

At Glenfield Infant School we love to use our iPads across the curriculum to enhance learning! Many of the iPad apps we use are fun games which help with the rapid recall of number facts and phonics sounds. We also have a wide range of apps to support the computing curriculum so children can learn about programming in exciting ways. We hope that you find our recommended apps list useful as a fun way to learn at home which mirrors the learning that takes place in school.

**Please remember to oversee your child when they are using ipads, tablets or mobile devices and remind them of the E-safety rules.**

## **Glenfield Infant School recommended apps List**

### **Phonics and reading apps**

#### **Meet the Alphablocks (free)**



Alphablocks is the hit UK TV show that's helping millions of children learn to read with phonics and fun, and now you can join in with the first Alphablocks app for 3-5-year-olds.

#### **Phonic Alien Adventure for iPad (free)**



Phonic Alien Adventure uses fun and engaging graphics to help children develop their phonic awareness.

#### **You can Read! (free)**



This app uses all of the essential high frequency key words (National Curriculum UK, Reception and KS1) to encourage your child to practice reading the words both in, and out of context.

#### **Phonics Suite (£4.99)**



- The sounds and names of each letter of the alphabet
- Letter formation
- Blending sounds in CVC words
- The graphemes taught in phases 2-3
- Initial and final blends
- Alternative spellings for phonemes
- High frequency and tricky words for each phase

## Mathematics Apps

### King of Maths Junior (free)



King of Maths Junior is a mathematics game in a medieval environment where you climb the social ladder by answering maths questions and solving puzzles. Players are encouraged to think for themselves and see mathematical concepts from different angles by solving problems in many areas.

### 10 Minutes a Day Times Tables (free)



With 10 Minutes a Day Times Tables you can practise your times tables through exciting car races, the faster you solve the questions the quicker your car will speed across the finish line. It's also a fun 'beat the clock test' where you show off your maths skills by racing across the line before the time runs out.

### Place Value (free)



Test your knowledge and reflexes in Place Value Challenge. You will need to know place value and act quickly to catch the correct numbers before they fly off the screen.

### Let's Do Mental Maths Ages 6-7 (£2.29)



Practise your mental maths skills against the clock and see if you can improve your score! This app is ideal for supporting the maths you do at school and for KS1 SATs preparation.

(different ages available)

### Dragon shapes (free)



Solve maths puzzles and unlock the legend of Dragon Shapes!

## Programming Apps

### Bee-Bot (free)



This app makes use of Bee-Bot's keypad functionality and enables children to improve their skills in directional language and programming through sequences of forwards, backwards, left and right 90 degree turns.

### Kodables (free)



The furry aliens, known as Fuzzes were exploring space when their ship unexpectedly crashed on the maze-covered planet Smeeborg. Kids learn the fundamentals of every modern programming language in a fun and inviting way.

### Daisy the dinosaur (free)



Learn the basics of computer programming with Daisy the Dinosaur! This free, fun app has an easy drag and drop interface that kids of all ages can use to animate Daisy to dance across the screen.

### Scratch Jnr (free).



By snapping together graphical programming blocks, children can make characters move, jump, dance, and sing. In the process, children learn to solve problems, design projects, and express themselves creatively on the computer.

### A.L.E.X (free)



A.L.E.X. is a fun puzzle game and a great way to train your brain. A.L.E.X. helps you think and plan logically as you program your robot A.L.E.X. with a sequence of commands to get through each level from start to finish.

## Movies and Story telling

### Toontastic (free)



Lights, Camera, Play! Toontastic is a creative storytelling app that enables kids to draw, animate, and share their own cartoons with friends and family around the

### Telestory (free)



Write, direct, and star in your own TV show with TeleStory!

### Puppet pals HD (free)



Create your own unique shows with animation and audio in real time!

Simply pick out your actors and backdrops, drag them on to the stage, and tap record.

### LEGO Friends Story Maker (free)



With LEGO® Friends Story Maker, creative storytellers can write, create, publish and share their own beautiful multimedia stories. Easy tools like drag and drop, stickers, voice recording, text, emoticons, and backgrounds make every story come alive!

### 2Create a Story (free)



This simple award-winning story creator has already turned thousands of young children into budding authors. We also use 2create a story on the laptops at school to write stories.