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Dear parents/carers,

The National Literacy Trust have recommended the following list of APPs for Foundation Stage children to help develop early literacy skills.

**The Land of Me** - An app with many different song options for children to choose from. Children can decide which character they want the song to be about, what type of music the song should follow and the speed of the track.

**ABC Guru** - A simple app which reinforces the sounds of single letters. As children draw and design their letter, the phonemic sound is repeated over and over again.

**Big Cat: It was a cold dark night** - An app with many different story options for children to choose from.

**David Weisner’s Spot** - A beautifully illustrated app with many different layers for children to explore with adults and friends. There are so many prompts to support developing children's understanding and speaking skills.

**Feed ‘em Fred** - This interactive story app gives you three different options; read to me, read by myself and read and play. The story helps children to build an awareness of different types of print, as children see alphabet spaghetti, addresses on letters, mobile phones etc.

**Home** - An app which allows children to explore different houses from around the world. There are excellent opportunities for children to discuss different homes around the world, with more opportunities for older children to label objects (matching words to items).

**Jolly Phonics Letter Sounds** - Children are given a flowerpot and have to work their way around the flowers, listening to and interacting with different letters.

**Tale of Tales** - This app has over 2000 story possibilities for children to chop and change as they go along. Children choose different colour options, which produce different story lines as the page turns. This is great for building vocabulary and for children to get a love of illustrations and storytelling, giving them ownership of what happens in their interactive book.

I hope you find this list useful. If you have any questions, please come and see me.

Regards,

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