**Apps for helping with Literacy and Numeracy**

The use of apps for learning is beneficial in that they are colourful, child-friendly, and mainly game-based learning. This means children are learning in a fun yet meaningful way. The following apps are just a handful of what is out there, with new ones coming online daily, and I’m sure you and your child probably know many more than this basic list. It really is a case of trial and error to see what suits you and your child. Most of the apps are free, although some of them may charge a fee, so keep an eye out. Also, although most are available on all platforms, some may only be available on itunes or only on Android, so check on your device what is available. As always, ensure your child is supervised if they are online and make sure you chat with them about what they are playing, praise and encourage them to continue. Parental supervision and encouragement will always help to improve confidence and motivation.

**Numeracy:**

* **My Math App**-Free. What is great about this one is that you can customize it to focus on a particular math fact. For example, if your child’s homework for the week is ‘9+’, simply customize the app to match and away you go!
* **Squeebles** Addition and Subtraction app-(Not a free app-costs €2.99) Includes addition, subtraction, adding money, and a stats area to show parents how well your child is doing.
* **Rocket Math**-free app. Includes addition, subtraction, telling time, number bonds, fractions, comparing numbers, and lots more.
* **Math Bingo**-(not a free app-€2.99) You can set the questions to your child’s level, a timer ticks away which will encourage the children to beat their best time, helping to increase speed of mental maths. (However, at the beginning you may wish to disregard the timer so as not to place undue pressure on the child, as they become more used to it, the timer will have more benefit. )
* **Operation Math**-This spy game puts the player as a secret agent battling Dr. Odd. You set the challenges according to the level of the child.
* **Medieval Math Battle**-defeat your opponents by answering questions based on addition and subtraction.
* **Maths Alien Adventures**
* **Jungle Time**- for teaching digital and analogue time.
* Some apps for introducing your children to coding and programming if they have an interest in that area: **BeeBot**, **Kodable**, **Daisy the Dinosaur**, **Scratch Jr, Move the Turtle.**

**Literacy:**

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| Letter formation:**Hairy Letters****Pocketphonics** | Writing:**Popplet****Comic Life****Wordfoto** |
| Spelling and Phonics:**Spellosaur School Edition****abc Pocketphonics****Rocket Speller****Forest Phonics****Jolly Phonics Lessons****Phonic Street** | Grammar and Sentence Formation:**Exciting Sentences: Pupil Edition****The Alan Peat Punctuation App** |
| Oral Language:Voice Morph ProSplingo’s Language UniverseCaptain Cal S | **Reading & Comprehension**BooksyMe BooksReading RavenK-3 Sight WordsAesop’s QuestReading Timer from ScholasticReading for DetailsMeegeniusStorybots |

**Apps for Improving Memory:**

* Flash cards +
* Memory Workout
* Brain School Training
* Brain Workouts! Memory

**Other Subject Areas:**

* Go Noodle Kids (PE, Movement Breaks, Mindfulness, Brain Workouts and more)
* RTE Junior
* Duolingo (Gaeilge)
* Cúla 4, Cúla Caint
* Easy Stop Motion Studio
* Music4Kids