

Christmas iPad Activities – R, Y1 & Y2

Activity 2 (Y1+2): Create your own Sainsbury's Ad (or any animation)

You will probably remember [last year's Sainsbury's ad](#). The message is that the best gift you can give for Christmas is yourself (scope for PSHE / Values here).



Sainsbury's have made a [free animation app](#) which you can download from the app store. It's a great app to hang onto for animation at any time of the year. In 2016 there was the option to pop along to Sainsbury's to pick up an [animation pack for £5](#) which included all sorts of resources you could use to [create your own version of their advert](#).

Activity 8 (Reception): Create a Christmas animation



If you don't have [Puppet Pals](#) on your iPads you should get it straight away! There is a free version that's not really worth having – you need to pay for the paid one – [Puppet Pals Director's Pass](#) – (£2.99). One of the great things about the paid for app is that children can take or source their own

pictures as puppets and backgrounds; thereby offering massive potential. However, on this occasion we'd like to remind you that there are some good readymade ones that you can download (only if you have the paid for app) for Christmas.

Select you puppets, select backgrounds, narrate your story as you move the puppets around the stage, record and publish. [Some examples](#)

Activity 9 (Y1+2): Use Shadow Puppet Edu to retell the Christmas story



[Shadow Puppet](#) is a great free app. It has nothing to do with shadows, puppets or rabbits (its icon). Very young children can use it to retell a story. Just capture images (these could be sources online, photos of children's own artwork or produced electronically in other apps), sequence them, press go to record the story in real time as you move through the pictures. There are some nice laser pointer tools that children can move over the pictures to draw attention to different aspects of the story. This app has many uses right across the year, and it's completely free.

Activity 12 (Reception): Bring Santa's reindeer into your classroom

[FxGuru: Movie FX Director](#) is a free app that allows you to bring a range of special effects into your own environment amongst them are dancing reindeer (most are only available through in-app purchases). You then mix a video you've taken yourself with the special overlay effects.



You can do similar things with animals, all year around with the 79p app [Zookazam](#)