

Suggested Apps and Games For







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FISH SCHOOL HD





The classic Dr. Seuss book has been reworked into an interactive adventure for modern day devices, with an emphasis on encouraging literacy learning in younger children. Within the app, there's a few different options on how to one joy the story; you can read it about together, have the app read the book and follow along, or just play the story through automatically, You can even tag on words to hear them individually to practice vocabulary. While the app will set you back \$3.79 on Android (\$6.39 on 10.50) it has an excellent rating and over 10,000 downloads, with many noting how much their young children have enjoyed the story, it speaks volumes about the quality of the work, too, that a book from 1960 can still be read and loved by children some two generations after its initial release.



TOCA LAB: ELEMENTS]

Toca Lab is the app of choice in encouraging little scientists to get to grips with elements, our world and how physics and chemistry work. This one might be a little advanced for younger kids and, though it has a PEGI a rating; it does enmitted ages 6-8 in the description. All 18 elements are present in Toca Labs and kids are encouraged to find and test them all. Experimenting with things like Gold. Noon, Hydrogen and more, it gives a better grasp of how everything in our universe is formed. Bear inmind though that it's not meant to be a scientifically accurate account of how elements react, but to build curiosity in young minds. The app is available on IOS and Android for £3.99.

BAREFOOT WORLD ATLAS

What's the next best thing to travelling the world? Well, for kids with access to an iPad or Apple phone, Barefoot World Allas could be a close second. In this app available only on 10.5 for £4.95, kids and adults can explore the globe from the comfort of their own homes and learn all about our planet. The which is rated 4+, only appears on Apple devices but the sheer of information contained in here will keep curious kids busy for the sheer.





SKETCHBOOK - DRAW AND PAINT (AUTODESK SKETCHBOOK ON IOS)

Encouraging artistic ability at an early age can often be invaluable in letting kid's imaginations loose and there are many apps that allow them to unlock that passion. SketchBook comhighly recommended with over 300,000 reviews. Essentially, the app comprises a blank canvas and a host of fast and powerful creative sketching tools' like pens, pencils and paint brushes to let those creative pluces flow. SketchBook is rated PEGI 3s over younger children should be to get to grips with it. However, it could prove a little too complex for some and the large collection of tools and crisp graphics would suit a larger screen like an IPAd, over a mobile phone. Despite this, the ability to simply mess around and doodle, coupled with more advanced accessibility later down the lines, should make it a must own for all age ranges. The app is fee to download on both Android and IOS.













LITTLE FRIENDS: CATS & DOGS

If you're looking to introduce pets into the family home but aren't sure about how your children might react, a good way to get your younger ones acquainted with an animal before a big commitment is a game like Little Friends: Cats & Dogs. This Nintendo Switch game tasks players with feeding, playing with and loving their own virtual cat or dog. Much like Nintendogs or even Tamagochtol of the 90s. Little Friends is a fun way to build up confidence to owning a real animal. While only a 1 player game, Little Friends: Cats & Dogs is suitable for all ages and entirely offline, other's nothing at all to worry about when they're enjoying it alone.

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YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids takes the popular YouTube format and curates a more specialised environment for children to search through. While any age range can benefit from YouTube Kids, the Preschoof Mode is specifically designed for kids aged 4 and under. According to the appt description, Preschoof Mode promotes creativity, playfulness, learning and exploration through its channels. The inclusion of percentile for the production of th

BBC iPLAYER KIDS

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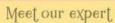


MARIO KART 8 DELUXE

Mario Kart has been a staple of Nintendo consoles since 1992. It has been a favourite of young and old alike for over 20 years and is always an incredibly fun experience. Now exclusively on the Newtendo Switch with Mario Kart 8, the belts and whiteles may have changed, but the enjoyable core gameplay and challenge have not. Suitable for all agos, Irland Kart can be played alone, online or at home world and play wherever you like is a huge adventuge of the control of the world and play wherever you like is a huge adventuge over other games and means you can always be sure of some quick embetainment.

ROCKET LEAGUE

The concept behind Rocket League takes teams of jet-fuelled cars zipping around football-inspired pitches in an attempt to knock a glant, over-sizes ball into nets. Rated PEGI 3, the challenge of Rocket League is probably mo suited to those 3 and up, but anybody can enjoy the bright colours and fungameplay. Rocket League is available on Windows PC, Mac, PlayStatlon, zbox One and Hintendo Switch at various price points. Be warned though, you can spen money in the game for certain items so be sure you know when your young ones are playing and what they're buying.



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