TECH TIPS

APPS FOR YOUR LITTLE CHAMPS

SOFIA NOOR RAFA

Modern technology has made an infinite volume of resources available for people of all ages and statuses. Since children are more flexible towards learning new things than aged adults, even the least impressionable thing can leave a lasting impact. Regardless of age, there are apps that cater to the various needs of children so they can have fun while learning something new and interesting. Below are our picks for free, at-hand apps that are safe and useful for children. All these apps are available on the Google Play Store.



LOGIC GAMES: JIGSAW FOR KIDS Logic games: jigsaw for kids has sixty levels designed to challenge the players' thinking ability. With soothing background music, the game aims to challenge children with mild to slightly difficult puzzles. These puzzles also

strengthen logical thinking in three different stages, revolving around pattern recognition, understanding objects and their orders, organisational sense, size recognition and deep thinking. Children aged from seven to twelve years can try this app for a fun, brain-stimulating pastime.

TOGGLE 7

KHAN ACADEMY KIDS

Khan Academy Kids can help children learn elementary-level lessons in any category. It offers an age-fit learning environment and acts as an easy first step towards e-learning. The apps' background sound and UI design, combined with an easy-to-use functionality mean that even younger kids can manoeuvre the app with basic instructions, like, tapping on an identified area on the screen. The app is also great for children with delayed learning and the contents are made to be age-appropriate and children-friendly for two to eight years of age.

One thing to note, Khan Academy Kids requires a sign-in option to continue. According to the child's information entered by the parents, the contents will categorically appear on the app. Thus, parents will need to register for their child first.





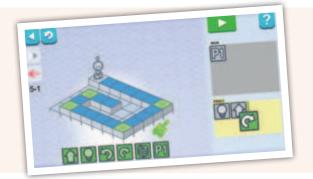
LANGUAGE THERAPY FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM (MITA)

With its simple challenges and pattern-based dares, Language Therapy for Children with Autism (MITA) introduces an effective way to help children with object identification, orderly thinking and pattern recognition. Each level has fifty sublevels, so solving these tasks eventually leads the user to perform better in the long run. This app helps children with autism to enhance their language skills, and assists in developing basic communication functions. Language skills that require the ability to describe and identify objects are included as well.

Language Therapy for Children for Autism is an app that has shown effectiveness in building language skills for children with autism. It stems from a practical experiment performed for a journal publication, in which the observation included 6,454 children. It was observed that children who took assistance from this app performed 120% better than others in similar early evaluations. Offered by ImagiRation LLC, children who need to start English language learning would find this app handy.

LIGHTBOT: CODE HOUR

Coding with puzzles is the original idea for this app, which helps kids get started with coding. The app revolves around a video game in which the player has to use available options to complete the task. The game helps with a basic understanding of moving an object or doing a repeated job for a specific time or sequence or the figure. Fit for children aged six and above, this is a good app to get the hang of the most basic ideas related to coding and programming. Children get to use tools to do the operations in the game. A player needs to play all the levels in one slot and move towards the next to advance. In programming, the programmer needs to think of coordinates and movement based on the problem's pattern to move something from one place to another. There are concepts like a loop - a continuous operation up to a specific time - that gets introduced in this app as well. The same task goes on in the games of this app to give children a visual idea of how programming works.





OKY PERIOD TRACKER APP FOR GIRLS

Depending on growth patterns, sudden periods might occur to girls aged ten to twelve. Oky Period Tracker by UNICEF Digital Strategy is a cooperative app for girls who know little to nothing about menstruation but has gone through early menstruation. It helps young girls manage periods by giving updates and helping them keep track. Menstruation is not as deadly as it seems, and with this app, the work gets much easier for girls. Hormone secretion causes mood swings before menstruation and even in the days of menstruation. The app offers a regular update of mood shifts by tracking feelings for each day. It also gives a regular update for the possible date of menstruation to begin each month. The app also includes insights into puberty, nutrition, reproduction and family planning. Since menstruation can begin from an early age, it is important for young girls to be well informed as soon as they can.