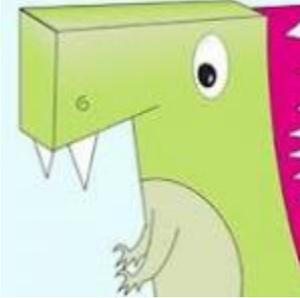# Useful IPAD Apps for EYFS

Daisy Dinosaur ~ Free App

This free app is a great introduction to coding as it takes children through simple, step by step instructions, gradually building up sequences. From here, children can move onto a variety of other coding apps and then onto classic computing programmes such as Scratch.

Collins Big Cat ~ Free App

A great animated book for young readers, where the children have several options: have the story read to them, read the story themselves or adapt the images to create their own story. They can write their own text or record their narrative; with opportunities to add speech bubbles   and thought bubbles

Monster Hunt: The Memory Game ~ Free App

Great for developing attention and concentration skills, and improving working memory. You get a few seconds to view where the monsters are hidden and then have to click on their hiding places. The difficulty grows, the better you get!

Bugs and Buttons ~ Price £1:99

Really covers a wide range of basic skills: numbers and counting, fine motor skills, colours, sequencing, sorting, basic problem solving, matching and memory games, etc. It makes use of many tablet features – swipe, multitouch, tilting, pinch and zoom. There are stamps as rewards, and encourages voice-overs; you can also pause or change the levels on games.

Play 123 ~ Free App

Has short interactive games which make good use of a variety of touchscreen gestures, with opportunities to cover shapes, colours and colour mixing and numbers. The voice does have an American accent!

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Bugs and Numbers ~ Price £1:99
Well designed and looks interesting with plenty of basic maths tasks to keep children involved from counting games to basic fractions.

Hickory Dickory Dock ~ Free App
Lovely animated characters which encourage children to interact with the little mouse. The use of rhyming poetry helps teach children the numbers 1-12 and their position on the clock; being able to move the hour hand round or drag it to a certain time for specific effects. A good introduction to clock faces.

Doodle Buddy ~ Free App, but 69p to have full version
Has plenty of options including stencils, stamps, backgrounds, images from the ipad's photo albums or the internet. Children can create a variety of brush strokes and easily undo any mistakes. There are options for adding text, comic-style speech bubbles and annotations with completed designs able to be shared, saved and printed in the usual ways.

Puppet Pals HD ~ Free or £1.99 to include a Directors Pass
For free, you have a limited collection of 'puppets' or cartoon characters and some backdrops which you can act out scenes, move around, record audio and generally get creative! The completed scene can then be exported to your camera roll to be used as part of a film in another app, such as Imovie or Vintagio, etc. If you are willing to buy the Director's Pass (£1.99) you can access all the options, including a range of characters and settings and the chance to use your own photographs as backdrops. You can also use images of yourself and crop the outlines to create puppets of yourself!

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Bee Bot ~ Free App

Beebots are used as an introduction to programming and control, the children understand that pressing a certain button has an effect on the Beebot's movement. Once having understood this concept, children can enter sequences of instructions and can predict routes and plan them.

Phonics with Letter Lilies ~ Free App

A friendly bee guides the children through the activities; developing their knowledge of individual letter sounds, blending and digraphs (two letters, one sound). If you want your children to use the reward feature of planting their seeds in a virtual garden you'll need to buy the full version!

Franklin Frog ~ £2.99

This app is an interactive journey through the life cycle of a frog, great for reinforcing this part of the science curriculum. Franklin swims around the pond avoiding predators, jumps from leaf to leaf, hunts for grubs until he finds another frog. His tadpoles eat and grow until they grow into adult frogs themselves and thus the life cycles continue.

Hairy Letters ~ £1.99

Great for phonics and letter formation; including upper and lower case. The lower case of each letter plays an animation and the upper case says its name. Letters can then be fitted together to make words: three letter words to begin with and then progressing to four and five letters.

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Singing Fingers ~ Free App
Singing Fingers lets you fingerpaint with sound. Just touch the screen while you make a sound, and colourful paint appears. Touch the paint to play back the sound again!

*The prices quoted were accurate at the time of printing.