The Literacy Team (Brighton & Hove Inclusion Support Service)

Recommended apps for iPad – Primary pupils

To support reading

Collins Big Cat Apps Beautifully illustrated interactive books. Children can listen to story with music and sound effects, record their own reading of a book and even create their own story with a range of background scenes, objects, characters and text. Suitable for KS1/lower KS2 (8 titles are **FREE**).

Read With Biff, Chip and Kipper Talking, interactive books from Levels 1-6. (First Stories' and 'Phonics' 4 titles per series per stage) featuring characters from Oxford Reading Tree. Suitable for KS1 (Sample app **FREE**. Single book: **£**. Complete level **££**; and all 40 books **£££**).

Me Books "the digital equivalent of an independent picture book shop" a large selection of interactive picture books by a range of authors and illustrators from various publishers. Suitable for KS1/lower KS2. (The app is **FREE** along with a single book, other books can be purchased at various prices: **£**).

To teach phonics/word recognition/spelling/handwriting skills

Hairy Letters, Words and Phonics Series of apps produced by makers of Nessy Learning. Teaches basic letter/sound correspondence, letter formation high frequency word recognition and simple word blending. Suitable for KS1 and early KS2 (**£** per app or **£££** for a package of 9 apps).

Pocket Phonics Another app that started as a single letter sound app and has now expanded to the full phonics range and includes some story reading, with options to buy the single app for **££** or a complete version for **££**.

Writing Wizard Makes letter formation practise fun. Suitable for KS1 and early KS2 (**£**).

Reading Magic and Spelling Magic A range of American phonic based apps to support word and sentence level reading and spelling. Suitable for KS1 (**FREE** plus some at **£**).

Twinkl Phonics Suite Letters and Sounds Phases 1-5 games and activities to support phonics and high frequency words at each Phase eg introduces letter/sound correspondence, letter formation, word building and reading, Matching and Buried Treasure games. Suitable for KS1/KS2 (**££**).

Squeebles Spelling Test Set up personalised spelling lists/tests for individual players. Record audio versions of the words to support learning. Pupils practise the spellings in a fun and interactive way… rescue Squeebles and collect squeeberangs! Suitable for KS1/KS2 (**£**).

Mr Thorne Enthusiastic Key Stage 1 teacher has made many apps covering phonics, spelling, grammar, punctuation and even comprehension. These cost **£** each and also come in cut price 'Collections', including the 'Literacy Collection' aimed at KS2 for **££**.

Reading eggs.com (largely aimed at parents) have produced a number of apps including Eggy Words to teach recognition of common words (matching games for 1st 100 HFW are free) and Reading Eggs Spelling which has a range of games to teach spelling and different levels. (Trial version is **FREE**, full version is **£**).

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Price guide for Apps

Since the precise price of each app may change at any time we provide the following guide, correct at time of printing:
FREE Free basic version though there may be 'in app purchases' for extras
£ under £5   **££** over £5   **£££** over £20

General tools

Quick Voice Sound recorder app which pupils can use to record their ideas, or record their story/recount/persuasive argument etc in an audio file. Suitable for KS1 and KS2 (**FREE**).

Educreations This app turns the iPad into a recordable whiteboard. Pupils can record their ideas on audio, whilst at the same time writing or drawing on the whiteboard, using a choice of ink colours. Photos can also be added. Suitable for KS2 (**FREE**).

ABC Magnetic Alphabet Upper and lower case letters, numbers and picture characters which can be moved around on a range of backgrounds. Great for word building/spelling practice or for story telling. Suitable for KS1/lower KS2 (Upper case letters on a single background are FREE, add lower case, numbers, a few pictures and variety of backgrounds for an extra charge (**£**).

To support writing

Clicker Sentences One of four apps created by Crick Software, developers of Clicker 6. This one is an early writing tool to support sentence building with whole words. Pupils tap words in the grid to build sentences in a simple word processor. Sequences of sentences can be created or downloaded free from Learning Grids. Includes speech feedback. Suitable for KS1/Lower KS2 (**£££**).

Clicker Connect Another app from Crick designed to be the 'next step' after Clicker Sentences. This app provides pupils with clusters of words, phrases and/or pictures to help them build coherent text. Suitable for KS1/lower KS2 (**£££**).

Clicker Docs A more advanced app from Crick. Pupils use the keyboard to type into a simple word processor. Speech feedback supports learners with identifying and correcting their errors to help them become independent writers. Includes a predictor and talking spellchecker. Make your own word banks or download free ready-made ones from Learning Grids. Suitable for KS1/KS2 (**£££**).

Clicker Books A child-friendly book making app. Pupils can add pictures, text and sound to create fantastic-looking books. Customisable reading and writing support is included to help children of all abilities achieve success. Suitable for KS1/KS2 (**£££**).

Pages Powerful word processor with predictive text and compatible with Siri's voice recognition. Popular with adults (**FREE**).

Inspiration Maps Build mind maps and diagrams to plan, organise and record ideas and to revise and review knowledge. Choice of templates available and symbols, photos and audio can be added. Suitable for KS2 (lite version is **FREE**, full version **££**).

Mindomo With this app you can capture your thoughts with the added value of being able to share them with others. You can also synchronise your maps to the cloud, from any device. When doing a group project, the Mindomo app provides you with a platform to collaborate with others by sharing ideas and working together on mind-maps in real time. (**FREE**).

Siri Enable Siri in settings (see above) and then just click the microphone on the keyboard to dictate individual words, phrases or sentences. (**FREE**).

To develop narrative skills/offer alternatives to writing:

Pic Collage App which allows you to arrange and resize photos and to add text to them. Great for sequencing pictures from a story or school trip/matching text to pictures or creating text for pictures. Suitable for KS1 and KS2 (**FREE**).

Puppetpals Very simple to use app to make animated films. Using sets of characters and backgrounds child narrates a story which is recorded. 'Director's pass' option allows children to take photos to create characters so they can be in their own film with their friends! Suitable for KS1 and KS2 **FREE** for 'fairytale' set of options with a charge for each additional set (**£**).

Sonic Pics Turns a set of photos into a narrated slideshow. Pupil organises photos and then creates a narrative which can be played back Suitable for KS1 and KS2 (**£**).

Comic Life for iPad Create your own comic with speech bubbles, templates, comic lettering etc. and share with others. Suitable for Upper KS1/KS2 (**£**).

Book Creator for iPad Simple way to create beautiful looking books which can then be stored in ibooks. Books can have an accompanying soundtrack so children can create their own talking books (**£**).

Word Creativity Kit The creative writing tool for kids – Start with a selection of random words, add more, take away, change, colour, layout, add a background or stickers to create a poem, joke, story or book (**£**).