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Great Apps for Kids at Home from the Bologna Ragazzi Digital Award Jury 2020

Each year the [Bologna Children's Book Fair](#) chooses the best apps from around the world.

Here's our extended **Top 2020** picks - a vibrant list of games, libraries and learning tools excellent for all ages 2-15 year olds and even more useful during these special at home days and nights.



The Wanderer: Frankenstein's Creature (*La Belle Games /ARTE,* France) Age 13+



The classic Victorian gothic novel has been expertly reimagined in an engaging digital format, For teen readers, it creates a whole new and authentic way to explore a classic text

- <http://www.labellegames.com/projects/frankenstein-and-the-wanderer>
- <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/the-wanderer/id1481478777>



Paperbark (Paperhouse PTY LTD, Australia) Age 5+



Explore the beautiful Australian natural habitats through the eyes of a wombat, the subject of protecting our natural environment is presented in a sensitive manner.

- <https://paperbarkgame.com/#/>
- <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/paperbark/id1155399928>



Puku

*(Preloaded/Merriam
Webster, UK/USA) Age 5+*



Here's an app that uses the power of a Merriam-Webster dictionary to expand children's vocabulary on a touch screen. The growing worm (Puku) grows to reward and motivate a child

- <https://www.merriam-webster.com/puku/about>
- <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/puku-learn-new-words/id1460784777>



Pango Musical March (Studio Pango, France) Age 2+



A musical toy box that allows you to play around with a range of different types of bands, combining instruments into melodies with different rhythms.

- <https://www.studio-pango.com/en/app-musicalmarch>
- <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/pango-musical-march/id1462630442>



AR Makr

(Line Break, USA) Age 5+



An augmented reality creativity tool that offers huge potential for 3D creativity. With this tool, anyone, young or old, can create scenes and stories in the actual space around them.

- <https://www.armakr.app/>
- <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/ar-makr/id1434081130>



Barefoot World Atlas 4.0

(Barefoot Books, USA) Age 3+



A perfect example of how factual information can be converted into an effective interactive digital experience. An extraordinary reimagining of a world atlas.

- [Barefoot World Atlas App Demo](#)
- <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/barefoot-world-atlas/id489221652>



MarcoPolo World School (MarcoPolo Learning, UK) Age 3 +



Here is an educational library of videos and games. A quality collection covering a range of topics in an age-appropriate, engaging way. The visual design is very effective.

- https://www.marcopololearning.com/world_school.html
- <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/marcopolo-world-school/id1193662404>



Super Simple

(Skyship Entertainment, Canada) Age 2 +



A video/ebook/game library that lives up to its name, with an spin wheel menu that really is simple to use. Includes an off-line mode to download the 900+ videos and song.

- <https://supersimple.com/app/>
- <https://apps.apple.com/app/super-simple/id1458640095>



Thinkrolls Space

(Avokiddo, UK) Age 7 +



A quality logic puzzle game, with an enjoyable, engaging experience that helps children develop their logic and problem-solving skills.

- <https://avokiddo.com/thinkrolls-space/>
- <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/thinkrolls-space/id1458751834>



Tongo Circus

(Firstconcert Productions, Germany) Age 3 +



A playful circus app set to real classical music make this a lovely way for a child to discover these classics.

- <https://youtu.be/uv634tEIXwk>
- <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/tongo-circus/id1455017057>



Noah's Ark Animalibrium (*Giulia Olivares, Italy*) Age 4 +



A toy-like open-ended experience that is almost like an interactive painting and invites exploration.

- <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/noahs-ark-animalibrium-kids/id1434057776>



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If you'd like to see more apps here's a link to a whole database of Bologna picks over the past few years from the CTREX database.

- <http://www.bookfair.bolognafiere.it/en/highlights/bologna-digital-media/2091.html>
- <https://reviews.childrenstech.com/ctr/bolognaragazzi.php>
- <https://reviews.childrenstech.com/ctr/home.php?category=BRDP&quickfind=BRDP&page=1>



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