



Curriculum Newsletter

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Top 5...

... Christmas Activities



1. [Isle of Tunes](#) - Create a Christmas tune with this [app](#). Design your street layout and then add your roadside elements to create your different sounds for your cars to play as they pass by.



2. [Advent Calendar](#) - Create your own [interactive Advent calendar](#) with PowerPoint or Thinglink. Think about what Christmas represents to the children and ask them to find pictures that match this to go into the calendar. Research could also be done about Christmas traditions around the world and links could be made to these.



3. [Christmas Lights](#) - Use Raspberry Pi or Arduino to program some Christmas tree lights. Think about different flashing sequences you could use and triggers that may initiate the lights to switch on. Flowol could also be used to do this with a FlowGo box.



4. [BeeBot](#) - Send BeeBot off to find the presents that Father Christmas has lost from his sleigh, or off to the shops to collect the presents off someone's Christmas list.



5. [Christmas Scene](#) - Khan Academy is an online learning environment that teaches a variety of subjects including computer programming using a number of programming languages. Why not try drawing a [Christmas tree](#) with lights or a [snowman](#). You could also use Logo or [Scratch](#) to draw some Christmassy scenes or create a [Christmas maze](#).

In this month...

The first radio transmission of a human voice and music was sent on 24th December 1906.

- Create a timeline of Radio using the internet and Wikipedia.
- Listen to a variety of early radio adverts and current radio adverts and compare them. Create your own adverts based on both eras using Audacity.
- Write and record your own radio play. Think about what is needed to get the story across on the radio ie narrative, structure, vocal delivery, sound effects/music. The [Elf Theatre Club](#) and [Stories Now](#) websites have examples of radio plays that you can listen to.
- The BBC has a radio station linked to their CBeebies pages. Have a listen to some of their podcasts and compare the different styles used to tell the stories.
- Talk about when you might listen to radio, compared to watching television. What do they like about listening to the radio?

Apps of the month

iPad

[Christmas Piano](#)



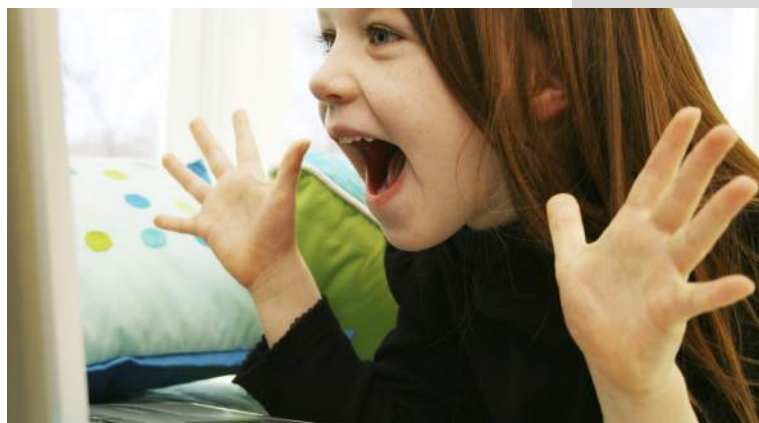
Play along and sing along to Christmas carols on a real. This piano includes some of the most popular Christmas carols. Every song includes sing along lyrics that highlight in time with the music making carolling easier than ever! You can also learn to play Christmas songs geared for all ages and skill levels! Headphones are recommended for this app.

Android

[Christmas Countdown Elf Story](#)



Elf Adventure is a Christmas Countdown Story, that tells a story with fun games for children Contains fun free Christmas games and a great story. Have fun and help the Elves to save Christmas! Will they manage to wake the Frost Giant in time?



Let's share!

Bett Bus

Thursday 21st January 2016

The Turn IT On Bett Bus is a free way to get to the London ExCel Arena while the Bett Show is running so book your place to make sure you don't miss out.

Bett is a huge exhibition of suppliers of ICT products and services for education. Because the best and the most innovative new products are featured at the show, attending Bett is a great chance to take stock of your school's current ICT. Many schools use the exhibition as inspiration for their future ICT plans.

We are inviting a maximum of two people from each school to book seats on the coach

Oxfordshire
Pick-up/drop-off point: Redbridge Park and Ride, Oxford
Pick-up time: 7:30am for 8am departure

Buckinghamshire
Pick-up/Drop off Point: Cressex Park and Ride, High Wycombe
Pick-up time: 8:30am for 9am departure

Email: ellie.wilding@turniton.co.uk to book your seats