

Children's University Spring Challenge



From beautiful blooms to springtime picnics...
We've teamed up with Children's University to create this special badge that celebrates all things Spring!

For even more programme ideas check out our 'CU Spring' 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 created in partnership with Children's University. 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									
Age 5 - 7									
Age 7 - 11		+							
Age 11 - 14		+							
Age 14 - 18		+							
Age 18+		+							

Craft

Food

Games

Other

PICK

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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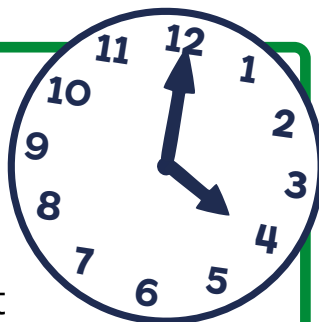
Children's University is an award scheme for children that encourages, tracks and celebrates their participation in learning beyond the classroom. Stamps are awarded for taking part in clubs, online activities, and other activities done alone, or with the family, at home and in the local area. Children can keep a log of everything they do, and each hour of participation takes them one step closer to their next certificate. Pawprint Badges are proud to have all of our badges validated by Children's University!

If you want to find out more about Children's University, visit www.childrensuniversity.co.uk.

Children may be able to sign up through their schools if they're already part of the programme. If not, there's a great online subscription you can access via www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/subscribe.

If you're already part of the programme, you'll get the stamp code for completing the Children's University Spring Challenge when you buy your badge.

After completing your Children's University Spring Challenge, you will be provided with a code that will allow you to track 4 hours, but can be used twice.





Craft

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- * Craft some beautiful spring flowers using colourful beads and pipe cleaners.
- * Decorate a Happy Easter banner using the free resource on our website.
- * Spring is the perfect time to plant flowers and crops. Be sure to keep your garden organised by making some wooden spoon garden labels. Paint and decorate the spoons to represent which plant, flower, fruit or vegetable is growing there.
- * Have a go at junk modeling to re-purpose your waste.

Why?

Earth Day is an event that takes place every year on the 22nd of April to help us reflect on what we can do to take care of our planet so that future generations can enjoy it too. This can include planting trees, litter picking and learning how to keep our air, water and land as clean as possible.

- * Put together an outfit inspired by your favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day on the first Thursday of March.
- * Assemble a collage using all of the pastel coloured things you can find.
- * "April showers bring May flowers" - Spring is known for its unpredictable weather and sudden outbursts of rain but this should not stop the fun. Have a go at painting using the rain's help!

How?

Paint a design of your choice using watercolour paints and whilst it is still wet, take your paper outside and see what the rain does to it. You could use rocks or stones on the corners of your painting to prevent it from flying away, especially on a windy day.

- * Holi, also known as the 'Festival of Colours', is a Hindu festival that celebrates the arrival of spring and the end of winter. Try creating your own colourful clothes using batik or tie-dye techniques.
- * Spring is the season that many baby animals such as chicks and lambs are born. Draw a picture of your favourite baby animal.
- * Make a papier mache Easter basket.
- * During the season of spring, the nights start getting lighter. Make your own springtime sun catcher using colourful flower petals.



Food

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- * St David's Day is celebrated on the 1st of March each year. Try some traditional Welsh dishes such as Welsh rarebit, Welsh cakes or Glamorgan sausage.
- * Use seasonal fruits to make your own jam.
- * Find out why certain parts of the world eat lamb at Easter.
- * Spring is all about fresh ingredients, especially green vegetables such as asparagus, spring greens, spring onions and kale. Try whipping up a recipe using one or all of these ingredients.
- * Host a chametz party to use up any foods or ingredients during Passover. You could make waffles, pancakes and puddings.

What?

Chametz are foods made from wheat, barley, rye, oats or spelt that has come in to contact with water and been allowed to ferment and 'rise'. According to Jewish law, Jews may not own, eat or benefit from chametz during Passover.

- * Prepare a refreshing fruit and vegetable platter with a variety of dips. Why not arrange it to look like a spring related shape such as a bunny or a bunch of flowers?
- * Hold a spring themed tea party for your friends, family or group.
- * Decorate cupcakes to look like a flock of sheep using mini marshmallows to represent their fluffy bodies.
- * Enjoy some melty cheese fondue with your choice of ingredients to dip in (we think you can't go wrong with some bread, meat and veggies)!

Why?

World Cheese Fondue Day is observed every year on the 11th of April and celebrates a timeless dish that was invented in the late 17th century by Alpine farm villagers as a way to use up stale bread. To this day, it is still loved by millions all over the world.

- * Bake a simnel cake and find out what the 12 balls of marzipan, that are traditionally used to decorate the top, symbolise.
- * Make some hot cross buns or taste test different brands/flavours to see which are your favourite.



Games

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- * Take part in a spring scavenger hunt using the free resource on our website.
- * Play 'Fruit Salad' but swap the fruits for: Crocus, Snowdrop, Pansy and Daffodil and for 'Fruit Salad' shout 'Spring Flowers!' Alternatively play the game with an Easter theme and make up your own names.
- * Hop little bunny, hop hop hop! Go head to head in a bunny relay race, taking turns to hop around instead of running!
- * Test your aim in a game of Flower Toss.

What?

To play this game, you will need something to act as a 'flower pot' such as a box or basket and some petals which you can cut out of card stock or collect from real flowers. Set up the 'flower pot' on the ground and see how many petals you can get inside by throwing them from a distance. You can adjust the difficulty of the game by moving the pot further away.

- * Have a go at some spring themed yoga poses such as the frog pose, the tree pose and the rainbow pose. If it's a nice day, why not take your yoga outside and take in all of the beautiful seasonal changes that spring brings?
- * Join in with the St George's Day celebrations on the 23rd of April by playing some traditional English games such as 'Hide and Seek' and 'Simon Says'.
- * Have your very own Easter egg hunt.
- * Spring is all about fresh, seasonal produce. Make an A-Z list of as many fruits and vegetables as you can think of.
- * Sort a group of objects by colour and put them into the order of the rainbow.

Why?

Find a Rainbow Day is observed annually on the 3rd of April and encourages people to take time out of their day to appreciate the beauty of nature and celebrate the colours of the rainbow.

- * Lambs, chicks and bunnies are all signs of spring but how many other animal babies can you name correctly?
- * Set up a spring sensory bin using a large container, natural items (such as soil, leaves and flowers), gardening tools and plastic insects.



Other

- * Find out why people celebrate St Patrick's Day. You could even set up your own party to celebrate on the 17th of March.
- * Take photos of some wild flowers.
- * Go on a nature walk and appreciate the beauty of the changing season.
- * Fly a kite on a windy day.
- * Donate to a penguin related charity on World Penguin Day (April 25th).
- * Decorate some eggs for a fun Easter activity.
- * Go on a bike ride through your neighbourhood or nearby trail.
- * Read a book about the season of spring to learn more about the season.
- * Take a trip to the park for a picnic.
- * Write your own story about your perfect spring day.
- * Build a bug hotel to create a safe space for insects in your garden.
- * Jump in puddles after a rainstorm.
- * World Theatre Day is celebrated each year on the 27th of March. Celebrate this occasion by taking a trip to the theatre to see a production of your choice.
- * Go birdwatching and observe the different kinds that live in your area.
- * Visit a farm to see some cute baby animals for real.
- * Plant a seed and watch it grow into a beautiful plant.
- * Visit a local farmer's market.
- * Make a bird feeder to display in a garden.
- * Spend some time outdoors with friends or family members making daisy chains. What is the longest daisy chain you can create?
- * Take part in some spring cleaning.

Adventure Complete?

Reward your young adventurers with their Children's University Spring 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.



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