

Apps I'm often asked - What are the best apps for learning to read and write, phonics, and spelling? I have selected a few of the best early-learning English apps that teach reading, writing, the alphabet, words, spelling and phonics. Whilst nothing beats sitting down with your child and reading a book, showing them how words are spelt, and helping them read and write, children do learn in different ways and for some children technology is a great way to get them interested. Just remember the personal time shouldn't be abandoned in favour of an iPad.



Hairy Letters

Learn the names and sounds of each letter with the Haires. Play games to blend and read. AWARD WINNING APP!



Hairy Phonics 1

After learning letter sounds you need to master consonant digraphs. Learn 9 phonemes: sh, ch, th, ck, ff, ll, ss, zz, ng



Hairy Phonics 2

More Haires need your help! Introduces vowel digraphs. Learn 9 phonemes (sounds): ai, ay, ee, ea, ie, oa, oi, oy, oo



Hairy Phonics 3

The final Hairy Phonics app will help you learn vowel 'e' and magic 'e'. Learn 9 phonemes: ar, or, er, ir, ur, a-e, o-e, i-e, o-e, u-e

'Hairy Letters Abc & Hairy Phonics 1-3' is excellent range of Apps for Android or iPads which have cool Hairy characters that will have your child laughing as they learn. The Animations teach all 44 grapheme-phonemes. Your child has to sequence the phonemes to make whole words and then read sentences and learn 'tricky' sight words. Hairy Abc and Hairy Phonics 1-2 - support Reception. Hairy Phonics 3 - Year 1. £2.99 each.

Reception/Pre-Kindergarten

For children just starting to learn letters and sounds.

Lasts 7 weeks\*

For children confident with early letters and sounds, and are ready to move on.

Lasts 14 weeks\*

Year 1/Kindergarten

For those reading short sentences confidently and are confident with most letter sounds.

Lasts 22 weeks\*

**Teach your monster to read-**

All children in Reception and Year 1 are registered to use the computer version is FREE to use.

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/u/56014>

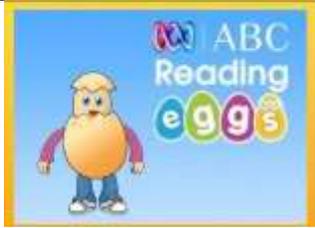
Your child's password is in their planners.

You can also download APPs.



**Squeebles** - Great App to help your child learn their spellings! You can record the words that your child has to learn.

There are other Squeebles APPs to help learn **x tables** too!



**Reading Eggs** Free for 30 days and then £6.99 a month. A really good way to learn the sight/ tricky words, although a little repetitive. There are also good online reading games and activities. Children love the games, songs, golden eggs and other rewards which, along with feeling proud of their reading, really motivate children to keep exploring and learning.

However, for FREE check out [www.ictgames.com/literacy.html](http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html)  
Dinosaur Eggs, Spooky spellings, Little Bird Spellings



**Mr Thorne Does Phonics: Letters and Sounds** £1.99 ish. iPad and Android.  
[Mr Thorne](#) is a UK primary school teacher who has made a bunch of apps for English including Spell book 1 and 2, Word Wall Paper, Matching Pairs and Tricky Words and Maths. He also has a collection of FREE videos on his website that are worth checking out. As your child moves on Mr Thorne does 'Spelling, grammar and punctuation' is also worth a look.

Don't forget your child also has free access to bug club website [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)- for reading and comprehension activities.

Your child will be given a username and password in the front of their planners. Enjoy!