacy hour

<http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/numeracy/>

DfES information on the National Numeracy Strategy

<http://www.inca.org.uk>

International Review of Curriculum and Assessment Frameworks

<http://www.ncsl.org.uk/index.cfm?pageid=managing-numeracy-index>

National College for School Leadership – offers case material on implementation of numeracy strategy

<http://www.numeracysoftware.com/news.html>

Numeracy News – updated daily

www.scienceacademy.com/BI/

BasketMath Interactive Learning – A US site, but good with it – an animated basketball player celebrates a correct answer.

Resources for schoolchildren

[It All Adds Up](#)

[Maths MagNet](#)

An online maths magazine for 4–7-year-olds

[MathsNet: Numeracy](#)

Part of the MathsNet site that would be particularly useful for teachers or adults learning with children

[MathSphere: Resources for Parents and Teachers](#)

Contains mathematics worksheets for children and a mathematics site for teachers and parents to download practice worksheets and tests to improve children's achievement

[Megamaths](#)

Concentrating exclusively on multiplication, this is a BBC site

[Maths Year 2000 Numberland](#)

Click on a number between 1 and 99 to go to a page featuring poems and facts about each one

[Numbertime](#)

The BBC's Numbertime site, which is particularly strong on basic arithmetic and counting

[Numeracy Software](#)

A good resource for teachers and trainees

[The Skills Factory: Resource Centre](#)

Literacy Hour and Numeracy Hour software products for sale

[Top Maths](#)

Covers a wide spectrum of the KS1 and KS2 curriculum

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/index.html>

National Literacy Trust – an independent charity dedicated to building a literate nation, which acts as an online literacy support network and offers a regular e-mail newsletter. Contains brief summaries of over 2000 initiatives and research into literacy across the UK.

[The Basic Skills Agency](#)

The BSA is a national development agency for basic skills that seeks to improve basic skills and have a number of activities aimed at doing this. Search here for teacher and student resources and research into the levels of basic skills needed and ways to tackle the problem in primary schools, secondary schools, FE and adult organisations.

[BBC Education: Look and Read Spywatch](#)

Interactive site linked to the popular schools' programme. Some of the activities are linked to literacy hour word level work for certain year groups.

[BBC Education: Words and Pictures](#)

A fun packed site for 5–7-year-olds with poems, games and activities to help with reading and writing.

[The Big Myth](#)

An animated exploration of world creation myths. A wonderful storytelling resource for the literacy hour.

[The British Dyslexia Association](#)

The BDA is the national organisation for dyslexia in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

[Cockroft's Resources](#)

Sixty-three basic lesson plans, most suitable for the literacy hour

[DfEE Standards](#)

Visit this to understand the department stance on literacy

[English Teaching Ideas](#)

Some excellent ideas and worksheets

[Free Resources for English Teaching](#)

Offering a range of support materials for language teachers at Key Stage 3 and above, including an English language version of the Curriculum Cymreig

[Infant Explorer](#)

Superb site aimed at helping young children become confident users of the Internet. Suitable for KS1.

[The National Foundation for Educational Research \(NFER\)](#)

NFER is a leading educational research body in Britain. Its mission is to gather, analyse and publish research-based information to improve education and training.

[National Literacy Strategy](#)

Very useful site for teachers, providing a national strategy framework for literacy teaching

[National Year of Reading](#)

Practical advice on how to get involved with the National Year of Reading through a series of toolkits and resources

[Seussville](#)

Contains material from Shockwave games to printable activity sheets for KS1 and KS2 children

[Sunshine Online Literacy Hour](#)

For teaching at KS1 or KS 2. This site has monthly updates. Great model weekly lesson plans in all components of the Literacy Strategy. There are interactive activities and homework sheets.

www.theatlantic.com/unbound/wordpolice/

The Word Police – fun trouble-shooting pupil-friendly site for grammar faults and spelling errors

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

Only a few reviews to make it of use to parents, too few tips for aspiring writers, but does have some useful advice and resources.

Further reading

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