



Here's how... to expand your child's interests

Encouraging your children to follow up their favourite hobbies and interests with online activities has several benefits.

- They can:
- deepen their understanding and enjoyment of their favourite things
 - improve their reading, writing, communication and social skills
 - sharpen their ability to find, understand and evaluate information
 - find and communicate with others who share their interests, all in one go!

Research interests

Scouts or brownies?

- Check out the official website of whatever you're into.

Football fan?

- Find football-themed educational games on **TheFA.com**

Favourite TV channel or programme?

- Kids TV websites have lots of educational games too.

Follow (or join in) a big event

Many national and international events – from sporting events to movie releases to charity fundraisers – are covered extensively online.

- Choose a current hot topic.
- Compare different sites.
- See who's saying what.
- See how you can join in online, but be careful about giving away private information.

Read all about it

Who's your favourite author?

- Look them up online.

Many children's authors have official websites with background information on their lives, their books and what they're planning next.

Discover all sorts of things you never knew!

Never be bored again!

The ParentsCentre website has lots of ideas about fun sites to visit and things to do in the holidays.

Log on to **www.parentscentre.gov.uk** and explore the 'Just for Fun' section

Local authority websites and online editions of local newspapers also have 'what's on' listings. Check out yours.

King Edward the Confessor 1042-1066 • King Harold Godwinson 1066

William I the Conqueror 1066-1087 • King William I Rufus 1087-1100 • King Henry I 1100-1135

