

# 101 Things to do indoors

## DONCASTER STORIES



This resource is brought to you by **Doncaster Stories**, a campaign to inspire a love for reading across the town. Everything in this document is free to access and will encourage children to explore a range of activities from diverse authors and creators. Simply click the purple links to discover new worlds and then tick off the activities you complete.

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

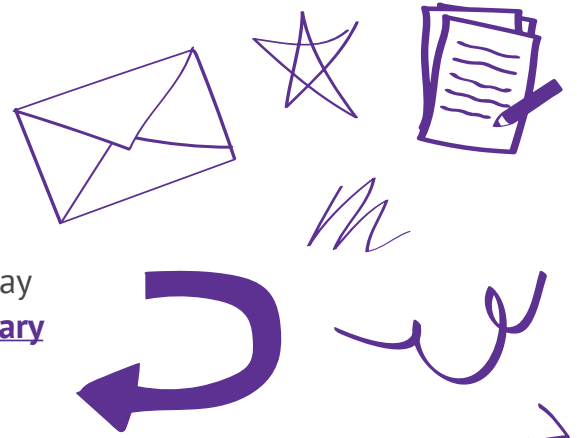
## Making

- Watch this [how-to video](#) and make your own mini book
- Write a recipe for your favourite meal and then make it with a grownup. Use our Great British Bake off [resource](#) for inspiration.
- Put a [teddy bear in your window](#) to start a Bear Hunt in your neighbourhood
- Build a [wellbeing box](#) full of positive messages and your favourite items
- Capture your dreams for The BFG by taking part in our [Roald Dahl challenge](#)
- Draw your own comic strip on the [Words for Life](#) website
- Make a postcard to send to a friend you haven't seen for a while - don't forget to include their address!
- Cut out words from a magazine and use them to make a story
- Paint and hide a [kindness rock](#) to spread positivity in your community
- Learn [how to make a puppet](#) Blue Peter style!

## Writing

- Write a [thank you letter](#) for your teacher
- Make up some nonsense words and give them definitions - [Simon Mole](#) can help!
- Watch [this tutorial](#) and then write your own acrostic poem using your favourite word
- Become a [Story Explorer](#) and write a visitors guide, or draw a map, based on your favourite story setting
- Write a book review of one the [Doncaster Stories 100 Reads](#) titles
- Watch [this video](#) and then try to write your own jokes
- Learn to write in a [secret code](#)
- Follow [Rick Riordan's 5 steps](#) to recreate an ancient myth or legend
- Write a story inspired [by a picture](#)

20.  Tune in to an [exclusive video](#) with Greg James and Chris Smith to learn how to create your own superhero
21.  Write [a recipe](#) for a wizard's magic potion
22.  Take part [in poetry workshops](#) with Paul Cookson
23.  Learn how to [write a Limerick](#) using a cup
24.  Write a [thank you letter](#) to a key worker
25.  Think of three things that made you happy every day for a week and write them down in our [rainbow diary](#)



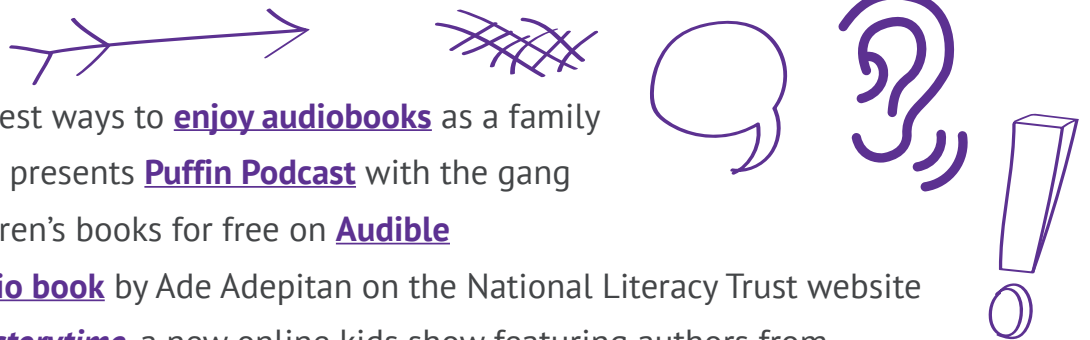
## Reading




26.  Explore the [Author of the week](#) on Family Zone and have a go at the resources
27.  Choose a book to read from our [Black Lives Matter](#) reading list
28.  Start a reading diary - you can download [this](#) Matilda one full of Roald Dahl quotes!
29.  Download a free ebook from [Oxford Owls](#)
30.  Ask your Grandparents or a family friend to read you a bedtime story on Skype
31.  Read a book by an author you haven't heard of before
32.  Borrow a book from [Doncaster Libraries](#) online
33.  Learn [how to decode](#) Ancient Egyptian documents
34.  Read an autobiography or a book about a [real person](#)
35.  Read [The Book of Hopes](#), edited by Katherine Rundell exclusively for the National Literacy Trust
36.  When football meets books! Read [The Kick Off](#), by Dan Freedman for free on the National Literacy Trust website
37.  Bring popular books and stories to life with our [Young Readers at home programme](#)
38.  Download the [Reading Miles Global Challenge](#)
39.  Learn more about lockdown by reading [Coronavirus: a book for children](#) by Elizabeth Jenner
40.  Have you ever read Rapunzel? Check out this version about [Princess Aaliyah](#)
41.  Watch Nathan Bryon read [Look Up!](#) with Puffin Storytime











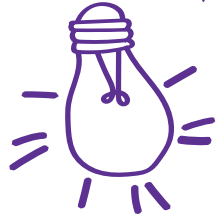
## Listening

42.  Discover the best ways to [enjoy audiobooks](#) as a family
43.  Humza Arshad presents [Puffin Podcast](#) with the gang
44.  Listen to children's books for free on [Audible](#)
45.  Get [a free audio book](#) by Ade Adepitan on the National Literacy Trust website
46.  Discover [Tata storytime](#), a new online kids show featuring authors from African, Caribbean and African American heritage











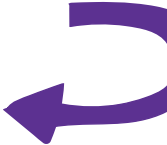




- 47.  Enjoy [Puffin Story Time](#) as authors read their own books live 
- 48.  Listen to [The Railway Children by Edith Nesbit](#) for free on your podcast app 
- 49.  Plotting and planning with Robin Stevens, [Author in your Classroom](#) podcast
- 50.  Enjoy some [dub poetry](#) by Benjamin Zephaniah 
- 51.  Learn the [adjective song](#) by MC Hammer and then download the lyrics
- 52.  Listen to a [Q&A session](#) about the Alex Rider books with Author Anthony Horowitz

## Watching








- 53.  Explore the [Doncaster Stories YouTube channel](#) 
- 54.  Watch [Why Black Lives Matter](#) with Ellis Fearon (and watch other TedxYouth talks too)
- 55.  Take part in a lesson with [MC Grammar](#) 
- 56.  Watch filmmaker Taiki Waititi read [James and The Giant Peach](#) with some of his famous friends! 
- 57.  Watch Blue Peter presenters [give a message about racism](#) 
- 58.  Learn to doodle with [The Doodle Boy](#) 
- 59.  Watch this [Malorie Blackman interview](#) about diversity and resilience 
- 60.  Watch Doncaster celebrities in a special reading of [We're Going on a Bear Hunt](#) by Michael Rosen 
- 61.  Watch [Why children are our most powerful hope for change](#) by Onjali Q. Raúf 
- 62.  Draw Donny Dog by following [this](#) tutorial video
- 63.  Explore the [Pop'n'Olly YouTube channel](#) to learn about equality, diversity, and LGBT+ history
- 64.  Watch [Charlie and the Chocolate Factory](#) read in British Sign Language
- 65.  Explore [kids' poems and stories with Michael Rosen](#) 
- 66.  Watch [Hannah Lee](#) talk about her book *My Hair*
- 67.  Learn how to draw story characters with local illustrator [Liz Million](#)
- 68.  Have you ever wanted to write a story but felt stuck for ideas? Watch [these top tips](#) from Katherine Rundell

## Researching

- 69.  Ask a grown up to like [Doncaster Stories on Facebook](#) then explore our page together 
- 70.  [Discover Doncaster's history](#) with these extracts from Phil Sheppard's book 
- 71.  Interview a Grandparent or relative over the phone. Ask them about their lives and watch [this video](#) for interview tips 
- 72.  Use our [NewsWise at Home kit](#) to help identify real and fake news articles 
- 73.  Complete our [Feelings about news](#) worksheet 

74.  Learn some simple phrases in a [different language](#) 
75.  Use [Simple English Wikipedia](#) to research your favourite animal & make a project
76.  Discover children's activities on the [British Library](#) website
77.  Take part in a [BBC Bitesize](#) daily lesson 
78.  Explore [Family Zone](#) to try something new 
79.  What do grown ups do all day? Find out about different jobs with our [Words for Work](#) resources 
80.  Learn [how to spell your name](#) in British Sign Language 
81.  Find out about the [Literacy Shed](#) 
82.  Ask a grownup to download the [myHappyMind](#) app to help you learn about emotions 
83.  Have a look at [Barrington Stoke](#) for some dyslexic-friendly resources
84.  Watch [videos with Onjali Q. Raúf](#), author of *Boy at the Back of the Class*, to find out how you can help refugees
85.  Learn about real people who lived in Doncaster during [World War I](#) 

## Challenges and competitions

86.  Complete one of the [Doncaster Stories writing challenges](#) 
87.  Become an intrepid explorer and play [Crystal Explorers](#) on BBC Bitesize 
88.  Explore [The Great Indoors](#) with Scouts for lots of fun challenges you can do at home
89.  Unlock [skills videos](#) to learn freestyle football tricks, beatboxing, and breakdancing
90.  Download Scrabble on a device and play against a friend or family member
91.  Access [Harry Potter at Home](#) and complete the magical puzzles and quizzes
92.  Take the Premier League's [Create a Character](#) challenge 
93.  Take part in the [Summer Reading challenge](#) 
94.  Take part in lots of fun competitions on the [Doncaster Libraries Facebook page](#) 
95.  Try the [family learning challenges](#) from Doncaster, Adult and Community Learning
96.  Have a go at our [Where's Wally activity pack](#) 
97.  Take part in the [Great Copyright Hunt](#)
98.  Try the [Premier League Reading Stars](#) poetry writing challenge
99.  Check out these [10 minute challenge videos](#) from best selling authors
100.  Take part in the [Happy News challenge](#) 
101.  Ask a parent or guardian to take a photo completing one of our 'things' on the list and we might share it on the Doncaster Stories Facebook page for Share Saturday! 