

Apps for Autism

Sensory and Cause and Effect				
Magma		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/sensory-magma/id647810604?mt=8	Free	Magma is a simple calming and relaxing visual app for people with special/complex needs of ALL ages. Magma generates lava style slow moving effects, which when combined with music from the iPhone or iPad Music player can be relaxing and also stimulating. Beaming Magma to a TV via Apple TV fills the room with the slow, lava effect.
Sound Box		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/cause-and-effect-sensory-sound-box/id548622567?mt=8	£0.99	Cause and Effect Sensory Sound Box is a developmental touch skills app. It was made for children with complex learning needs including autism and visual impairment.
Light Box		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/sensory-light-box/id533976433?mt=8	£3.99	Light Box uses abstract animation and sound to introduce basic touch skills and awareness. Light Box has become a popular choice for parents of babies and young toddlers but was originally made for teenagers with autism and a range of complex needs. Sounds and graphics are appropriate for any age-group.
Awesome Xylophone		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/awesome-xylophone/id423063965?mt=8	£1.99	Virtual Xylophone application for iPod Touch, iPhone, and iPad!
Squawky Birds		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/squawky-birds/id474530033?mt=8	Free	Squawky Birds piano is a fun colourful musical instrument. You can play notes (C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C) and bird squawks together, just the notes, or just the squawks.
HelpKidzLearn				
Motivational Apps created by HelpKidzLearn specifically for children. Carefully designed to meet a range of special educational needs including switch access for those with physical disabilities.				
Big Bang Patterns		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/big-bang-patterns/id565946142?mt=8	£19.99	Developed in conjunction with specialist teachers in the field of visual impairment, the activities have been specially designed for use with children with low vision, including those with cerebral visual impairments and complex needs. It is an ideal tool to assess preferences and develop visual skills.
Big Bang Pictures		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/big-bang-pictures/id586617928?mt=8	£19.99	High contrast animated images and great sound effects designed to provide visual stimulation and to develop and assess visual preferences. With a choice of three styles of image and a choice of eight basic foreground and background colours,

				including black and white, these activities are ideal for assessment of picture recognition and colour preferences.
Peeping Musicians		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/peeping-musicians/id490120210?mt=8	£2.99	Designed to encourage early looking/observation skills and develop basic touch and targeting skills. Wait and watch for the musician as they 'peep' from the top, bottom or side of the screen.
Smarty Pants		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/inclusive-smarty-pants/id490126715?mt=8&ls=1	£2.99	This app has been designed to help children develop their understanding of a selection of communication symbols showing emotions and feelings by relating them to bright clear animations and fun sounds.
Finger Paint with Sounds		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/finger-paint-with-sounds/id586598528?mt=8	Free	Funky tunes while you paint/draw
Big Trucks		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/big-trucks/id579627492	£2.99	A must for all young truck fans. A simple touch and two switch accessible game featuring a range of vehicles including trucks, fire engine, diggers etc.
Shhhh!		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/shhhh!/id579623723	£2.29	Old Wilfred is trying to get some sleep, touch the door or press one switch to let in a noisy musician. Touch Wilfred or press the second switch and he will say Shhhh! to send the music away. Or listen to the whole tune and keep Wilfred awake!

Vocabulary – signs, symbols, written and spoken words

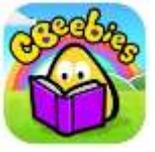
Special Words		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/special-words/id451723454?mt=8	£19.99	An invaluable app for visual learners to promote language acquisition, word, picture and sound recognition, speech and sight-reading. An excellent tool for parents, teachers and health professionals.
Our Story		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/our-story-for-ipad/id681769838?mt=8	Free	Create your own stories using your photos/videos. A great app for alternative recording. This app has a number of different uses.
MyChoice ePad Pro		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/mychoicepad-pro/id422681762?mt=8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DD5ToZusDFw	1 User Subscription monthly for £6.99 - 1 User Subscription annually for £69.99	MyChoicePad has been created in collaboration with The Makaton® Charity, creators of the Symbols and Signs used by Mr Tumble on CBeebies Something Special. MyChoicePad is about developing choice, self-expression and independence through better communication. Used and endorsed by leading Speech and Language therapists, it is proven to help children and adults improve key learning and communication skills.

Choice Making – Great apps for checking knowledge and

consolidation

Choose It Maker 3		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/chooseit-maker-3/id682571868?mt=8 https://www.helpkidzlearn.com/shop/online-software/chooseit-maker-3	Free app but subscription needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 week free trial • Single user £66 pa 	Chooseit! Maker 3 App allows you to view your cause and effect activities, literacy activities, sound lotto and matching activities, multiple choice activities, games, quizzes and more on the go! Please note that you must have a Chooseit! Maker 3 account in order to create and download your own personalised learning activities to this App.
ChoiceBoard Creator		https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/choiceboard-creator/id453988580?platform=ipad&preserveScrollPosition=true#platform/ipad	£1.99 Lite version available	ChoiceBoard Creator is the perfect app for creating customizable choice boards for the unique needs of individuals with communication challenges. It reinforces correct choice by either playing a video reward or expanding the selected image and playing the customized auditory rewards. It is an excellent tool to train and prepare users for more sophisticated communication devices via an easy, simple-to-use choice-making platform.

Entertaining but Educational

Playtime Island from CBeebies		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/bbc-cbeebies-playtime-island/id1140156471?mt=8	Free	Kids can learn as they play with CBeebies favourites
Cbeebies Storytime		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/bbc-cbeebies-storytime/id891730883?mt=8	Free	Playful and imaginative stories designed to help support early years reading. Every story is brought to life with magical things to touch, swipe and play with. There are also questions to help develop comprehension skills, so you and your child can enjoy reading, playing and learning together.

Fine Motor, Phonics, Letter Formation, Simple Maths

Dexterity Jr		https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/dexterity-jr-fine-motor-skill-development/id624918435	£3.99	Dexterity Jr. is a set of hand and finger exercises to develop fine motor skills and handwriting readiness. The activities are specially designed for kids age 2-6. New characters, sprite animations, music, and sound effects all add up to a fun and engaging experience for toddlers and preschool-aged children.
Dexterity		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/dexterity-fine-motor-skill-development/id420464455?mt=8	£5.99	Dexterity's unique hand and finger activities take full advantage of the iOS multi-touch screen to help build strength, control, and dexterity.
Dexterity Dots		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/dexterity-dots-get-in-touch-with-math/id815345306?mt=8	£2.99	Tap, drag, and swipe your way to a deeper understanding of the fundamental math concepts: addition, subtraction, and number sense. Encounter fun "monster" rewards and infinite replayability. This is serious learning wrapped in an engaging,

				intuitive touch game for kids age 2-8.
Dexterity Dots 2		https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/dexterity-dots-2-fine-motor/id899404716	£2.99	A unique way to learn math concepts!
Bugs and Buttons		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/bugs-and-buttons/id446031868?mt=8	£2.99	Fun maths and fine motor app
Counting Caterpillar		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/counting-caterpillar/id468556132?mt=8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkSXdm6OGzo	£1.99	No's 1-20 Counting in 2's, 5's etc.
Writing Wizard		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/writing-wizard-kids-learn/id631446426?mt=8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNvF8GW4GmY	£4.99	Writing Wizard is designed to help every child learn how to trace letters, numbers and words through a fun system carefully designed to maintain motivation.
PocketPhonics (basic edition)		https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/abc-pocketphonics-letter-sounds/id299342927 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R81ySfGLKhY&t=46s	Lifetime subscription – books £16.99 Annual subscription for books £12.99 Monthly subscription for books £1.49	PocketPhonics teaches kids letter sounds, first words and handwriting. It is used in over 300 UK primary schools, and tens of thousands of homes.
Hairy Letters		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/hairy-letters/id410276288?mt=8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhXdjbuP_Sc	£2.99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trace the letter shape onscreen with your finger. • Play games to build letters into simple words. • Letter sounds come to life with animated characters. • Learn to blend sounds into words. • Includes upper case letter names. • Multisensory learning by UK specialist teachers. • Letters are introduced in six colour-coded stages
Montessorium: Intro to Letters		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/montessorium-intro-to-letters/id387232375?mt=8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwKTYktpWI	£3.99	YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic foundations of language • To read, write and understand English letters from A-Z • Lowercase letter symbols and their sounds (phonics) • Capital letters - letter names, writing and pronunciation • Phonograms - writing and pronunciation • Consonants and vowels • Fine motor skills
Phonics Fun		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/phonics-fun-1/id459016092?mt=8	Free	Tap the picture and you will hear the words. Tap the letter and you will hear the sound it makes. Simply slide the letter to the picture to see if the sound matches.

Cambugs Letter Sounds Schools		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/cambugs-letter-sounds-schools/id874415942?mt=8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbltMVnEhWw	£1.99	Cambugs Letter Sounds teaches children the initial phonemes (letter sounds) which are the first step on their journey to become fluent, confident readers. This version allows unlimited users and is ideal if there will be numerous children using the app.
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Spelling and Sight Words

Sight Words by Little Speller		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/sight-words-by-little-speller/id420828421?mt=8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JXnZ-njF628	£0.99	<p>Help your child learn to speak, read, and spell as they learn to recognize words and letters by sight sound and touch</p> <p>Sight Words, also known as the Dolch List are an integral part in learning how to read. The Dolch Word list contains 220 words that make up the most common words of the English language and are easiest learned by sight.</p>
A+ Spelling Test		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/a-spelling-test/id501211008?mt=8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCckhBtXB70	Free With in-app purchases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Setup your own spelling tests in minutes - You decide which words to add and practice - Track your kids progress and quickly see how they are doing for each test they took as well as which words if any they are struggling with. - Multiple play modes keep kids engaged. If you don't want to take a test, you can use the practice mode or let your kids unscramble the words
Squeebles Spelling Test		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/squeebles-spelling-test/id529128065?mt=8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmeXYojOfqk	£3.99	Perfect for 5 to 11 year olds, Squeebles Spelling Test allows you to set up completely personalised spelling tests for your children, giving them the opportunity to practise in a fun, interactive way. You input the exact words your children need to learn, recording them in your own voice. In addition, you can download over 150 preset tests, created by us, from within the app, featuring over 1800 words and based on the UK national curriculum.

Sentence Construction

Clicker Sentences		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/clicker-sentences/id575603433?mt=8	£49.99	Supports sentence construction with visual and sound support.
Clicker Connect		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/clicker-connect/id787247539?mt=8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGixr2ONub0	£49.99	Clicker Connect enables young learners and struggling writers to take their first steps to independent writing by using words and phrases to build coherent text. Text can be supported by symbols or photos.

Clicker Docs		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/clicker-docs/id575608215?mt=8	49.99	Develop pupils' writing skills and build struggling writers' confidence with Clicker Docs - the writing tool that provides differentiated support for pupils of all abilities.
Communication				
AAC Genie		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/aac-evaluation-genie/id541418407?mt=8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82XZ2cKV-VQ	£12.99	AAC Evaluation Genie is an informal diagnostic tool that is intended to assist speech-language pathologists and others with identifying skill areas that relate specifically to the language representation methods commonly found on augmentative communication systems. The purpose of AAC Evaluation Genie is not to identify a particular speech generating device, but rather build a framework for selecting an appropriate augmentative communication device for ongoing evaluation and / or device trial.
Grid Player		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/grid-player/id456278671?mt=8	Free	A great free app to enable you to try out simple AAC activities with a student. Also encourages students to explore language.
Grid for iPad		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/grid-for-ipad-aac/id1064332378?mt=8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjY4zG_OSOg https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTx2Nbi6QTs	Free Trial • Grid for iPad Subscription £9.99 • Grid for iPad full licence £349.99 • Acapela LucyFree	Grid for iPad has content for everyone – with resources for symbol and text AAC, for all ages and levels of literacy. It is easy to use, easy to edit, and easy to make your own. Try it for free for 30 days - voice included!
Proloquo 2Go		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/proloquo2go/id308368164?mt=8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4LqDij7Erl	£249.00 And in app purchases	Proloquo2Go is an AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) app used by people with autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy and other diagnoses.
See Me Talk		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/see-me-talk/id590399460?mt=8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4Hkh6Wa9lg	£9.99 There is also a lite version	See Me Talk is an easy to use augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) app for those who have difficulty communicating effectively. It is based on a picture exchange system developed specifically for children with speech delays.
Clicker Communicator		https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/clicker-communicator-aac/id932822854 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20MmLNU-aqg	£199.99	Clicker Communicator is the definitive AAC app that gives a voice to children and young people with speech and language difficulties. This is the latest addition to Crick Software's Clicker family, continuously developed over 20 years and used across the world.

Autism iHelp apps

Autism iHelp is a vocabulary teaching aid developed by parents of a child with Autism and a speech-language pathologist.

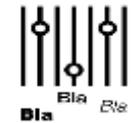
Autism iHelp Play		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/autism-ihelp-play/id521485216?mt=8	Free with in app purchases	
Autism iHelp Comprehension		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/autism-ihelp-comprehension/id669414531?mt=8	Free with in app purchases	
Autism iHelp Opposites		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/autism-ihelp-opposites/id623204808?mt=8	Free with in app purchases	
Autism iHelp WH Questions		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/autism-ihelp-wh-questions/id557548372?mt=8	Free with in app purchases	



Schedules, First and Then

Todo Visual Schedule		https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/todo-visual-schedule/id1037037909	£12.99	Todo Visual Schedule is the first wearable picture-based scheduler designed with children and adults with autism in mind.
iVisual Schedule		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/ivisual-schedule/id657807940?mt=8	£3.99	iVisual Schedule is designed to help people who thrive on a scheduled routine such as students with autism or other special needs
FTVS		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/first-then-visual-schedule/id355527801?mt=8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bl_6abj_sIA	£9.99	First-Then visual schedule application is designed for caregivers to provide positive behavior support. For individuals with communication needs, developmental delays, Autism or those who benefit from a structured environment; visual schedules serve to increase independence and lower anxiety during transitions through different activities.

Speech Activated

My Talking Pet		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/my-talking-pet/id662090840?mt=8	Free	Take a photo or choose from your photo gallery, then speak into the microphone to see your pet realistically speak back to you. Great fun, good for fine motor too.
Bla Bla Bla		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/bla-bla-bla/id430815432?mt=8	Free	Sound activated app.
Talking Tom		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/talking-tom-cat/id377194688?mt=8	Free	Sound activated app.
Talking Pierre		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/talking-pierre-smoke-on-water/id430152138?mt=8	Free	Sound activated app.

Memory and Puzzles

Memory • Classic		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/memory-freemium/id502626661?mt=8	Free	Good simple memory app - different levels
My Own Puzzle		https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/my-own-puzzle-jigsaw-puzzle/id636443362?mt=8	Free	Students love the option to build a puzzle of their own face.
Monster Hunt		https://apps.apple.com/us/app/monster-hunt-fun-logic-game-to-improve-your-memory/id510490133	Free	A brilliantly simple and fun memory improvement game that is great for all ages.
Popplet		https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/popplet-lite/id364738549	Free	Useful free mind-mapping app

Useful Accessories

Touch Screen Stylus		https://www.amazon.co.uk/UK-Touch-Screen-Stylus-Pencil/dp/B00CP2R612/ref=sr_1_3?s=computers&ie=UTF8&qid=1515602484&sr=1-3&keywords=touch+screen+stylus+suck+uk	£7.99	Touch Screen Stylus Pencil - White
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Websites

Redbridge SERC		http://redbridgeserc.org/		Redbridge Special Education Resource Centre is the essential resource centre for parents and
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				education professionals requiring information about any special needs education issues.
SERC tech tips Youtube		https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Redbridge+Serc		Ipad videos; various tips and 'how to's' that we feel are useful.
Clicker Training		http://www.cricksoft.com/uk/training/training.aspx Clicker Sentences Training: http://www.cricksoft.com/uk/training/apps/90-second-videos/sentences.aspx		Training: How to get the most out of Clicker products with their high-quality training options. Videos and pdfs can be freely downloaded.
Other recommendations				
1. Support staff should be given the Apple ID password so that they can research and download free apps to immediately tie in with the curriculum.				
2. Some children will need the 'Guided Access' feature to stop them inappropriately pressing the home button, adverts or settings buttons. Please see the Redbridge SERC video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8CyJU7-fbLw on how to use it.				

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If you would like more help and guidance with relation to using an ipad with a Student with SEND – please contact SEATSS at SEATSS@redbridge.gov.uk