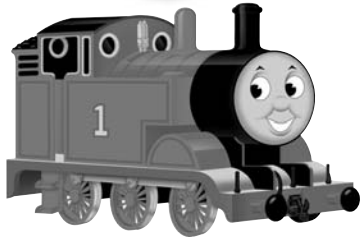


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# Learn & Explore Laptop

## User's Manual



*Dear Parent,*

*At VTech® we know that a child's imagination is a truly wonderful thing and needs to be developed and nurtured. That's why we created the **Thomas & Friends™** learning series of **interactive learning** toys to stimulate children's imaginations, while also teaching vital preschool concepts such as the letters, numbers, phonics, counting, vocabulary and music.*

*Through the use of unique technology and engaging child-directed role-play scenarios, **Thomas & Friends** characters magically come to life to guide children through learning activities. These engaging characters foster children's critical reasoning skills, enhance their fine motor skills and engage them in exciting role-play activities for endless hours of learning fun.*

*At VTech® we know that a child has the ability to do great things. That's why all of our electronic learning products are uniquely designed to develop a child's mind and allow them to learn to the best of their ability. We thank you for trusting VTech® with the important job of helping your child learn and grow!*

*Sincerely,*

*Your Friends at VTech®*

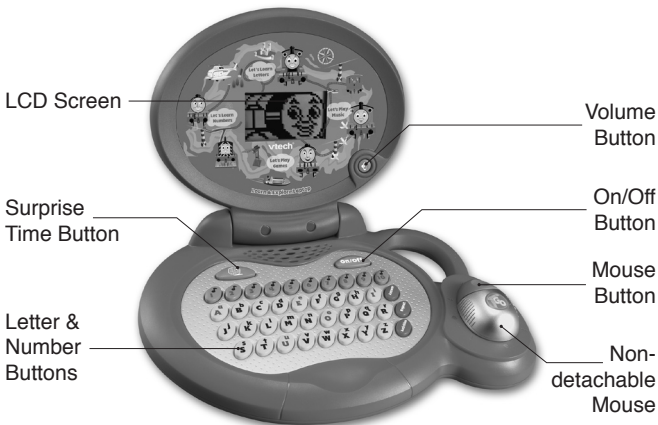
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*To learn more about **Thomas & Friends** visit [www.thomasandfriends.com](http://www.thomasandfriends.com)*

# INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the **VTech® Thomas & Friends: Learn & Explore Laptop**.

The **VTech® Thomas & Friends: Learn & Explore Laptop** is a fun laptop that introduces age-appropriate curriculum through 30 engaging activities. **Learn & Explore Laptop** encourages pre-schoolers as they learn letters, numbers, music, mouse training and much more! With cheerful music and fun games, your child will develop early computer skills while having lots of fun!



## INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- One **VTech® Thomas & Friends: Learn & Explore Laptop**
- One instruction manual

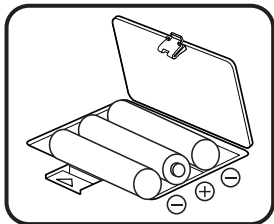
## WARNING:

All packing materials such as tape, plastic sheets, wire ties and tags are not part of this toy, and should be discarded for your child's safety.

# GETTING STARTED

## BATTERY INSTALLATION

1. Make sure the unit is turned OFF.
2. Locate the battery cover on the bottom of the unit. Open the battery cover.
3. Install 3 new "AA" (UM-3/LR6) batteries following the diagram inside the battery box. (The use of new alkaline batteries is recommended for maximum performance.)
4. Replace the battery cover.



## BATTERY NOTICE

- Non-rechargeable batteries are not to be recharged.
- Rechargeable batteries are to be removed from the toy before being charged (if removable).
- Rechargeable batteries are only to be charged under adult supervision (if removable).
- Different types of batteries or new and used batteries are not to be mixed.
- Only batteries of the same or equivalent type as recommended are to be used.

- Batteries are to be inserted with the correct polarity.
- Exhausted batteries are to be removed from the toy.
- The supply terminals are not to be short-circuited.
- The toy is not to be connected to more than recommended number of power supplies.
- Do not dispose of batteries in fire.


## NOTE:

If the unit suddenly stops working or the sound becomes weak, turn the unit off for 15 seconds, then turn it back on. If the problem persists it may be caused by weak batteries. Please install a new set of batteries and try the unit again.

**WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THE USE OF RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES.**

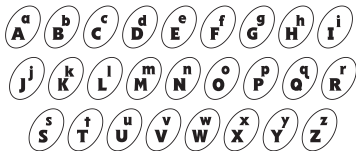
# PRODUCT FEATURES

## 1. ON/OFF BUTTON

Press the  button to turn the unit on. Press it again to turn the unit off.

## 2. LETTER BUTTONS

Press the 26 **LETTER BUTTONS** to input letters in letter-related activities.




### 3. NUMBER BUTTONS

Press the ten **NUMBER BUTTONS** to input numbers in number-related activities. These buttons are also used in the music activities.




### 4. ACTIVITIES BUTTON


Press the  button to go to the main menu to select an activity.

It is also possible to select activities directly with the number buttons. Press the number button from the main menu to activate this function.


### 5. REPEAT BUTTON


Press the  button to repeat the current question or instruction.

### 6. ANSWER BUTTON


Press the  button to get the correct answer in most activities.

### 7. VOLUME BUTTON

Press the  button then push the mouse left or right to adjust the volume.

Press the  button then move the mouse down, then left or right to adjust the background music on or off.

### 8. SURPRISE TIME BUTTON

Press the  button for a new challenge. You will be randomly given each of the previous activities one by one to play.

## 9. MOUSE

- Move the mouse left, right, forwards and backwards to select an answer in related activities.
- Press the mouse button to confirm an answer in related activities.
- Move the mouse to the four corners of the screen to see some fun animations.



## 10. AUTOMATIC SHUT-OFF

To preserve battery life, the **VTech® Thomas & Friends: Learn & Explore Laptop** will automatically turn off after several minutes without input. The unit can be turned on again by pressing the  button.

# ACTIVITIES

## LET'S LEARN LETTERS

### 1 Small Letters

Bertie needs help learning small letters. A small letter appears on the screen. Type the correct letter on the keyboard to hear the letter and related word identified.

### 2 Capital Letters

Bertie needs help learning capital letters. A capital letter appears on the screen. Type the correct letter on the keyboard to hear the letter and related word identified.

### 3 Beginning Sounds

Let's learn beginning letter sounds with Mavis! Press a letter button to hear its **beginning sound identified**.

### 4 Hidden Letter

Harold has a fun game for you! He'll show you a picture with a hidden letter in it. Find the letter and press the matching letter on the keyboard.

## 5 Odd One Out

Percy wants you to watch the sheds closely. Four letters will appear in the sheds. Find the letter that is in a different letter case and type the letter on the keyboard or select it by moving the mouse and pressing the mouse button to confirm.

## 6 Case Match

Rusty will show you a letter. Then you have to match that letter to its small or capital letter below. You can type this letter on the keyboard or choose the correct letter by moving the mouse and pressing the mouse button to confirm.

## 7 Letter Order

Thomas wants us to learn the alphabet. Find the letter that goes in the middle of the two letters shown and press the letter on the keyboard.

## 8 Beginning Letter

Gordon wants us to fill in the missing first letter. Find the letter that begins the word and press the letter button.

## 9 Missing Letter

Gordon wants us to fill in the missing letter. Find the letter that completes the word and press the letter button.

## 10 Typing Fun

Let's keep James moving along by typing out all the letters as quickly as you can.

# LET'S LEARN NUMBERS

## 11 Identify the Number

Bertie needs help learning numbers. A number appears on the screen. Type the correct number on the keyboard to hear it identified.



## 12 Number Search

Harvey has some work to do. Three numbered boxes will be shown and you'll be asked to pick out a specific one. Choose the correct number from the group by typing it on the keyboard or select it by moving the mouse and pressing the mouse button to confirm.

## 13 Number Order

Thomas wants us to learn number order. Find the number that goes in the middle of the two numbers shown and press the number on the keyboard.

## 14 Kick One Out

Percy is looking for the odd one out. Look at the four numbers in the sheds. Find the number that is not in order and type it on the keyboard or select it by moving the mouse and pressing the mouse button to confirm.

## 15 Counting Sounds

Emily loves to make sounds! Listen closely and count the number of sounds she makes. Type the number on the keyboard or select it from the options by moving the mouse and pressing the mouse button to confirm.

## 16 Counting Challenge

Let's count the number of passengers boarding Bertie. Count them one by one, then press the number on the keyboard.

## 17 Which is More?

Some objects are being loaded onto Annie and Clarabel. Look closely and see who has more objects on board, Annie or Clarabel. Choose who has more by moving the mouse and pressing the mouse button to confirm.

## 18 Which is Less?

Some objects are being loaded onto Annie and Clarabel. Look closely and see who has less objects on board, Annie or Clarabel. Choose who has less by moving the mouse and pressing the mouse button to confirm.

## 19 Find the Number

Gordon has a fun game to play! A number will be shown on a box, then the box will be shuffled with other boxes. Watch carefully and find the box with the correct number in it by moving the mouse and pressing the mouse button to confirm.

## 20 Bigger or Smaller?

Let's learn bigger and smaller numbers with Thomas. Three numbers will appear and you'll be asked which number is bigger or smaller than a given number. You can type the answer on the keyboard or select it by moving the mouse and pressing the mouse button to confirm.

# LET'S LEARN GAMES

## 21 Mouse Training

Spencer needs to find his way out of the maze of tunnels. Use the mouse to guide Spencer through the maze until he finds an exit.

## 22 Left / Right Path

Let's learn left and right with Percy. Listen for the direction, then use the mouse to guide Percy left or right onto the correct track.

## 23 Shape Sort

Four shapes will appear on the screen. One of them is different than the others. Use the mouse to select the one that doesn't belong and press the mouse button to confirm.

## 24 Find the Match

Toby would like you to find a match! An animal will appear, and you must use the mouse to scroll through a selection of animals until you find an exact match. Press the mouse button to confirm your selection.

## 25 Who's the Biggest?

Edward has some different objects to show you. Find the one that is the biggest by using the mouse and pressing the mouse button to confirm.

## 26 Shadow Search

An object appears on the screen, then some shadows appear one by one. Find the object's shadow by using the mouse and pressing the mouse button to confirm.

## 27 Flight Adventure

Harold is off on an adventure. Help him to navigate his way by using the mouse. Be careful that he doesn't bump into anything!

# LET'S LEARN MUSIC

## 28 Music Composer

It's time for music fun with Emily! Type the note keys (1-10) to make your own song. Once you've made your song, wait a moment and hear it played back for you!

## 29 Music Box

Let's go on a musical journey. Use the mouse to scroll up or down through the music list, or input a number directly from the keyboard. Change the song at any time by selecting a new number.

## 30 Surprise Time

Are you ready for a little challenge? One of the Thomas & Friends games will be randomly selected for you to play. You never know what will come next!

You can also press the **Surprise Time** Button for direct access to this activity.

# CARE & MAINTENANCE

1. Keep the unit clean by wiping it with a slightly damp cloth.
2. Keep the unit out of direct sunlight and away from any direct heat source.
3. Remove the batteries when the unit is not in use for an extended period of time.
4. Do not drop the unit onto a hard surface and do not expose the unit to moisture or water.

# TROUBLESHOOTING

1. If your **VTech® Thomas & Friends: Learn & Explore Laptop** stops working or does not turn on:
  - Check your batteries. Make sure the batteries are fresh and properly installed.
  - If you are still having problems, visit our website at [www.vtechkids.com](http://www.vtechkids.com) for troubleshooting tips.
2. If, when pressing the On/Off button, nothing happens:
  - Check to see that the batteries are aligned correctly
3. If you can't hear any sound:
  - Adjust the volume switch to adjust the sound level of the speaker.

# TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you have a problem that cannot be solved by using this manual, we encourage you to visit us online or contact our Consumer Services Department with any problems and/or suggestions that you might have. A support representative will be happy to assist you.

Before requesting support, please be ready to provide or include the information below:

- The name of your product or model number (the model number is typically located on the back or bottom of your product).

- The actual error message or problem you are experiencing.
- The actions you took right before the error message or problem occurred.

**Internet:** [www.vtechkids.com](http://www.vtechkids.com)

**Phone:** 1-800-521-2010 in the U.S. or 1-877-352-8697 in Canada

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- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

**Caution:** Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Creating and developing **VTech® Thomas & Friends: Learn & Explore Laptop** products is accompanied by a responsibility that we at **VTech®** take very seriously. We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information which forms the value of our products. However, errors sometimes can occur. It is important for you to know that we stand behind our products and encourage you to call our Consumer Services Department at 1-800-521-2010 in the U.S. or 1-877-352-8697 in Canada with any problems and/or suggestions that you might have. A service representative will be happy to help you.

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