

USEFUL APPS, SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE

Please note that the list below is not exhaustive. They are suggestions only, correct at time of publishing. New applications are released regularly, so search online for alternatives when starting a new topic with your class.

We have categorised the apps and software below by its main purpose, but there may be aspects of each that can be used for additional purposes. We have also tried to give some indication of the key stage each app or software is suitable for. This is very difficult to do as most apps and software can be used across any key stage, depending on the level of teacher support; how the activity is structured; or which aspects of an app the children may be using. Teachers may therefore find that some apps or software, other than what we may have suggested, are suitable for their classes.

Name	Description	Platform	Key Stage	Main* focus	Notes
Audacity	Editor	PC and Mac	KS1 (<i>with more teacher help</i>) KS2	Editing Recording	Free multi track audio editor Ideal for creating podcasts Free
Garageband	Virtual software instruments	Mac and iPad	FS (<i>some elements only e.g experimenting with virtual instruments</i>) KS1 (<i>with more teacher help</i>) KS2	Composition Instruments Editing	Music creation studio Free
2Simple Music • 2Explore • 2Beat • 2Sequence	Simple music: suite of 3 activities Play and record simple melodies Rhythm and pulse Drag and drop sounds to a grid	Web Application	FS KS1	Instruments Recording Beat Composition	Click on the instruments Build up beats Explore harmony and build up musical scores Paid
Chrome Music Lab	Learn music through fun, hands-on experiments	Web Application	FS KS1 KS2	Multi	13 areas of music to explore Use on computer or tablet Free

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Soundation	Sequencer and Audio recorder	Web Application	KS2	Recording	Build up multi track sequences, import audio files, record directly into Soundation Free
Soundtrap	Explore creative sound recording	Web Application	KS1 KS2	Recording	Supports collaboration Free
UJAM	Record and produce songs	Web Application	KS1 KS2	Recording	Can't be accessed on ipad Free
Viktor NV1 Synthesiser	Online synthesiser	Web Application	KS2	Tool	Free
Incredibox	Create music with virtual crew of beatboxers	Web Application	FS KS1 KS2	Composition	Drag and drop sounds onto beatbox characters Free
Apple Music Memos	Quickly record musical ideas	iPad App	KS1 KS2	Recording	Simple interface, virtual drummer and bass player Export songs to Garageband Free
Beatwave 3	Easy music creator	iPad App Android App	KS1 KS2	Composition	Mix and loop arrangements Grid based Free
Easy Music (Edoki)	Introduces children to world of music	iPad App Android App	FS KS1 KS2	Multi	Notes, pitch, rhythm and melody in a game environment £3.99 iPad £3.59 Android

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Easy Zylophone	Simple xylophone Player	iPad	FS KS1	Instrument	Free
Echo String Lite	Innovative Harp App	iPad	FS KS1 KS2	Instrument	Free
Figure – Make Music and Beats	Simple app to create music	iPad	KS2	Composition Beat	Make melodies, add drums and bass Free
Kapu Bloom Tunes	Create music and paint pictures at the same time	Apple Android	FS KS1	Composition	Paid £1.99
Loopimal	Simple app to introduce children to music and animation	iPad	FS KS1	Composition	Arrange tiles in sequences to create music and dancing animals Paid £3.99
Loopy HD	Create music by layering looped recordings	iPad	KS2	Composition	Use voice, beatboxing or instruments Paid £3.99
Music Maker Jam	Arrange loops and samples into songs	iPad Android	KS2	Composition	Create, remix and share music Free
Medly Music Maker	Make music by choosing instruments, drawing notes Record and sing	iPad	KS2	Instrument Composition	Drag and drop loops or samples. Award winning app Free
Metronome	Simple visual metronome	iPad Android		Tool	Free
Node Beat	Intuitive, visual music app for all ages	iPad Android	FS KS1 KS2	Composition	Create your own music Paid £3.99

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Pitch Painter	Simple musical finger painting app	iPad	FS KS1	Instrument	Introduces children to variety of musical instrumental sounds from 4 regions of the world. Award winning app Paid £3.99
Playground Organic Remix	Create addictive music beats	iPad	KS1 KS2	Beat	Play, remix and share your groovy beats Free
Prometronome	Helps pupils master daily practice	iPad Android	KS1 KS2	Tool	Free
Real Ukulele Free	Ukulele simulator	Android	KS2	Tool	Uses real ukulele sound Free
Tap a Tune Free	Music maker: 12 instruments and colourful keyboard	iPad	KS1	Composition	Easy to use, attractive Free
Toca band	Play with sounds and create your own band	iPad	KS1 KS2	Composition Beat	Mix beats and sounds together Paid £3.99
Toc and Roll	Compose songs, mix instruments on a virtual multitrack	iPad	FS KS1	Composition Instrument	Add effects, record voices, share results Paid £1.99
My First Orchestra App HD	Introduces children to the orchestra	iPad	FS KS1 KS2	Instrument	Explore the instruments of the orchestra Paid £3.99
Stagelight EDU	Virtual software instruments		KS2	Composition Instruments Editing	Paid
Keezy	Soundboard App. Allows you to record your own sound to compose a song	iPad	Foundation KS1 KS2	Beat Recording Composition	Free

Microphones and other useful devices

Portable USB microphones designed for primary schools (for example EasiSpeak)

Desktop USB microphones

iRig iPad microphones

Headset (headphones and/or mic)

Recordable pegs – for playback or displays

Headphone splitter

Bluetooth speaker

SOUND EFFECTS (SFX), SOUND SAMPLES AND OTHER SOUND FILES*

There are a range of internet sites where you can access free sound effects, samples and soundscapes. However, please note that many of them require you to set up a free account and a user name/ password to download files. Please note that the list below is not exhaustive. They are suggestions only, correct at time of print.

Audio Blocks	www.audioblocks.com/royalty-free-audio/sound effects
Audio Network	www.audionetwork.com (Accessible through C2K)
BBC	www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/earlylearning/stimulussoundslibrary
GR Sites	www.grsites.com/archive/sounds
Partners In Rhyme	www.partnersinrhyme.com/pir/PIRsfx.shtml
Sample Radar	www.musicradar.com/news/tech/sampleradar-286-free-real-world-fx-samples-467432
Sound Bible	http://soundbible.com
Sound Snap	www.soundsnap.com
ZapSplat	www.zapsplat.com

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