

# Sport-themed literacy for home learning

## About this resource

We have compiled here a short list of free sport-themed literacy resources which would be useful for schools to use, or share with families, to support reading and writing in the home learning environment. Keep an eye on <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/> where we will be uploading more content over the coming period to support families.

## For primary schools

1. Looking for some fun stories to read and share? We have several available online stories to download. Available from <https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/?keyword=football>. Here's one to get you started: *Rocky of the Rovers*. Instalment adventure story written during the Women's World Cup 2019, as the Lionesses, and Rocky of the Rovers, travelled to France: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/rocky-rovers-france-2019-womens-world-cup-football-story-tom-palmer/>.
2. Two free e-books! The first two books from the re-booted Roy of the Rovers series are temporarily available for free: <https://royoftheroversofficial.com/news/2297>.
3. Suggested football-themed reads: <http://booksforkeeps.co.uk/issue/230/childrens-books/articles/ten-of-the-best/11-of-the-best-football-reads-for-children>.
4. Premier League Primary Stars will be hosting home learning resources for families to use football to inspire their children, including elements of the Premier League Reading Stars programme and the chance to write and share poems to inspire us all! <https://plprimarystars.com/>.
5. A toolkit with lots of easy to deliver football-themed literacy activities: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/love-football-love-reading/>.
6. Based around this year's 6 Nations tournament, a rugby-themed toolkit with literacy activities: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/hot-topic-six-nations-rugby/>.
7. You could look at websites of authors who write books themed around sport. They host videos of writing tips as well as fun stuff to keep you reading and learning about how they write. Some to get you started: Football School: <https://www.footballschool.co/>; Tom Palmer: <https://tompalmer.co.uk/>; Football Heroes: <https://heroesfootball.com/>; Dan Freedman: <http://www.danfreedman.co.uk/>.
8. For active literacy activities, schools can access The FA's Shooting Stars programme and download stories and activities aimed at KS1 girls: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/programmes/sport-and-literacy/shooting-stars/>.

## For secondary schools

1. Take part in an online comprehension challenge to unlock a freestyle football tutorial. If your school or club has full access to the Skills Academy programme all of your Y7 & Y8 students can be signed up to access all of the challenges and rewards:  
<https://skillsacademy.literacytrust.org.uk/about>.
2. Another football-themed short story for Years 6, 7 & 8 – this time not linked to a tournament! <https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/free-short-story-tom-palmer-years-6-7-and-8-maybe-football-exciting/>