

Talking about....Pre-School Apps

There are a huge range of apps out there for children of all ages and it can be mind boggling to sift through and identify those that may support your child's speech, language and communication. These are some of our favourites for younger children. Remember, the key to progress is about making this an interactive activity as much as possible or encouraging your child to talk about what they are doing. Spending time sharing electronic resources will have a huge impact on how effective they are and the language that your child uses. All of these are available via Apple or Android unless otherwise stated.

App Name	Cost	Which areas of language does it support?
Fisher Price Storybook	Free	A lovely visual app of familiar nursery rhymes. Nursery rhymes are a great way to support early talkers due to their repetition. Sing with your child, missing words out at the end to see if they can fill in the gaps. You can also use apps like this to work on developing vocabulary and understanding by asking your child to find things on the page. E.g. "Can you find the dog" / "Who says woof woof?"
Peek a Boo Farm	Free	In this lovely app, your child has a chance to feed and care for the animals. You can work on: Concepts such as clean / dirty. Model simple sentences such as "can you wash the cow, can you feed the sheep" You can ask questions such as "where is the pig sitting?" (In the mud) You even get to hug the animals when it is night time to help them go to sleep.
Monkey preschool lunchbox	Free	This app is great for working on lots of early language concepts such as colours, counting, same and different, biggest and smallest, shapes and also vocabulary for fruits
My Play Home	Free	This lovely App covers all things home based, with lots of opportunity to work on the vocabulary of the different rooms of the house. This is interactive so you can choose characters and get them to sit on things, eat and drink, all the time modelling simple sentences. If you have a child finding "he" and "she" difficult, you can model this by saying something such as "Oh you chose a girlwhat is SHE going to do?"

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