

## Bumper Summer Challenge.

As always completed challenges for Essex CU to [admin@essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk](mailto:admin@essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk) and for Suffolk CU to [manager@suffolkchildrensuniversity.co.uk](mailto:manager@suffolkchildrensuniversity.co.uk)



**Summer Reading Challenge** Always a popular learning activity, this year the theme is Gadgeteers.

You can find all the details on the Essex Libraries and Suffolk Libraries websites.

The challenge for children is to read six books over the summer. As they do, they'll collect stickers which will transform their poster to show how the Gadgeteers are

using their skills to come up with amazing inventions for a party. **6 hours of CU Learning on completion of the Challenge**

### The Commonwealth Games Bunting

The Commonwealth is a group of 54 countries all over the world.

Almost a third of the world's population live in Commonwealth countries, that's about 2.6 billion people.

Many of these countries used to be part of the British Empire but now rule themselves.

The Queen is the head of the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth Games 2022 are happening in Birmingham this year.

You can find out much more about the Commonwealth Games on the BBC Newsround website [Commonwealth Games 2022: Check out the medals! - CBBC Newsround](#)

**For this challenge** I would like you to research the 54 countries of the Commonwealth and create a flag for each of them.

Once you have your 54 flags create some bunting and display it somewhere at home.

**2 hours of CU Learning**



**Butterfly  
Conservation**

### The Big Butterfly Count "Help take nature's pulse by joining the Big Butterfly Count"

You can find all the details and download your Butterfly ID chart on this link. There's an App you can download too.

All the details on this link. [Big Butterfly Count \(butterfly-conservation.org\)](https://butterfly-conservation.org) **1 hour of CU learning**

### Butterfly Art

Using any art style you wish, create your own Butterfly Artwork. There are lots of ideas online and think about art styles you have used in other CU challenges, 3D, Pointillism, Mosaic, Paint, Pencil Drawing, Draw with Rob, as a few suggestions.

I can't wait to see all your creations! **1 hour of CU Learning**

## Painting by Music



Find the biggest piece of paper/Cardboard you can.

Pick one of your favourite tunes.

Next, you will need pens, pencils, Crayons or paint (or all of them) and put the music on.

Inspired by what you hear, create a piece of artwork for the track you are listening to.

How will you create the different sounds on the paper? Can you hear your painting?

## 1 hour of CU Learning

### Children's University Trust Challenge

Children's University Trust have created their own Summer Challenge. There are 11 ideas of activities to earn learning stamps for your Passport, including **Get Creative**, **Get Wordy**, **Get Curious**, **Get Cooking**, **Get Active**, **Get Writing**, **Get Building** and **Get Researching!**

You'll find all the details on this link.

[PowerPoint Presentation \(childrensuniversity.co.uk\)](http://childrensuniversity.co.uk)

## The Big Hoot Writing Competition



If you have visited Ipswich recently you may have seen some bright owls popping up around town.

The Big Hoot Art Trail are looking for original stories inspired by The Big Hoot.

Four age categories, open to all ages from 5 to 105

- Do you have any ideas about what these owls get up to when nobody is watching?
- Are they going on secret missions?
- Where did they come from?
- How did they end up so bright?

For all the details, including how to enter, deadline and competition prizes Visit [The Big Hoot Writing Competition - St Elizabeth Hospice](#)

If you're not able to visit Ipswich and take part in The Big Hoot Trail, you can find pictures of all The Hoots [Big Hoots - The Big Hoot Ipswich 2022 : The Big Hoot Ipswich 2022](#)

[1 hour of CU Learning – please send a copy of your story to me by email, remembering to let me know which Hoot inspired your story.](#)

## Create your own Children's University Challenge

Can you create your own Children's University Challenge that I can share with other Children's University learners in our next challenge newsletter.

Decide on your topic. Is it a science challenge? Is it a creative challenge? Is it an active challenge? Did you decide on a musical challenge?

Think about:

1. Who this challenge is for.
2. What you would like them to do.
3. Where they will need to complete the challenge.
4. When they will do it.
5. Why they are doing this challenge – what is the end result?
6. How they will do it.

Write instructions and include pictures where needed. Maybe you could test it out on a friend before submitting the final instructions to the Children's University office by email. We will share your ideas in our next challenge newsletter.

**1 hour of CU Learning**

## Design Your Own Garden – Pawprint Family

For this challenge we would like you to design your own garden. You may have seen on the television the Chelsea Flower Show, or Hampton Court Palace Flower Show ... there might even be a local garden you can visit close to home to get some ideas and inspiration.

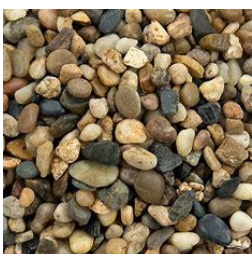
We have uploaded the design template to the website and the lovely people at Pawprint Family have given a really useful list of things you could include.

I can't wait to see what your design looks like.

**1 hour of CU Learning.**

[Design-your-own-garden.pdf \(essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk\)](https://www.essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk/design-your-own-garden.pdf)

## Pebble Family Art



Can you create your own pebble family art?

One of my very artistic friends made a picture of my family and our dogs out of pebbles.

Use my picture as inspiration, there's plenty of ideas online too.

**1 hour of CU Learning**

# Wild West Adventures

There are some great ideas here for learning indoors and outside too.

You can download all of these activities free of charge from the Pawprint Family website [www.pawprintfamily.com](http://www.pawprintfamily.com)


For CU Learners aged 5-7 you will need to complete 1 challenge from each of the 4 sections

For CU Learners aged 7-11 you will need to complete 1 challenge from each of the 4 sections plus 1 more of your choice.

Submit your photos to the Children's University Office by email.

## 2 hours of Children's University Learning

Pawprint Family have a great variety of learning Challenge activity packs. Take a look and complete any others for 2 hours of CU Learning too.



**PAWPRINT BADGES**

# Wild West Adventures

**Howdy partner. It's time to get Wild!**  
Get on your horse and ride into a Wild West Adventure. Discover cowboys, Indians and everything western.

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Wild West' board over on [www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily](http://www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily)

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Keep an eye on our Facebook pages for more ideas and activities. Lots of our Learning Destinations share their activities with us over the school holidays. If you do not have Facebook, then you can ask to be added to our newsletter. An email to your inbox with ideas for more activities over the summer holidays.

We are always adding to our list of visitor Learning Destinations. You will find all the details of each of the websites.

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