

Toy Adventures Challenge



“Toys are children’s words and play is their language”...

Get ready to step into a world of imagination and endless adventure. It’s time to build, play, and explore the amazing world of toys!

For even more programme ideas check out our ‘Toy Adventures’ 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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- ✂ Sew or crochet clothes or accessories for your stuffed animal friends.
- ✂ Create some miniature furniture for a doll house using junk model materials.
- ✂ Craft a toy to give to a friend, family member, or pet.
- ✂ Make a sculpture of your choice using Play-Doh.

Did you know?

Play-Doh was originally invented in the 1930s, but it wasn't actually meant to be a toy. It was first created as a way to clean soot and dirt off wallpaper!

- ✂ Dip the wheels of toy vehicles such as cars, lorries, or tractors into paint and roll them across paper to create colourful track art. Can you spot how the tracks from different wheels look unique?
- ✂ Decorate your very own piggy bank or try making one from scratch using papier mâché. Add spare coins whenever you can to save up for a special toy you would love to buy one day.
- ✂ Design your dream toy. Draw it, build a model, or describe it in words. The only limit is your imagination!
- ✂ Have a go at using an Etch A Sketch to draw a picture of your favourite toy.
- ✂ Make a DIY spinning top.

How?

Start by cutting a circle from sturdy cardboard, you could trace the circle shape onto the cardboard using the bottom of a paper cup. Then, push a pencil (with an eraser) or wooden skewer through the centre of the circle to act as the spindle. Hold the pencil or skewer between your fingers and twist to watch your spinning top spin.

- ✂ Use our free resource to design your own paper doll outfits.
- ✂ Fuzzy Felt has been a childhood favourite for many since it was invented in 1950 by Lois Allan during World War II. Use Fuzzy Felt pieces to create your own fun scene or try making your own felt shapes and sticking them onto a board to tell a story of your choice.
- ✂ Turn your old wooden spoons into puppets of your favourite superheroes! Why not use them to put on a puppet show for family or friends?



Food

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- ✚ The first teddy bear was created in the USA in 1902 and named after President Theodore 'Teddy' Roosevelt. Prepare a delicious spread of your favourite foods, bring your favourite teddy and have a teddy bears' picnic. Don't forget to sing the teddy bears' picnic song too!
- ✚ Did you know that LEGO® produces over 36 billion bricks every year? That's 68,000 bricks every minute! Make some LEGO® brick crispy rice cereal treats.

How?

Melt 45g of butter in a saucepan over a low heat, then add 300g of mini marshmallows and cook until they are completely melted. Take the saucepan off the heat and stir in 180g of crispy rice cereal until well coated. Press the mixture down into a tin and leave to cool in the fridge. While the treats are setting, mix 180g of icing sugar with 2 tablespoons of milk and add a few drops of food colouring. Once the cereal treats have set, remove from the tin and cut into rectangular block shapes. Carefully dip the top of each block into the coloured icing, letting any excess drip off, and place M&Ms or Smarties on top in matching colours, spacing them evenly in parallel lines to look like real LEGO studs.

- ✚ Recreate the classic stacking rings toy using doughnuts!
- ✚ Make some edible Play-Doh®.

How?

Warm 6 large marshmallows with 2 teaspoons of coconut oil in a saucepan or microwave until melted, then stir in a few drops of food colouring. Stir in 4 tablespoons of cornstarch and when the dough is cool enough to handle, knead until soft. Repeat as many times as you like to make different coloured Play-Doh®.

- ✚ Turn a potato into your very own character. Add edible eyes, a nose, a mouth, and other accessories using raw veggies, cheese, or anything else you like to bring your creation to life!

Why?

Mr. Potato Head was both the first toy advertised on television and the first advertising campaign to be aimed directly at children instead of adults.

- ✚ Cut sandwiches into toy car shapes and use cucumber slices, crackers, or sliced grapes as wheels.
- ✚ Set up your own café or restaurant using play food. You could take turns being the chef, waiter, or customer, and serve up some tasty pretend meals.



Games

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- ✚ The first Rubik's® Cube was invented in 1974 by a professor to help his students understand 3D shapes. Have a go at completing a Rubik's® Cube.
- ✚ Did you know the fastest time to throw 10 soft toys into a target is just 7.92 seconds? This record was set by James Rawlings in Oxfordshire on the 1st of June 2021. Have a go at beating this record yourself! Set up a target using a basket, box, or bucket and stand a short distance away. How quickly can you throw 10 soft toys into the target?
- ✚ Enjoy taking part in a toy memory game.

How?

An adult or leader starts by selecting a group of toys and placing them on a table. Players are then given a short amount of time to study and memorise all of the toys. After the time is up, the toys are covered with a cloth, and the leader secretly removes one of the toys. When the cloth is lifted, players must try to guess which toy is missing.

- ✚ Challenge a friend to a race using toy cars.
- ✚ Invent a new game using only your toys and household objects. Write down the rules and challenge friends or family members to play.
- ✚ Race to see who can dress a doll in a full outfit the fastest.
- ✚ Have a go at completing a puzzle.
- ✚ Take part in a space themed game.

Why?

"Stargazer Lottie" is known as the "first doll in space". She was designed by a 6 year old named Abigail and was sent to the International Space Station in December 2015.

- ✚ Let's go and fly a kite! Make your own from old plastic bags and give them a new lease of life.
- ✚ Slinky® toys were invented by accident by Richard James, a mechanical engineer who was working out how to use springs to stabilise sensitive equipment at sea. In 1943, he watched as his springs gracefully walked down rather than falling off a shelf. Play with some springs.
- ✚ Challenge yourself to see how long you can use a skipping rope for before tripping up!



Other

- Did you know that the largest donation of toys in one hour was an amazing 8,335 toys? This record was set by Trina's Kids Foundation in California on the 17th of December 2022. Why not spread some joy by donating your old toys to a charity shop, so other children can enjoy playing with them too?
- Watch a film about toys such as *Toy Story* (PG), *The Lego Movie* (PG), *Barbie* (PG-13), *Trolls* (U), or *Playmobil: The Movie* (U).
- Barbie has had over 250 careers in her lifetime, from astronaut to doctor! Pick a career and pretend to be that character. Dress up, act out their job, or create your own mini adventure based on what they do.
- Visit a local toy museum and discover how toys and changed over time.
- Create your own TV advert to showcase your favourite toy. Come up with a catchy slogan and show off why everyone should want one!
- Archaeologists discovered a 4,000 year old ceramic rattle, which they believe is the oldest children's toy yet discovered. Visit a library to find out more fun facts about the history of toys.
- Take a trip to the LEGO® store or Hamley's toy store in London.
- Act out a famous story or a story you have made up using toys.
- Read the book *The Repair Shop Stories: The Toy Bus* by Amy Sparkes and Katie Hickey. In this story, a young girl called Elsie hopes the Repair Shop can restore a very special toy bus.

Here's an idea!

Why not watch some old episodes of *The Repair Shop* on BBC iPlayer, where real-life experts bring old toys and treasures back to life, just like in the book!

- Find out about the most expensive toys in the world.
- Write a story about what adventures you think your toys go on when you aren't around.
- Enjoy a documentary or video about how toys are made.
- Interview an adult such as a family member or leader. Ask them about what toys they used to play with when they were younger. How are they different from the toys you play with today?

Adventure Complete?

Reward your young adventurers with their Toy Adventures 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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