

Pumpkin Challenge



Looking for some gourd old-fashioned fun?

Look no further than the Pumpkin Challenge! Whether you're planning to visit a pumpkin patch or thinking about growing your own, get ready and dive in!

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Pumpkin' 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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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:

Age 3 - 5						
Age 5 - 7		Craft	Food	Games	Other	PICK
Age 7 - 11	+					
Age 11 - 14	+					
Age 14 - 18	+					
Age 18+	+					

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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-  Create your own fluffy pompom pumpkin. Decorate with pipe cleaner stem and tendrils.
-  Fold a pumpkin from an old book or use paper strips to construct a pumpkin.
-  Paint a pumpkin. Create a design of your choice or have fun with paint-filled water balloons for a splatter effect.
-  Carve a face in your pumpkin and create a gourd-looking guy/gal!

Did You Know?

Originally turnips were carved at Halloween but when Irish immigrants moved to the United States they began carving pumpkins instead as these were native to the region.

-  Make a pumpkin lantern from an old jam jar using our free Pumpkin Lantern resource. Share your photos with us across our social channels.
-  Decorate a tissue paper lampshade to make it look like a pumpkin. Add a face made from black paper or decorate it with silhouetted autumnal shapes.
-  Papier-mâché a pumpkiñata! (That's a pumpkin-shaped piñata!)
-  Print a pumpkin. Use half an apple to print pumpkin shapes. Why not use these to make your own pumpkin-themed decorations for Autumn and turn your pumpkin prints into bunting?
-  Build your own pumpkin patch sign, you could use it to invite people indoors to a party or as a sign for your bedroom.
-  Improve your drill skills and decorate a hollowed out pumpkin with drill holes then add a candle and use as a lantern.
-  Create a pumpkin fancy dress costume.
-  Decorate a pumpkin using a method and materials of your choice. Check out our Pinterest board for some ideas or do your own research.
-  Make an autumnal or pumpkin themed wreath to decorate your home.
-  Use two paper plates and turn them into a pumpkin lantern. Cut a face or shapes in one plate and attach edge to edge with the second plate to create a space for a torch or battery-powered t-light.



Food

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-  Make some warming pumpkin soup.
-  Use pumpkin seeds to make brittle.
-  Create your own pumpkin spiced hot drinks to warm up on those cooler Autumn days.

Did You Know?

There isn't actually any pumpkin in pumpkin spice?! It's the name given to an American spice mix that is commonly used to flavour pumpkin pie. The mix consists of cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and ginger. In the UK it's also known as mixed spice or cake spice. Blend your own mix and give it a try!

-  Bake a pumpkin pie and remember...Beauty is in the pie of the beholder!
-  Use an old, carved pumpkin and turn it into a hanging bird feeder.
-  Make some sweet pumpkin cake pops. Decorate them with icing tendrils.
-  Dry your own pumpkin seeds and add them to your own granola mix. Take a bag on an Autumn walk for a boost of energy.
-  Mix up some rice crispy pumpkins using white chocolate, marshmallows and some orange food colouring. Decorate with round, caramel, biscuit nibble stalks and a royal icing leaf and gourd the whole way.
-  Carve faces in orange peppers and stuff with your favourite risotto or other fillings to make them look like pumpkin lanterns.
-  Bake an illusion pumpkin celebration cake and give 'em pumpkin to talk about at your Halloween/Autumn celebrations!
-  Decorate tangerines with permanent pen faces for a fun addition to your buffet table at your next party.
-  Cook and taste test different varieties of pumpkin. Some are perfect for roasting whilst others make soup-er tasty soups and broths!
-  Use the seeds from your carved pumpkins for a pumpkin seed transfer game...Try playing when the seeds are fresh for a more slippy (and whole lot funnier) version!
-  Bake a pumpkin flavoured bread or try making a loaf look like a pumpkin.



Games

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-  Play a game of pumpkin pairs using our free resource.
-  Have a pumpkin rolling competition, how fast can you get to the finish?

Did You Know?

Each year in Windsor, Nova Scotia, competitors take part in the Windsor Pumpkin Regatta on Lake Pesaquid. The race features giant pumpkins as the only means of flotation and with 3 classes: motor, experimental and paddling, popularity grows every year!

-  Load up your wheelbarrows and have some wheelbarrow races. Alternatively, use your bodies to make the wheelbarrows and have some traditional 'sports day' fun with friends!
-  It's mighty gourd fun! 'Spin A Pumpkin' using our free resource.
-  Set up a game of hoopla using different sized pumpkins and enjoy a few games with family or friends. Award different points for the different sizes.
-  Pin the stem on the pumpkin.
-  Create some crazy faces for your pumpkins in relay. As a team, take it in turns to add eyes, nose, mouth and other features to a pumpkin picture.
-  Use some tiny pumpkins as balls for your an Autumnal twist on bowling.
-  Have a game or two of noughts and crosses using two different varieties of pumpkin for your playing pieces.
-  Play pumpkin picture bingo with different varieties of pumpkin.

Did You Know?

It is estimated that there are over 250 different varieties of pumpkin from Cinderella Pumpkins to Ghost Pumpkins and everything in between!

-  Balance a pumpkin on your head and have a relay race for some relay-gourd fun! Try different varieties to find your favourite one!
-  Head out on a scavenger hunt around your local area and see how many you can spot, alternatively find pumpkin pictures around the house.



Other

-  Plant your own pumpkin seeds and watch them grow.
-  Set up a volcanic science experiment with bicarb and vinegar and watch the foam froth up out of your pumpkin cauldron. For a spooky effect, carve a face and watch the foam erupt from the features!
-  One for smaller adventurers; have fun making some pumpkins from play dough or salt dough.
-  Set up a pumpkin sensory station and explore all the different parts of the pumpkin. Make it more challenging by adding the pumpkin parts to balloons and tie them up to look like mini 'pumpkin' touchy-feely bags. Add other items to your balloons for a mix-up.
-  Visit a pumpkin patch for an outdoor Autumnal adventure.
-  Go on a pumpkin walk around your area and see how many you can spot. What have they been carved into or decorated as? Can you keep a log and draw them yourself?
-  Find out some gourd-old fashioned facts about pumpkins and share them with friends and family.
-  Watch a movie about Cinderella or act out the story and the transformation of the pumpkin into a coach. Alternatively, turn these magical events into a news article and present as a TV item.
-  Mix up some sensory pumpkin slime with pumpkin seeds.
-  Get to know your pumpkin! Choose your favourite from the patch and then weigh it and measure it, then compare with those chosen by your friends or family. Why not create your own Pumpkin Trump Card game with your results? Use our blank template to get started!
-  Find out where you can buy pumpkins in your local area and create a pumpkin map. Compare the prices to find out where to get the best value pumpkins from - what do you think impacts on the price of the supermarkets versus local farms? What else do you get as part of your pumpkin purchasing experience?
-  Use a hollowed-out pumpkin as a planter and plant some seasonal seeds.
-  Host a pumpkin party, have a competition for the best carved/decorated pumpkin and enjoy a buffet of pumpkin-themed foods.

Adventure Complete?

Reward your young adventurers with their Pumpkin 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?



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