

**PAWPRINT**  
**BADGES**

# Christmas Around the World Challenge



## Christmas around the world? Sleigh what?!

Feliz Navidad! Frohe Weihnachten! From your head to your mistletoes, celebrate Christmas traditions and festivities from around the world.

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Christmas Around the World' board over on [www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily](https://www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily)

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# Meet the FAMILY

Hi there! We're Charlotte & Jamie, the husband and wife team behind the Pawprint Family and we believe in #AdventureForAll.

It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



## PAWPRINT BADGES

Pawprint Badges provides thousands of free activity ideas and resources to help leaders, teachers and parents deliver fun and adventure.

Every activity helps you share skills for life and is linked to one of our pawesome embroidered badges. Build your collection and celebrate adventures, new skills and knowledge gained.

## PAWPRINT TRAILS

Pawprint Trails are treasure-hunt style walks around locations in the UK. Solve puzzles, track down the answers and explore everything our great country has to offer.

From historical sights to popular culture discover something new or rediscover a love for where you live then collect the badge to remember your adventures!

Whether you're looking for the perfect addition to your next family holiday or a few hours of fun with friends; each trail can be completed in a few hours or extended with our activity suggestions in to a weekend or a week's worth of fun!

## PAWPRINT TALES

Pawprint Tales are fully illustrated stories that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Join Alfie (our fox-red Labrador) on his adventures around the UK - solving puzzles, turning detective and making new friends. With twists and turns, every tale is an opportunity to discover new places, people and history without needing to leave the comfort of your own home.

Enjoy Pawprint Tales alongside your Pawprint Trails or as a standalone adventure!

## PAWPRINT TRUST

Every brand in the Pawprint Family supports the Pawprint Trust with a percentage of profits from every sale providing grants to young people. We're passionate about enabling young people to access life changing adventures.

Share your adventures and join us over on our social channels for even more adventures and a nosy behind the scenes at Pawprint HQ!



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# HOW TO: Use Your Challenge Pack



This Challenge Pack has been divided into 4 sections: Craft, Food, Games and Other. In order to help you provide a balanced and varied programme for your young adventurers we recommend that the following number of activities are completed by each age group:

<b>Age 3 - 5</b>						
<b>Age 5 - 7</b>		<b>Craft</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>PICK</b>
<b>Age 7 - 11</b>	+					
<b>Age 11 - 14</b>	+					
<b>Age 14 - 18</b>	+					
<b>Age 18+</b>	+					

**Leaders, Teachers & Parents**  
Award yourselves a badge for supporting your young adventurers in their activities!

## TOP TIPS

- Adapt activities as necessary to meet your needs.
- Add your own activity ideas or develop them into projects.
- Use what you have; don't buy in lots of new materials/equipment.
- No need to send us evidence, responsible grown-ups decide when the badge has been earned.
- One challenge badge can take as long as you like; from a few hours to days or even a full term!

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# Craft

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- Re-create the Christmas Around the World badge in 3D form!

## Why?

Start by creating a papier-mâché model of the Earth using a balloon, newspaper and glue. Once your layers are dry, pop the balloon and paint in green and blue (like our planet). To finish, wrap a string of fairy lights around your 3D world and display however you wish!

- Bring the outside in this Christmas by making a set of Scandinavian inspired decorations. String together some frosted twigs in a star shape and decorate with lights for a simple, but effective hanging piece, or head over to our 'Christmas Around the World' board on Pinterest for some Scandi inspiration.
- Make a Parol, a Filipino ornamental lantern usually displayed during the Christmas season. Some people believe the Parol a symbol of hope shining on through dark times. You could make yours with tissue paper and straws!
- Create flag baubles for all of the countries you have discovered during your Christmas Around the World challenge pack, for places you have visited, or those you would like to visit. Make them with craft materials of your choice and hang them on your Christmas Tree when you put your decorations up.
- Transform a plain bauble into an African inspired beaded decoration.
- Design your very own Christmas Around the World Passport! Why not make some for your friends or family too? They could be used as place cards for a festive feast, or as tickets of entry for a tree-mendous Quizmas event. Draw up your own or use our free downloadable 'Festive Passport' resource.
- Assemble a Catalan Caga Tió using logs, paint, glue and red fabric.

## What?

The Caga Tió, also known as the 'poop log', is a traditional Catalan Christmas log that is said to poop presents (and sweets) if you feed him scraps of food and hit him with a stick whilst singing a special song. The Caga Tió can be kept in the home or at school in the lead up to Christmas. We can guarantee you'll be pooped after making your own...

- Tomte figures, also known as Nisse or Swedish gnomes, are little elf-like creatures that are often seen at Christmas time in Scandinavian countries. Make your own Tomte figures to display in your home or hang on the tree.
- Design a worldwide wrapping paper. Your wrapping paper could feature at least 5 different countries. This could be in the form of the country's flag or a drawing of their most well-known Christmas custom. For craft, that's a wrap!



# Food

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- It's time to make a traditional turkey dinner! Prepare your sprouts, peel your carrots and roast those spuds. There's nothing like sitting down for a hearty Christmas dinner with family to get you into the festive spirit.
- Enjoy or carve joyful messages onto an apple, or should I say, a 'Peace Apple'.

## Why?

In China, it is a Christmas tradition to enjoy a 'peace' apple on Christmas Eve. Some people wrap these peace apples in cellophane and gift them to friends and loved ones, or print messages on them, such as 'love' and 'peace'. This Chinese tradition stems from the Mandarin word for 'Christmas Eve' translating to "ping'an ye", a word that sounds very similar to the Chinese Mandarin word for apple, "ping guo". Receiving a peace apple is said to give you safety and peace for the year ahead!

- Bake some traditional German Lebkuchen. Why not bake them into Christmas shapes with festive cookie cutters? Need a gluten free recipe instead? We've got your back! Head over to Pinterest for the Gluten Free Lebkuchen recipe saved to our 'Christmas Around the World' board.
- Make and share Oplatek. Often stamped with nativity scenes, families share these paper-thin wafers at Christmas time in Poland, Lithuania and Slovakia.
- Try a traditional Christmas dish from a hot country of your choice. Some people believe that Australians celebrate Christmas on the beach in the sunshine, cooking barbecue food! I'll believe it when I see it...
- Go all out and put together a Christmas Around the World feast full of traditional Christmas dishes and drinks from countries of your choice!
- Whip up a glass of non-alcoholic eggnog to enjoy during the festive season.

## What?

Eggnog is a hot, milky drink enjoyed at Christmas time. This traditionally boozy beverage can also be enjoyed as an alcohol free refreshment and is said to have originated from medieval Britain. Made from ingredients such as eggs, milk and cream, eggnog must be heated slowly to avoid a lumpy egg mess. No one wants to drink scrambled egg...

- Fix up a Bûche De Noël - the fancier, more French version of what we know to be a yule log. The Bûche De Noël is a traditional Christmas dessert enjoyed in France, but also in many other countries of the world.
- Feeling fruity this festive season? Try an Ensalada Nochebuena. This colourful fruit and veg side dish is a Mexican salad enjoyed on Christmas Eve.



# Games

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- Play a game of Christmas Around the World true or false!

How?

Using the facts throughout this challenge pack, and facts from your own research, write down at least 10 -20 statements on paper slips about countries and their Christmas customs. Mix up the statement strips and get a partner to sort them into true or false.

- Spin a globe and put your finger on a random area of the world. Discover the Christmas traditions of the country that you land on!
- Pick the Pickle! In Germany, a pickle is hidden on the Christmas tree amongst the other decorations. The first child to find the pickle gets an extra present from Saint Nicholas. Have a go at picking the pickle off your own tree with a group of friends, taking it in turns to hide the sneaky little vegetable.
- Hide and Seek... with a broom. Some Norwegians believe that bad witches come out on Christmas Eve and ride around on brooms. They hide all brooms in their home in the safest places to keep the evil witches away.
- Race against a partner to wrap a set of fairy lights around a globe as quickly as you can. Don't have a globe? No worries, use a football or balloon instead.
- Head to your local supermarket to buy a range of small Christmas treats from a different countries around the world. Tip them out into small bowls and whilst blindfold, taste each treat and guess which country it's from.
- Name a different country or Christmas item for each letter of the alphabet.

For leaders...

Get your group to sit in a circle and choose someone to start - they start with the letter 'A'. As you go around the world (around the circle), each player must name a country or Christmas item that starts with the next letter of the alphabet. To make the game even more challenging, ask the players to remember all of the countries/items said before.

- Ukrainians sometimes put spider webs on their Christmas trees. Why would anyone want to do that?! Old school tales of spiders covering Christmas trees in glistening web decorations are the reasoning behind this tradition. I'm sure you don't want spiders on your Christmas tree, so instead, head out on a festive bug hunt and see how many spiders you can find.
- Complete the 'Cross-mas Around the World' crossword. Each question relates to the activities in this challenge pack (so no cheating please!). Head to our website to download and print this free resource.



# Other

- Find as many ways to say 'Merry Christmas' in as many different languages as you can and practise saying them all (cue *Feliz Navidad* by Michael Bublé).
- Listen to the 'Christmas Around the World' song on Youtube and make up your own actions to go with each part of the song. Why not practise with a friend or make up your actions with a family member?
- We couldn't fit every tradition and every country in this Challenge Pack but we don't want anyone to miss out on festivities close to their heart! Discover and take part in other Christmas Traditions from countries of your choice.
- Whether you head to a UK city, a town in Austria or a German village, enjoy the joyful hum of a Christmas Market in a location of your choice.
- Print a map of the world and mark on all of the countries you have explored and celebrated during your Christmas Around the World Challenge! Why not draw a different icon or picture on your map for each country (e.g. lebkuchen for Germany), or print and stick a picture of that country's tradition?
- Write down a list of all of the countries you would like to visit at Christmas.
- Put together a Christmas Around the World quiz. Use activities from this challenge pack to create your quiz questions or think up your own from scratch. Invite friends and family round and hold your own Quiz-mas event!
- Discover and dress in traditional Christmas clothing from around the world.
- An old Irish custom, that can still be seen today, is lighting a candle in your window on Christmas Eve. Some say the candle is lit to welcome strangers passing by, others believe it is to welcome the Holy family into their home.
- Take part in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child - a shoebox filled with gifts sent to children in need around the world at Christmas time. Head to [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/) for more details on how to donate.
- Listen to Christmas songs in different languages. Which is your favourite?
- Read or listen to *Joy to the World! Christmas Around the Globe* by Kate DePalma, or *Christmas Around the World* by Lesley Sims.
- Look into how Santa Claus, or Saint Nicholas, is portrayed in different countries around the world. We know him as a white-bearded man dressed in a large red coat and hat, but do others know of him in the same way?

## Adventure Complete?

Reward your young adventurers with their Christmas Around the World Challenge badge to mark their achievements! Head to the website to bag yours, download certificates and discover even more adventures!



## Create a Keepsake!

Experienced adventure? Made memories? Then it's time to create a keepsake! Our Pawprint Family camp blankets are the perfect place to sew your badges and look back on them for years to come.



## Personalise it!

Got your camp blanket? Then it's time to make it yours! Our alphabet badges are big, bright and bold...the perfect addition to your camp blanket, hoodies, bags and more. What will you personalise first?



## Even More Rewards!

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