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Turn your kids into Pet Shop Boys and Girls with these junior synths

US-based littleBits turns out very cool modular electronic kits for kids and big kids. Now, it's linked up with the electro gods at Korg for this simple, Lego-style introduction to the weird and wonderful world of the analogue synth, the littleBits Korg Synth Kit comprises 12 magnetic, colour-coded modules that link together to create an endless variety of high-quality tones and beats, ready for you to arpeggiate to your heart's content. Hey presto: junior learns about electronics and becomes the new Gary Numan. £135, littlebits.cc

THE TECH

Prodding the littleBits Korg Synth Kit

1/ Go read the manual
This excellent tone is replete with great module configurations for spooky sounds, percussion loops, and even a full synth band.

2/ Go trigger
Each module – oscillator, envelope, filter etc – serves a particular purpose, with the micro keyboard letting you knock out a melody. Of sorts.

3/ Go buy
Extra modules are available, along with a Lego-style mounting board to keep them steady.

4/ Go wub... Wub... WUB!
The package includes a tiny speaker. We recommend you go large by plugging a much bigger speaker into its mini-jack input.

TECH DAD SELECTS

A brace of ready-built, music-making alternatives

Casio SA-46 Keys for Kids
Cheap 'n' cheerful kiddie keys from budget synth specialist Casio. £25, casio.co.uk

Roland V-Piano
This 88-note digi-piano has won acclaim, though may not when your kid plays it. From £4,000, rolandus.com

KURIO PHONE

Introduce your offspring to smartphones, sans risk

Every child wants a phone but, as we know, the internet can be a little, ahem, 'challenging'. This new Wi-Fi-enabled phone fixes that. With a four-inch touchscreen, it runs on Android 4.2, but with a full smorgasbord of parental controls, including set limits on calls, texts and web surfing, a filter system to block dodgy web content and manage Google apps, an emergency alert feature, geotracking and geo-fencing. A pair of cameras, Bluetooth, an FM radio, 4GB of storage and a microSD slot complete a tidy little package. £130, kurio-world.com

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