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Top 10 Educational Apps

Farm 123 - Storytots JR - iPhone/Pad - £1.49.
Farm 123 aims to be a digital version of pop-up books, based on a character called Farmer Jo and his animals. Aimed at pre-school-age children, teaching them to count from 1 to 10 with cows, pigs and eggs.

Funimal Phonics - iPhone/Pad - £0.69.
Children and parents are well-used to phonics alphabet-learning now, and this stylish flash-cards app gives the discipline a friendly animal face. It’s also notable for its inclusion of both US and UK English accents.

Little Digits - iPad - £1.49.
This marvellous numbers app gets your child to count by placing fingers on the iPad’s touchscreen, with cute cartoon numbers appearing. Simple maths tasks give it an educational angle too.

my A-Z - iPhone/Pad - £1.49.
There are lots of alphabetical flash-card apps for iPhone, but this one stands out for its personalisation. Children can add their own photos and sounds for letters – a picture of their dog and its bark for “D”, and so on.

Numberly - iPhone/Pad - £3.99.
Despite the name, this beautiful app is more about letters than numbers. It’s a mixture of games and storytelling to explain the alphabet, with a visual style influenced by films like Metropolis and King Kong.

Times Tables: Squeebles Multiplication - iPhone/Pad/Android - £0.69.
This UK-developed app is aimed at 5- to 11-year-olds, providing a series of multiplication questions to earn stars and rescue cutey characters from a nefarious Maths Monster.

The Singing Alphabet - iPhone/Pad - £0.69.
A stylish app that does what it says on the tin: letters that sing.
Specificially, they sing their own phonetic sounds, and can be combined to make harmonies and tunes. Your child will be singing along too.

Counting with the Very Hungry Caterpillar - iPhone/Pad - £1.99.
Eric Carle’s famous book about a fruit-munching caterpillar has been turned into a fun educational game with a mathematical skew. Your child identifies, counts and adds the foods over five levels.

Around the Clock - iPhone/Pad - £1.49.
This time-focused app wears its educational spurs lightly. It’s a collection of 24 mini-games, one for each hour of the day, from toothbrushing to pancake making. The idea is to familiarise children with the clock.

If you have a child who is just becoming interested in geography, this is an essential buy. It’s a digital globe with music and animation, drawing kids in to see text and photographic entries on countries, people and nature.

Kurio 7s
Price: £119.99

The Ultimate Android Tablet for Families preloaded with fun and educational applications; including Angry Birds Space, Fruit Ninja, Disney and Mr Nussbaum’s. Set up to 8 profiles with KurioGenius parental control to apply, customisable 24/7 safe internet filtering and define time and application management. An intuitive multi-touch 7” screen, built-in Wi-Fi, 1GB RAM, 8GB storage and micro SD card slot. Plus full multimedia capabilities to view and take photos, listen to music and watch videos.

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