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A guide to useful teaching & learning iPad apps - 2024 update.

Apps for iPad dock or loose

iPad dock could contain some of these cross-curricular apps if available:

Popplet ('lite' version can be a reasonable substitute if unable to purchase full version)
CORE APP
https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/popplet/id374151636?mt=8

Quizizz
https://apps.apple.com/us/developer/quizizz/id1160249041
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Kahoot!
https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/kahoot-play-fun-learning-games/id1131203560?mt=8
CORE APP

Seneca Learning
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/seneca/id1631302657
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Epic books – lots of free access to text books, particularly good for non-fiction
https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/epic-unlimited-books-for-kids/id719219382?mt=8

Mentimeter
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/mentimeter/id1064435577

SeeSaw Class app – if the school uses Seesaw
https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/seesaw-the-learning-journal/id930565184?mt=8

Green Screen by Do Ink. Fantastic, versatile green-screening app that allows productions to be produced with ease. A copy on teacher iPads only would likely be enough; not many apps needed since you only need one app each time you are filming.
https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/green-screen-by-do-ink/id730091131?mt=8

Book Creator (only if codes are already purchased) – online version is free and you may find that it provides better workflow within a class of multiple devices.

https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/book-creator-for-ipad/id442378070?mt=8
Comic Life 3 – most relevant for years 3 to 6. Includes lots of templates and scripting option. English / cross-curricular.
https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/comic-life-3/id891378056?mt=8

Apple apps:

Keynote should be left installed ideally. Multi-purpose app can be useful.
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The **Numbers** and **Pages** apps **may have a place in the curriculum possibly**, but can both be deleted unless specifically required by staff.

Garageband is a very large app so if unused by staff should be deleted - *certain schools do actively use it though.*

Voice Memos can go into the Art / Sound / Motion folder (see below) – very useful for recording voice.

Compass and **Measure** can be useful little apps at times –put them in the Maths folder (see below).

A folder called Other or System is useful for hiding the extra iPad apps that come with the devices... Facetime, Photobooth, Clock (children can put the alarm on with this app – massively irritating!) Find My iPad, etc. etc.
Such apps should be hidden (or better, deleted if possible) through device management if that is possible.

Apple Classroom.

https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/classroom/id1085319084?mt=8

Essential app for those schools that have elected to store iPads in small quantity boxes, i.e. a box of 8. Provides control of all iPads in a set; pushes websites to devices; allows iPads to be locked; can mute devices.

Setting the app up well for teachers is a key way to ensure iPads are used more frequently and without trouble.

iPads need to be linked to a 'class' created on the controlling device in Settings.

Typically, best practical use may be to set up one device within a set that is marked as an 'Apple Classroom' device. Put a large, clear label on this iPad so that teachers can spot and use it to control the others.This may be the easiest way to maintain this software over time as updates are released.

If each teacher has an iPad then it could be set up for each iPad to control the full set, though the school must have very organised equipment for this to be viable.

Sushi Monster
https://apps.apple.com/pl/app/sushi-monster/id512651258
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King of Maths
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/king-of-maths/id473904402
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King of Maths Jr

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/king-of-maths-jr/id718099583

King of Maths 2
https://apps.apple.com/ie/app/king-of-math-2/id941035814
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10 Minutes-a-Day Times Tables
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/10-minutes-a-day-times-tables/id775904110
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Pop Math Lite
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/popmath-lite/id303258911

Sumdog https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/sumdog/id1145809959
Only required if the school uses SumDog

Bubble Maths Lite
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/bubble-maths-lite/id588198778
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Maths Loops Lite
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/maths-loops-lite-times-tables/id870097373
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Teaching Number Lines
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/teaching-number-lines/id492603378
May be requested by staff

Maths Genius!
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/maths-genius/id1096617038
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Number Line Galaxy Lite
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/number-line-galaxy-lite/id959546242
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Math Slide: Four apps.
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/math-slide-tens-ones/id586366338
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/math-slide-add-subtract/id588603890
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/math-slide-hundred-ten-one/id588836426

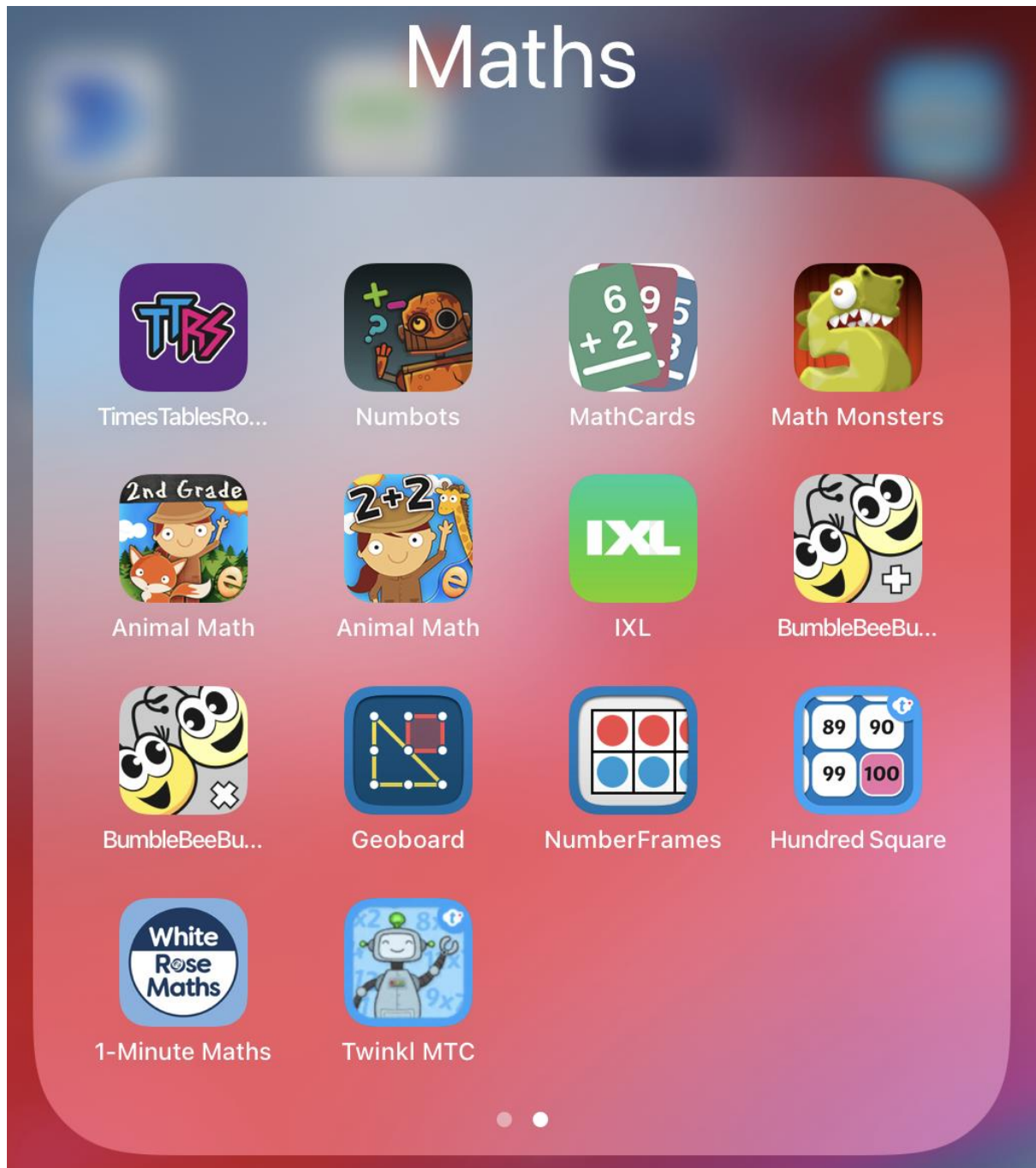https://apps.apple.com/us/app/math-slide-multiply-divide/id588829554
- All free, small in size and great for multiplayer use.

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Times Table Rockstars

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/times-tables-rock-stars/id973811326

Most schools have a TT Rockstars account and so this can be useful

Numbots
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/big-math-flash-cards/id929492658
If schools have a TT Rockstars account then this also works for younger years

Big Math Flash Cards
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/big-math-flash-cards/id929492658
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Math Monsters
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/math-monsters/id499455175
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Animal Math Kindergarten
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/animal-math-kindergarten/id1064151827
Install if iPads will be used with KS1 and below

Animal Math Second Grade Maths
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/animal-math-second-grade-maths/id932147619
Install if iPads will be used with KS1 and below

Animal Math Games For Kids
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/animal-math-games-for-kids/id799973028
Install if iPads will be used with KS1 and below

IXL https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/ixl/id693689912
Quite a large app so might be one to leave off smaller devices unless requested

BumbleBee Bump Addition Lite
https://apps.apple.com/app/id1135143409

BumbleBee Bump Multiply Lite
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/bumblebee-bump-multiply-lite/id1135112917

Geoboard

https://apps.apple.com/kg/app/geoboard-by-the-math-learning-center/id519896952
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Numer Frames

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/number-frames-by-mlc/id873198123
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Twinkl 100 Square

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/twinkl-100-square-number-grid/id1069316825
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White Rose 1-minute Maths

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/1-minute-maths/id1584136366
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Twinkl MTC

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/twinkl-mtc/id1548006915

Coding Safari
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/hopster-coding-safari-for-kids/id1348232140
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Bee-bot
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/bee-bot/id500131639
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Lightbot : Code Hour
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/lightbot-code-hour/id873943739
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Hopscotch
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/hopscotch-programming-for-kids/id617098629

Kodable
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/kodable/id577673067

A.L.E.X
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/a-l-e-x/id597040772
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Cargo-Bot
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/cargo-bot/id519690804
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Scratch Jr
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/scratchjr/id895485086
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Sphero Edu
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/sphero-edu/id1017847674
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Scratch-Imagi... is a web-link to Scratch 3:
https://scratch.mit.edu/
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Swift Playgrounds
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/swift-playgrounds/id908519492
Optional app for schools that have newer iPads with capacity

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ARtStudio	ColouringLTE	PlayHome Plus	TwinklPhonics
My Mosaic 1	My Mosaic 2	Match it up 3	Matrix Game 1
Letters	Teach Monster	Go Explore	
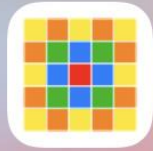
Twinkl Art Studio
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/twinkl-art-studio/id1516051011

Twinkl Creation Studio Light Edition
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/twinkl-creation-studio-light-edition/id578188119
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PlayHome Plus

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/my-playhome-plus/id1489812608

Twinkl Phonics Suite

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/twinkl-phonics-suite/id508771799

My Mosaic

https://apps.apple.com/us/app/my-mosaic-1/id996852331
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My Mosaic 2

https://apps.apple.com/app/my-mosaic/id468020990

Match It Up 3

https://apps.apple.com/app/match-it-up-3/id421842311

Matrix Game 1

https://apps.apple.com/app/matrix-game-1/id684669498
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Twinkl Formation & Handwriting

https://apps.apple.com/app/twinkl-formation-handwriting/id1581040887
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Teach Your Monster to Read

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/teach-your-monster-to-read/id828392046
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Paid-for app that may be worth investing in. Has been given away for free at times in the past.

CBeebies Go Explore

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/go-explore-from-cbeebies/id1444626898

Second folder… all paid-for apps. Phonics and Splingo are particular stand-out, high-quality apps that can have a place for SEND provision as well.

Early years and KS1

Further early years recommendations from Jo Ellis at St Stephens Churchtown:

Handwriting:
https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/

Magic Letters
https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/writing-magic-letters-kids-learn-to-write/id537579402?mt=8
Magic Numbers
https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/writing-magic-numbers/id583844038?mt=8

Jolly Phonics app: in-app-purchase
https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/jolly-phonics-lessons/id1149029299?mt=8
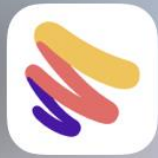
Paper
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/paper-by-wetransfer/id506003812

iMovie
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/imovie/id377298193
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iMotion

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/imotion/id421365625
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ChatterPix Kids
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/chatterpix-kids/id734046126

Stop Motion Studio
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/stop-motion-studio/id441651297
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FlipaClip
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/flipaclip-cartoon-animation/id1101848914

PhotoGrid
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/photogrid-pic-collage-maker/id543577420

Canva
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/canva-design-made-easy/id897446215

DoodleArt
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/doodle-art-draw-ing/id864661522
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Voice Memos
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/voice-memos/id1069512134
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Apple Maps
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/maps/id915056765
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Google Earth
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/google-earth/id293622097
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Decibel X

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/decibel-x-db-dba-noise-meter/id448155923

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QuakeFeed

https://apps.apple.com/kw/app/quakefeed-earthquake-alerts/id403037266

BBC Weather

https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/bbc-weather/id649420946?mt=8&at=10l6Xd&ct=k0zn1qgfs00002cl01g91

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SkyView Lite

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/skyview-lite/id413936865

NASA Visualization Explorer

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/nasa-visualization-explorer/id448700202

Star Walk

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/star-walk-explore-the-sky/id295430577

Food Scanner

https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/change4life-food-scanner/id1182946415

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Arduino Science Journal

https://apps.apple.com/us/app/science-journal-by-google/id1251205555

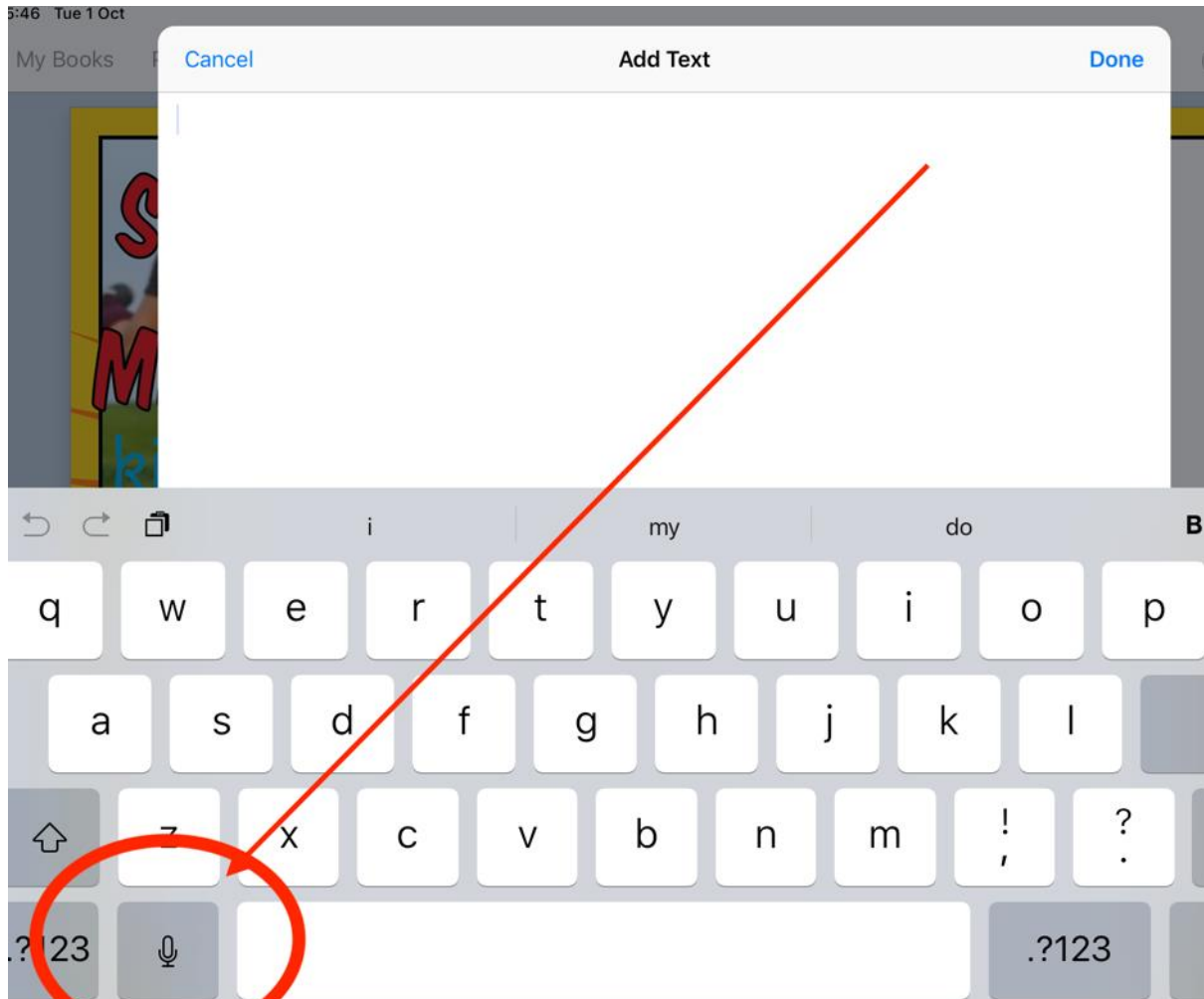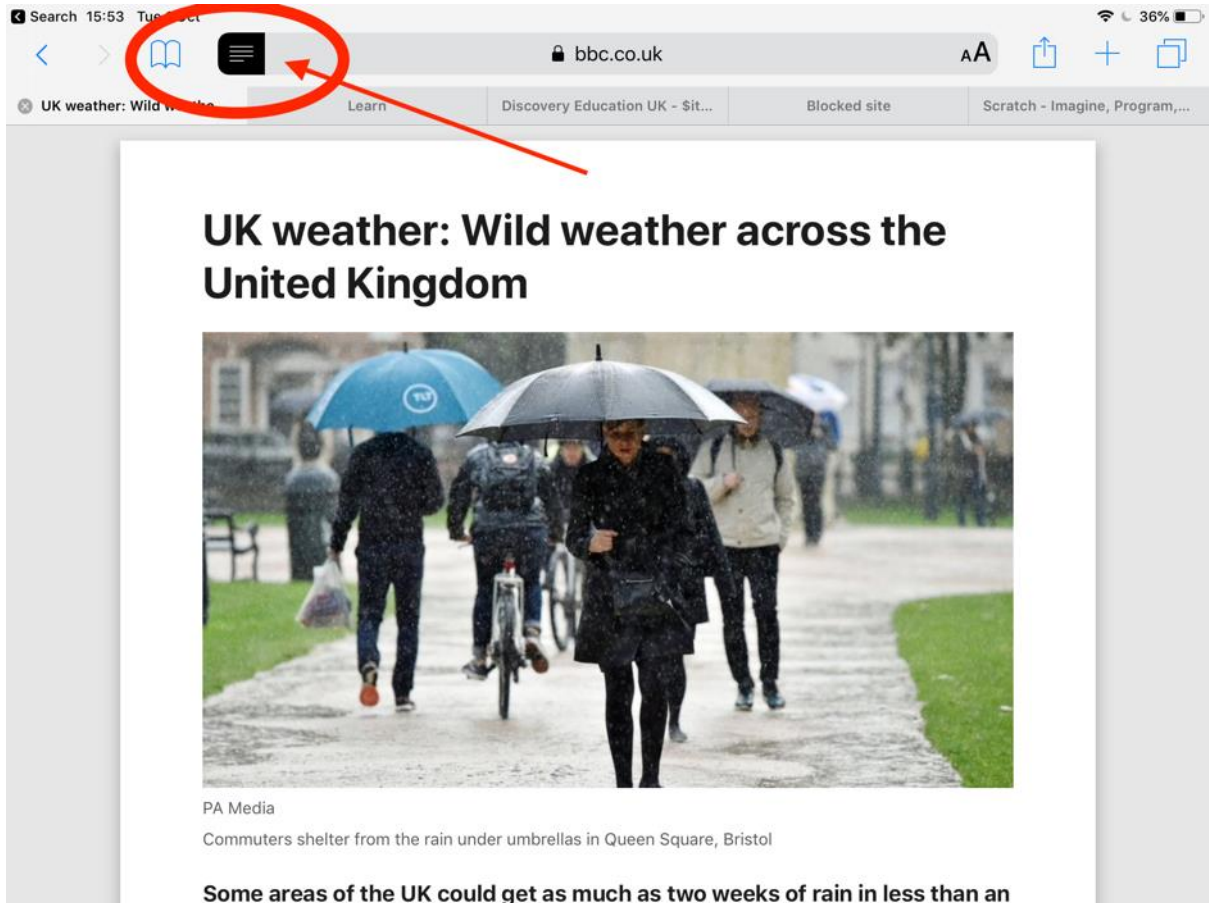**CORE APP**

The following are very basic tips for increasing iPad usability for teachers and children.

Recommended for general accessibility & SEND:

Microphone tool (above) – found in any situation where a keyboard appears. Allows for voice to text which can be useful for SEND children in a number of different educational contexts. e.g. child speaks a sentence into the iPad, then copies on-screen writing into their book.

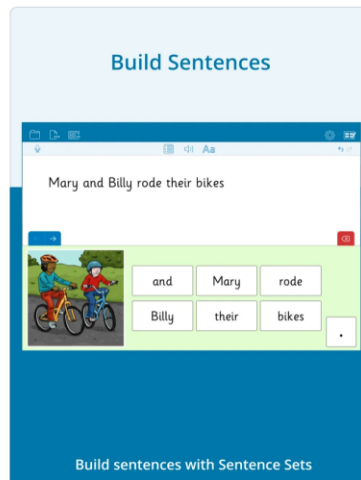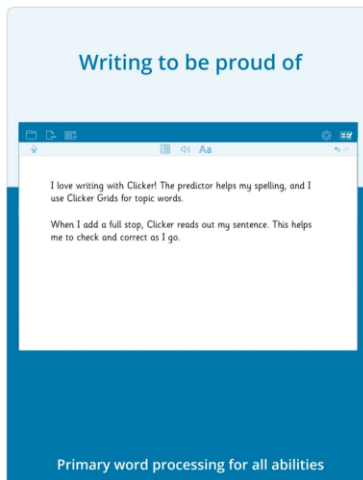*Easy reading button – above – shows websites in larger type with less distractions.*

Clicker Writer `4+`

Writing for all abilities

Crick Software

★★★★☆ 3.8 • 10 Ratings

Free · Offers In-App Purchases

iPad Screenshots

Writing to be proud of	Build Sentences	Choose & Connect
Primary word processing for all abilities	Build sentences with Sentence Sets	Select the words you want from Connect Sets

The Clicker app contains keyboards and assisted writing tools that have been appreciated for use by all children. Clearly relevant for SEND cases and

Recommended paid-for apps for PE

Likely to be most useful

Head over heels gymnastics
https://headoverheelsgymnastics.co.uk/

BAM video delay
https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/bam-video-delay-for-coaching-and-personal-training/id517673842?mt=8

Sprint Timer
https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/sprinttimer-photo-finish/id430807521?mt=8

Suggestions from Rob Wallbank, PE specialist:
The most useful to aid understanding of gymnastics is the superb 'Head over Heels Gymnastics'. It is expensive and large, but contains numerous videos to breakdown each skill and gives ideas for teaching. E.g., for a cartwheel it shows in video the exact placement of each body part, then a series of practices to follow to allow children to learn the correct technique. As a P.E. specialist with a good basic knowledge of gymnastics, I find it hugely useful. For non specialists I am certain it would be great.

Another I use in lessons is 'BAM Video Delay'. I mount it on a tripod (Grifiti Nootle) and leave it facing the area in which children are performing. Essentially, it shows 'live' video on the screen, but delayed by an amount of time set by the teacher. It is great for children to be able to see exactly how they are performing and work withut adult support. E.g., in long jump, it is set up at the end of the jumping area. Children can jump, then walk around to view the video which will show them jumping 30 seconds after they have jumped. Meanwhile, the next child can jump.   It means I can set a group off performing a skill (long jump/forward roll/cricket bowl/etc.) and rather than continuously waiting their turn, they are able to analyse their own performance and work to improve. Meanwhile, I can focus on a different group. Clearly, I choose the skill carefully so that there is no chance of a stray ball knocking the ipad/tripod.

Finally, 'SprintTimer'. It is awesome for the finish line of sprint races in lessons/sports day, etc. It is a tough job to stand on a finish line as 6 children charge past, all within a split second of each other. This films the children and produces a photo finish which can separate children by 100ths of a second. It is great as not only does it help the adult watching the finish line, but you can also then show the children so they can see exactly how close it was and what order they were in - no arguments!

Recommended apps for Music:

Garageband is more suitable for years 4, 5, 6… for non-specialist teachers, the complexity can be a barrier to purposeful use.

Other freebies:

https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/keezy-classic/id605855595?mt=8
https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/novation-launchpad/id584362474?mt=8

Other paid-for:

https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/loopimal-by-yatatoy/id964743113?mt=8