

Christmas Challenge



Say hello to our festive reindeer, Reuben!

At Pawprint HQ the snow isn't glistening (just yet!) but Reuben has arrived for some festive fun in the run up to the festive season...roll on Christmas!

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Reindeer' board over on 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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Craft

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- ★ Create a reindeer face using a slice of wood and some twigs for antlers. This is a great opportunity to brush up on some hand tool skills using a saw to cut your slice of wood and a drill to make the holes for your twig antlers.
- ★ Make a reindeer using wine corks for the body and head or alternatively make a bigger version with logs.
- ★ Craft your own reindeer footprint Christmas cards - perfect for little feet.

How?

Create a brown footprint on the front of your card, your heel will become the nose of the reindeer and your toes it's fluffy fur. Leave to dry. Draw on some antlers and add some googly eyes and a red pompom nose.

- ★ Paint, mould or make a hanging reindeer decoration using a materials of your choice.
- ★ Decorate baubles with some fingerprint reindeer faces. Top tip! Mix a little PVA glue with your paint to help it stick to your baubles. Add tiny red pompom noses and draw on antlers with a permanent pen.
- ★ Make your own set of reindeer antlers on a headband.
- ★ Create your own poncho or jumper.

Why?

Reindeer have hollow fur which helps to trap heat against their bodies. They actually have two layers of hair; a dense undercoat and a top layer of hollow hair. This hollow hair also helps with buoyancy which makes reindeer great swimmers!

- ★ Turn kraft paper crackers in to reindeer with pipe cleaner antlers and pompom noses.
- ★ Use a pinecone to make a reindeer ornament.
- ★ Prepare for rain-dear and decorate an umbrella, you can find kits online.
- ★ Sew your own or create your own reindeer taxidermy-style head as part of your festive decorations.
- ★ Make your own pompom reindeer pal. Maybe you could find an old jumper to unravel and use recycled wool?



Food

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- ★ Turn candy canes in to reindeer. Check out our Pinterest board for some inspiration.
- ★ Create your own reindeer hot chocolate cone.

How?

Add 3 heaped spoonfuls of your favourite hot chocolate powder to a clear piping bag; this will be your reindeer's face. Add a couple of scoops of mini marshmallows (and some chocolate chips if you fancy!) Tie up your piping bag and add some pipe cleaner antlers. Decorate the outside of your bag with a red pompom nose at the tip and a pair of googly eyes. Tadaaaa! Your hot chocolate reindeer cone is complete!

- ★ Leave a carrot out for Rudolf on Christmas Eve.
- ★ Create your own jar of reindeer food. Though they are magic, glitter can make reindeer unwell so refrain from mixing craft glitter in to your food. Father Christmas' reindeer are a pretty healthy bunch who enjoy rolled oats with a spoon of coloured sugar or edible glitter mixed in.
- ★ Make a salad of your choice.

Why?

Reindeer are herbivores and munch on mosses, herbs, grasses, shoots, fungi and leaves. In winter they eat lichen (also called reindeer moss) and use their hooves to scrape away the snow to get to it.

- ★ Bake your own reindeer cakes using pretzels for antlers.
- ★ Make some Rudolf nose cake pops dipped in coloured white chocolate to give them a lovely red colour.
- ★ Try Reindeer meat. Speak to your local butcher about getting some and see what it tastes like. It's a traditional ingredient of the Sami people in Northern Norway and is also eaten in Finland, Russia, Alaska and Canada.
- ★ Decorate some upside down gingerbread men to look like reindeer.
- ★ Make your own reindeer poop (chocolate truffles).
- ★ Fry up pancakes and enjoy with maple syrup, a favourite in Canada and North America where reindeer live.
- ★ Find out where else reindeer live and make a recipe from that country.



Games

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- ★ Pin the nose on the reindeer; fancy more of a challenge? Try only using your nose to stick the nose on the reindeer!

- ★ Race to make your own reindeer antlers!

How?

Each person will need a pair of tights and a bunch of inflated (but smallish) balloons. Race against each other to pack the balloons in to the legs of your tights and then pop the waist band on your head to make a pair of antlers. For young adventurers children's tights will be easier as you'll need fewer balloons but this one is definitely fun for all ages!!

- ★ Have a game of antler ring toss.

What?

Make your own set of reindeer antlers and some cardboard hoops then have a game of ring toss and see how many rings you can hook on to those antlers.

- ★ Reindeer spend more than 40% of their lives in snow. Have a snowball fight and if you can't find any real snow...use recycled newspaper instead!
- ★ Have a game of reindeer tag. Reindeer are preyed on by wolves, bears and even eagles! Those who are 'on' are named as a predator and should try and tag as many reindeer as they can.
- ★ Some subspecies of reindeer have clicky knees so they can still hear and find each other in a blizzard. See if you can find people when blindfolded!

How?

Each person wears a blindfold and walks around slowly clicking quietly (either use your mouth to make the sound or click your fingers) when you find another person link arms and gradually build your herd.

- ★ Reindeer feed, travel and rest in herds. Play a game of 'What the reindeer heard' (pun intended) - just like Chinese Whispers.
- ★ Roll a reindeer in a twist on a traditional beetle drive.
- ★ The Sami people of northern Norway use Reindeer to pull sleighs through the snow, just like someone else we know. Make your own sleighs or box cars and have races.
- ★ Play Rudolph vs. Reindeer in a game of 3-in-a-row. Make your own set and play red vs. black noses!



Other

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- ★ Visit some real life reindeer and discover more about these wonderful creatures.
- ★ Find out about the threats that reindeer face.
- ★ Discover some of the many uses for reindeer antlers.
- ★ Find out where in the world reindeer are herded and mark the locations on the map. Can you find out more about the reindeer populations in these countries?
- ★ Map out reindeer migration. Some herds may travel more than 600 miles to get to their Summer grazing grounds!
- ★ Reindeer are actually really good swimmers. Visit your local swimming baths and learn to swim if you can't already or reach a new milestone if you can.
- ★ Which other animals change colour? Reindeer go from white in winter to brown in the Summer; can you find any other animals that change colour?
- ★ Watch a Christmas movie featuring some reindeer, there's a whole herd to choose from! Our personal favourite is Santa Claus the Movie featuring Dudley Moore...it isn't Christmas in our house without it!
- ★ Write a festive poem about reindeer; you could create an acrostic poem using the letters of reindeer or write in rhyme. Whichever you decide why not share your poem with us?
- ★ Find out about other animals used to pull sleighs, sledges, carts and carriages.
- ★ Create your own mini play based on the song *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*. Why not put your own twist on it?
- ★ Watch one or all of the Robbie the Reindeer films created by Richard Curtis and produced by the BBC and Comic Relief.
- ★ Discover some of the history and traditions of the Sami people who are best known for their reindeer herding, colourful dress (the Gakti) and their distinctive languages.
- ★ The Sami people have 180 words to describe snow and ice. Can you find out some of them and find out how to describe the weather in languages other than your own.

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