

## Early Years recommended apps

Some of these apps have in-app purchasing

### Apps



Nessy apps: Hairy Letters, Hairy Phonics 1,2&3, Hairy words 1&2 (£2.99 each)

This will help your child to learn the name and sounds of each letter and keywords.



Collins Big Cat (free)

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.



**Endless series e.g. Endless Wordplay**

These apps are animated and use a range of funny voices to explore letters and numbers, which children will love!



**Sight Words & Phonics Reading**

Reading games & fun educational activities to learn phonics & sight words. A great way to learn phonics, sight words, tracing, and complete adventure missions.



## Reading Eggs

To support learning to read, covering phonics, sight words, spelling, vocabulary and comprehension.



## Noisy Crow apps (cost varies)

You can buy books to see and listen to on your hand-held device.

You can also borrow books or buy books from this company. Each book comes with a free audio reading using children's voices, complete with sound effects and original music. Just scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet and hear the story.

Try it here! Scan the code below for the Stories Aloud edition of [Pip and Posy: The Super Scooter](#) by [Axel Scheffler](#):



## Cbeebies (free)

Go Explore - Fun Early Learning Skills App

Get Creative - Open-ended Creative Activities App

Playtime Island - Fun Games for Kids App

Storytime - Reading Stories App



## Monster Hunt: The Memory Game (free)

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 (£0.99)**

This 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, multi-touch, tilting, pinch and zoom. There are stamps as rewards, and encourages voice-overs; you can also pause or change the levels on games.



### **Bugs and Numbers (£2.99)**

There is plenty of basic fun maths tasks to keep children involved from counting games to more advanced activities.



### **EduGuru Maths (£1.99)**

This covers a variety of maths in a fun way.



### **Singing Fingers (£0.99)**

This lets you finger paint with sound. Just touch the screen while you make a sound, and colourful paint appears. Touch the paint to play back the sound again!



### **Isle of Tune Mobile (£2.99)**

Create your own unique musical journeys from street layouts. Roadside elements are your instruments and cars are the players.



### **Thinkrolls: Kings & Queens (£3.49)**

The scientific thinking required to solve the puzzles has a magical tone, with flying potions, ghosts and mirrors, and magical harps to put crocodiles to sleep. Challenges require thinking and planning ahead, but kids can try without penalty until they figure it out. The levels get progressively harder, and kids must complete all the chapters in one story before moving on to the next. As players complete each level, they collect candies and gems that unlock more costuming options to customize Thinkrolls characters. No reading is required.



### **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 have the Director's Pass 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!



### **Doodle Buddy (free)**

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.



### **CBeebies (free)**

This area has lots of fun and educational programmes for children.



### **Bee Bot (free)**

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. This app improves skills in directional language and programming through sequences of forwards, backwards, left and right 90 degree turns over 12 levels.

## **Podcasts**

Podcasts are a perfect screen-free activity for kids. They all have in-app purchases.



### **Kids Listen**

Listen to favourite shows, and discover new ones, with the Kids Listen app. It has fun and educational content – science, literature, history, bedtime stories, serialized stories, mindfulness/meditation, music, inspirational interviews, and more



### **Fruit Punch Music**

It's a kid-friendly music-streaming service with music that can appeal to older kids and parents, too. It's Safe as each song passes a multipoint approval process that ensures children will never hear anything inappropriate.

## Communication and Language



Each week we will use our Curiosity box to put in a variety of objects which encourages and stimulates the children to ask and respond to exciting questions, helping them to make new discoveries and develop their unique learning journey.

Our weekly thought-provoking question time, helps the children to respect others' opinions and learn from each other. These discussions and circle times are a great way to encourage rich language within our inspiring indoor and outdoor environment. Welly Wednesday will continue to provide lots of opportunities to investigate the world around us by questioning and describing seasons, experiences and objects found. There are a wide range of opportunities to follow instructions e.g. play a new board game, PE/ Welly Wednesday game (e.g. ants passing stick game, the floor is lava, tag) or how to make something new.

Our popular 'Tales Toolkit' area continues to flourish together as a class and independently in our Learning Landscape. They can choose resources such as puppets, materials and objects or make items for this which will encourage the development of vital language skills. There will be recording equipment such as 'talking clipboards' and variety of writing resources so that they can capture this language and help others retell their wonderful imaginative adventures.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Physical Development

Our JIGSAW topic will be 'Dreams and Goals.' There will be time to explore how to stay motivated and to keep trying even when something is challenging. Discuss how to have a positive attitude and help yourself and others to achieve their goals. They will explore how this makes them feel. The children will also be exploring the following values: Determination and Honesty.



Our children will have ongoing opportunities in the garden and during weekly PE sessions, to challenge themselves physically, They will have fun riding bikes and scooters around an obstacle course and draw around chalk body shapes to copy as part of a human obstacle course. They will develop throwing and catching of beanbags and balls through fun games. During all of these activities, we will develop their balancing, climbing, and exploration of space using songs, stories and games.

The children will also enjoy Dough Disco and Funky Fingers on a weekly basis which will support their fine motor development.

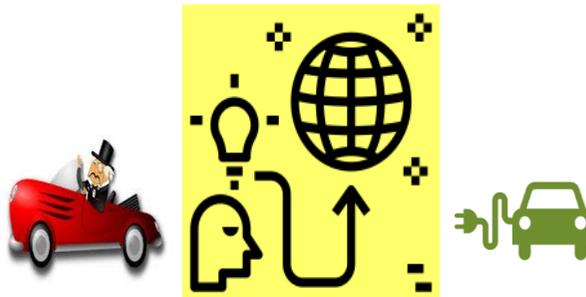
## Expressive Arts and Design and Understanding the World

Their creative skills will be challenged in our design station as we will create a wonderful model cycle park/ road way with traffic lights and make a variety of model vehicles and aeroplanes to use on it. They will also design and make a bike bell! We will investigate different paper folds and wheels to support our creation designs with opportunities to join, assemble, cut, stick using lots of different media such as buttons, ribbon, wood, card, shiny paper, tissue, plastic, wool, paint... and more! Music opportunities will involve learning new vehicle/ travel rhymes, actions and experimenting with hearing and making a range of mechanical sounds in our fun 'Music Zone' and on 'Purple Mash.' Welly Wednesday activities will focus on 'Winter'. We will learn about the effects of this season on plants, animals and humans. We'll explore ice, snow and Arctic animals. They will play adventure games outdoors and use Jack Frost and Winter stories to inspire their mud painting/ mark making, counting, story-telling, songs, solving problems, life skills and promote exploration, awe and wonder. Our 'Curiosity Approach' will encourage questioning and challenge and enable children to be independent thinkers. We will discuss and discover topics from the world, including traditions relating to Chinese New Year and Shrove Tuesday. Our technology area, will help them explore Purple Mash further and develop their knowledge of animation through 'Zanimate' and use microscopes to explore the world around them. There will be programming, mouse and photo challenges to extend their learning. We will develop our knowledge of our SMART rules, focusing on 'A' for 'accept' and explore online relationships through stories and everyday scenarios.

## Term 3

### What is the greatest invention?

#### Focus: Vehicles



Mrs Holloway, Mrs Palser, Miss Hinton  
and the Early Years Team

## Mathematical Development



This term, we will be focusing on 11-15. We will be orally counting on and back in 1s to 20. Daily counting and ordering will take place, using rhymes, actions and there will be a focus on the value of each dot pattern and how we can subitise them. This time, we will use elastic bands to make bundles of 10 straws/ stirrers. E.g. 12 straws= 1 bundle of ten straws and 2 straws. We will be playing with dominos and looking at the totals of each one. E.g. which dominos show 13 dots? Can you tell me any two dominos which show 11 dots in total? Children will be immersed using two ten frames throughout their play. They will become more familiar at quickly recognising pair-wise and five-wise dot patterns on a tens frame and instantly knowing the value of each Numicon piece 1-15. We will use 1 more, 1 fewer and look out for numbers hiding in other numbers e.g. 5 and 1 are hiding in '6'. They will match numerals and numbers in 'I spy/Talk pictures' with 10 frame amounts. We will practise 'growing' 6-10 using our fingers and explore using two hands to make e.g. '5' so 3 and 2. We will reinforce numbers using 'Number Blocks' and Ten Town. They will be given opportunities to reason and use a wider range of sentence stems to reinforce what they are learning.

## Reading and Writing

Daily phonic sessions will continue, where we will focus on segmenting and blending sounds, to read and write words. Each week we also play games e.g. phonics relay, dice sound games, phonics snakes and ladders. We will be building up their knowledge of reading and writing the Rotten Red words. Our 'Friendship Book Den' is a great place to share books, discuss the story added by the use of illustrations, become detectives working out new vocabulary, extend rhyme patterns, question characters' actions and also enjoy learning new facts. Our class will continue to take home a high-quality picture book to share with you. We will develop our name writing to their first name and surname, when ready. Our inspiring texts such as 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels, Cycle City, Mr Gumpy's Motor Car, Duck in the truck, Where do diggers sleep at night?, The Naughty Bus, The Runaway Train, Emma Jane's Aeroplane, William Bee's Wonderful World of Tractors and Farm Machines, Those magnificent sheep in their flying machine, Mr Wolf's Pancakes, The runaway Wok' as well as our creative EYFS environment, which will help to stimulate the children's writing. We will use our ever-growing knowledge of sounds to write... secret messages in paper boats, instructions on how to make their vehicle, a recipe for pancakes, label travel maps, write a travel log of their adventures as well as daily messages to each other using our 'Messaging Centre!' As always, they can use a wide range of writing equipment such as post-it notes, theme shaped paper, postcards, envelopes, mud mark making, coloured paper.