

Virtual Amazon Adventure



A 'new' species is discovered in the Amazon every 3 days!

In partnership with our friends at Twinkl Home Ed we're taking a trip deep in to the Amazon...are you ready for the trip of a lifetime?

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Virtual Amazon' 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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A big hello from Twinkl Home Ed!

We're together on your Home Ed Journey!



Who are we?

We are a team within Twinkl Educational Publishing dedicated to helping, supporting and inspiring Home Educating families. Most of us are also Home Educating parents!

Where can you find us?

Browse our selection of 600,000+ resources at www.twinkl.co.uk.

Catch our latest Home Ed specific content on...



What do we do?

We do as much as we can to help Home Educating families! We make resources based on suggestions from our members, run themed weeks, competitions and initiatives on Social Media. We help our members take advantage of the huge range of possibilities their Twinkl subscriptions offer.

Where can I find out more?

If you want to know more about how Twinkl Home Ed can help your Home Ed family, head over to Twinkl and download the [Home Ed Membership Guide!](#)



Why Pawprint Family?

We are so excited to be working with Pawprint Family on the Virtual Amazon Adventure badge. We already know lots of our Twinkl members love using our resources to work towards the tasks in the Pawprint Challenge Packs, and now it's official!

Find out more about our Virtual Amazon Adventure on the next page!



Twinkl Home Ed Virtual Amazon Adventure

At Twinkl Home Ed, we're veterans of a few virtual adventures dating back to the first COVID-19 lockdowns.

We've walked the Inca Trail, docked at the International Space Station and visited Japan.

Now we bring you a Virtual Amazon Adventure!

Our FREE Adventure Pack

Download our FREE [Amazon Adventure pack](#) to meet Mayra in her home town of Manaus - the gateway of the Amazon, and help her return a new friend to its home in the heart of the jungle.

Along the way, you'll make decisions which will affect the direction of the story and encounter learning opportunities about wildlife, ecology and geography. There may be some difficulties too! Fill out your learning passport as you go and complete the adventure to earn your Pawprint badge!

Share your progress via our Social Media Channels and look out for a series of three FREE live video lessons about the geography of the Amazon region.

So what are you waiting for?
Get your bag packed and brush up on your Portuguese!
It could be the trip of a lifetime!

HOW TO: Use Your Challenge Pack

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This Challenge Pack has been created in partnership with Twinkl Home Ed. Divided into 4 sections: Craft, Food, Games and Other, it's been designed 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	  	    	Craft Food Games Other PICK
Age 5 - 7	   		
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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-  According to WWF research, a 'new' species of animal or plant is being discovered in the Amazon every 3 days! Create your own creatures using collage or drawing.
-  Make your own rainforest in a jar or create a terrarium and explore the habitat of the Amazon Rainforest.

Why?





The Amazon Rainforest covers 1% of the planet's surface and is home to 10% of all the wildlife species we know about - and probably lots more we don't know about yet. At over 10 million years old it's disappearing at an alarming rate so the more we can learn about and understand it, the more we can help!

-  The Amazon gets 80-430 inches of rain each year! Make a rain gauge.
-  Fold an origami frog. The Amazon is home to more than 427 of the 4000 species of frog in the world.
-  Create a paper plate snake and decorate it like an Amazonian snake.
-  Build your own rainforest model in a shoe box or create a stack of boxes to show the layers of the rainforest.
-  Paint or laminate butterflies like the ithoniini butterflies of the Amazon.

How?

For painted butterflies: fold a piece of paper in half and unfold. Add drops of paint to one half of the paper and re-fold, squashing the paint between the two halves. When opened up you will reveal your very own butterfly.



For laminated butterflies: trap sequins, threads or natural materials between two pieces of sticky-back plastic or in a laminating pouch. Cut out your butterfly shapes and stick them to a window with low-tack adhesive.

-  Use straws as blowpipes to push paint around on paper to create a picture just like the blowguns used by the Indigenous people of the Amazon.
-  The tribes people of the Amazon make musical instruments from natural materials and things they can find. Make your own seed shakers or rain sticks using recycled materials.
-  Paint or colour in your own colourful chameleons.
-  Create your own parrot puppet.







Food

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-  Make your own rainforest fruit salad with banana, coconut, grapes, oranges, mango and pineapple.
-  Discover some of the medicinal uses for edible plants of the Amazon.






Why?

Plants have been used as medicine for thousands of years and now it is estimated that 25% of all medicines are derived from rainforest plants!

-  Passion fruit grows in the rainforest and is also known as maracuja, maypop and apricot vine. Use passion fruit in a recipe of your choice.
-  Fry your own patacones; made from green plantains and similar to chips.
-  Turtle soup is prepared and served in the shell of the turtle and can be found on menus in the Peruvian Amazon. Make your own mock turtle soup and serve in 'shell' dishes...don't harm any actual turtles though, they're too cute!
-  Have a go at sourcing and making your own yuca fries.

What?

Yuca root (also known as manioc or cassava) grows throughout the rainforest. Similar to a sweet potato it provides starch and is the main source of carbohydrate for Amazonian people. Now grown throughout the tropics and able to be purchased around the world have a go at cooking it yourself.

-  Açaí berries from Brazil's rainforest have become recognised as a superfood worldwide. Take a look at the benefits of this super-fruit and see if you can get some either frozen or pureed to use in a recipe.
-  Fruits and foods that we know and love originate from the rainforest, including pineapples, cinnamon and vanilla. Find out how they grow (this might surprise you) and use them to make/bake some tasty treats.
-  Discover some of the other foods of the rainforest.
-  Bake your own rainforest cake, either decorated on a rainforest theme (check out our Pinterest board for some inspiration) or flavoured with the fruits and spices of the Amazon.
-  Take a look at some of the food webs of the Amazon ecosystem. With more than 1,300 bird species, 3,000 types of fish, 430 mammals and 2.5 million different insects there's plenty to go at!



Games

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- 🌿 The canopy of the Amazon rainforest is so thick that the rain can take up to 10 minutes to hit the ground. Use recycled materials to build a shelter or umbrella and see how long you can keep the rain at bay!

For Grown-Ups...

This is a great challenge for individuals or groups. You could develop this game by hiding the materials around your meeting place or an outdoor area for your young people to 'hunt and gather'. Use a hose pipe on a low setting for your rain or if you're feeling mean...power up!! Add additional challenge by using only found natural materials if you have a large outdoor/woodland space.

- 🌿 Did you know that the Amazon Rainforest is so big that the UK would fit inside it 23 times!! How many other comparisons can you guess correctly? I.e. How many times would Madagascar fit in to the Amazon? (11)
- 🌿 Scientists once found 700 different species of beetle on just 1 tree! Build a beetle of your own with an old-school beetle drive.
- 🌿 Have a go at target shooting.

Why?

The bullet ant gets its name from the pain caused by its bite, many have compared it to being shot and it has the title of the most painful insect bite in the world! It is also the second-largest species of any in the world and the Satere Mawe tribe of the Brazilian Amazon has a ritual in which boys have to wear gloves filled with bullet ants and endure the bites for five minutes before they can be considered true warriors. No thanks!!

- 🌿 Blowguns have been used by Amazonian tribes to hunt for centuries. Have a go yourself (without injuring anyone/anything) using cotton buds and straws or peas. How many peas can you get in a bucket in 1 minute?
- 🌿 Inter-tribal trading helps some of the world's most remote and uncontacted peoples to gain essential resource. Play your own trading game.
- 🌿 The poison dart frog gets its name from the indigenous people using the frog poison on the tips of their darts when hunting. Have a game of tag but be sure not to get caught by the 'dart frog'.
- 🌿 Have a game of animal pairs, can you find and match some of the Amazonian birds, mammals, fish and insects?
- 🌿 Create your own trump cards and rate some of the Amazon's most dangerous animals.



Other

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-  The Amazon covers area in 9 countries and territories. Take a look on a map and identify which ones and where they are; why not colour in the rainforest area on a printable map of South America?
-  Find out about the challenges facing the rainforest and raise awareness of deforestation. Check out WWF's guide on 5 Things You Can Do To Help The Amazon Rainforest: wwf.org.uk/updates/ways-help-amazon-rainforest
-  You can find more species of ant on 1 tree in the Amazon than in some whole countries! Have a go at finding and identifying some ants near your home or meeting place.
-  The pirarucu fish (also known as arapaima or paiche) are ancient fish native to the Amazon river and have teeth on the roof of their mouth AND their tongue!! Discuss: if you could have an additional/extra body part what would you have and where?
-  Take a look at how plants breathe with a simple experiment placing a freshly picked leaf in room-temperature water. You should see small bubbles of oxygen form in the water. The Amazon Rainforest generates 20% of the world's oxygen and is often referred to as 'the lungs of the planet'.
-  Take a trip to a zoo or wildlife park and see if you can spot one of the world's largest rodents, the Capybara, native to the Amazon Rainforest.
-  Go on a bug hunt and see how many different species of insect you can find. Why not count this activity towards your Action For Insects Challenge badge? There are more than 2.5 million different insects in the Amazon!!
-  Try a day without any contact with the outside world including TV, phones and internet. The Amazon Rainforest is home to many tribes of Indigenous people, at least 20 of whom, in the Peruvian Amazon, are uncontacted by the outside world.
-  Discover the work of Survival International, protecting tribes around the world and their land. Find out more at: survivalinternational.org/
-  Watch a programme about the Amazon Rainforest and the animals that live there. You can find some online or check out streaming services.
-  Read a book about the Amazon Rainforest. For older readers there's *Walking the Amazon: 860 Days. One Step at a Time* by Ed Stafford and for younger readers there's lots of choice from *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry to *Yara's Tamari Tree* by Yossi Lapid.

Adventure Complete?

Reward your young adventurers with their Virtual Amazon Adventure 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!

We're all about added value here at Pawprint Family. In addition to the 1000s of **free activity ideas** and resources you'll find **loyalty stickers** in every order and you can claim Children's University learning hours too!



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