

The Hive Children's University Summer Holiday Challenges 2023

Get Close to Nature Challenges



RSPB WILD CHALLENGE

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/families/family-wild-challenge/>

Category: Nature & Environment

Skills: Listening, Presenting and Aiming High

Gold Silver Bronze

It's a challenge for you to connect with the natural world in brave new ways - to reach out and touch it and meet it head-on, up-close and personal.

All you need to do is create an account and an online profile, and within a few quick and easy steps you'll be ready to get stuck in to your wild adventure!

You can go as quickly or slowly as you like and we have a wide range of activities to suit your needs and location. There's something to do throughout the year, no matter what the weather brings!

How it works

[All you need to do is ask your parent/carer to create an account and an online profile and you can get started with your Wild Challenge.](#)

The activities are divided into two sections - Help nature and Experience nature. There are three award levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. To earn each award, complete six activities, made up of three from the Help nature section and three from Experience nature section.

As you do each activity, send them a piece of evidence to show that you have completed it. Simply submit a photo of what you did with a line or two about what you learnt.

When you complete enough activities to reach an award, they'll send a personalised electronic certificate to celebrate.

6 credits per level

THE BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT 2023

Category: Nature & Environment

Skills: Listening, Presenting and Aiming High

This year it begins on Friday 14th July 2023 and will run until Sunday 6th August.

[Download our handy identification chart to help you work out which butterflies you have seen.](#)

You can choose where to make your count it could be in a garden, park or while you are on a walk.

How to take part:

[Follow this link](#)

2 credits



Go on a mini beast trail

Category: Nature & Environment

Skills: Problem Solving and Creativity

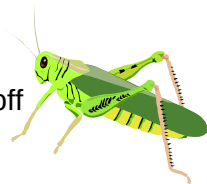
You can explore gardens, parks and open spaces and find all sorts of different mini beasts.

You can use these helpful sheets to tick off which ones you find!

[RSPB Spot It Mini Beasts sheet 1](#)

[RSPB Spot it Mini Beasts Sheet 2](#)

2 credits



MAKE A BUG HOTEL

Category: Nature & Environment

Skills: Problem Solving and Creativity

All kids adore digging around in the garden and exploring - finding ants and beetles and worms and bugs. So why not make a simple Bug Hotel with them - the perfect garden craft for kids to get stuck into.

Watch this video from Red Ted Art and make yours today:

[Easy Bug Hotel](#)

2 credits





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Get Creative Challenges

Summer Reading Challenge

CU Learning Provider: The Reading Agency

Ages 4 – 11

Category: Literacy

Skills: Aiming High & Creativity



Ready Set Read

Get ready for a whole load of team spirit, your fave sporty (or not!) heroes, and plenty of fun with our latest collection for the 2023 sports and games themed Summer Reading Challenge: Ready, Set, Read!

Each book has been specially chosen by an expert group of readers for everybody taking part to enjoy.

The Challenge will begin on the 8th July. You can take part either at the library or online.

[More info here.](#)

Minimum 1 Credit. Maximum 6 credits

The Hive Challenge to young people over 11 years from Skills Builder

Think of a favourite story, film or TV programme you have enjoyed recently with a family member. Can you create another character who would fit into the story. Write, draw or tell the person/people you enjoyed it with about your ideas. What would the new character's role be in the story or would the story change?

1 credit per new character (only one new character per book/film)

Pawprint Media Challenge

Category: Online Skills: Creativity

Fancy yourself as a budding journalist or a roving reporter?

From TV and film to newspapers and social media, we're exploring it all. From job opportunities to marketing magic, get ready for the Media Challenge! **1 Credit**

<https://pawprintfamily.com/product/media-challenge-pack/>





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Get Creative Challenges



Be a Researcher

Ages 5 - 16

Try one of our popular Challenges from 2019

Category: Literacy

Skills: Aiming High and Creativity

Head to your local library and find a non-fiction book that interests you – it could be about :

- history
- nature
- science
- design



Pick something that sparks your interest and makes you want to learn more.

Take notes while you read your non-fiction book. Then, use your imagination to make the information into an exciting comic book story (that still has all the correct facts!)

2 credits

or

Find out about one sports person who inspires you. This could be a professional athlete, a local sporting hero, a friend or family member or your sports coach. Anyone who loves sport and inspires you! Make a fact file on this person. Find out about their sporting life, what inspires them to play their sport, how they got into their sport in the first place, and what they did to get where they are today. Why not send them a letter to tell them why they inspire you?

2 credits

Be a Historian

Ages 5 - 16

Category: History & Heritage

Skills: Aiming High and Creativity

Visit a museum, castle, or any place that has an interesting past

Write about what you found interesting.

You could find some books in the library that tell you more about the people or things you learned about.

OR

Make a model of the building, object or make a costume.

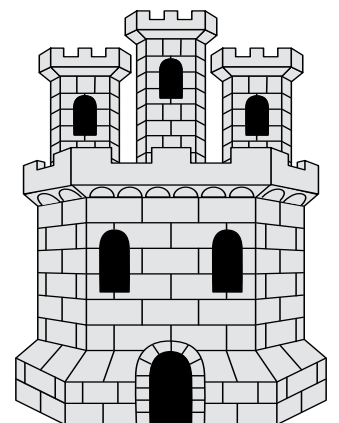
OR

Draw a picture of what it may have looked like in the past.

If you are looking for inspiration English Heritage have some great videos plus some step by step guides in their 'Historical things to make and do' section

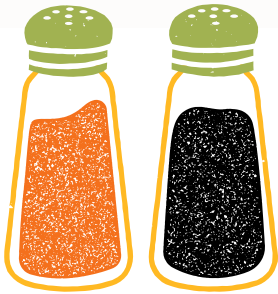
https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/members-area/kids/kids_videos/

1 credit for each activity



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Get Cooking Challenges



Kitchen Games - Beetroot Soup and Modern Art (cooking)

Learning Provider: Judy Jackson

Category: Practical life skills, Family Learning

Skills: Listening, Speaking & Creativity

Ages 4 - 16

Cooking is often seen as creative but never more than when you create a picture on a plate. Judy is showing you how to make designs out of just two things: natural yogurt and home cooked beetroot. (It won't work with the kind that comes packaged - often in vinegar). For those who prefer the practical, she is also showing a brilliant soup: colourful, rich and refreshing. On the video the soup comes first, then the painting comes half way through.

The videos in Kitchen Games are short: between 2 and 12 mins, with an average of about 8 mins. Children can watch on their own and then if they want to try a particular activity they might get a little help from their parents (according to age).

[Watch video Here](#)

0.5 credits



Kitchen Games -

Magic Cheese Cake (cooking)

Learning Provider: Judy Jackson

Category: Practical life skills, Family Learning

Skills: Listening, Speaking & Creativity

Ages 4 - 16

Individual cheesecakes - made in minutes. Never cooked with a microwave? Here's your chance to create a perfect cake or dessert that is quick and easy.

Learning

Each activity is short: ranging from 2/3 minutes to 12 minutes. The child needs to follow the clear, brief instructions for how to cook or make something. It needs concentration, but only for a short period.

[Watch Video here](#)

0.5 credits

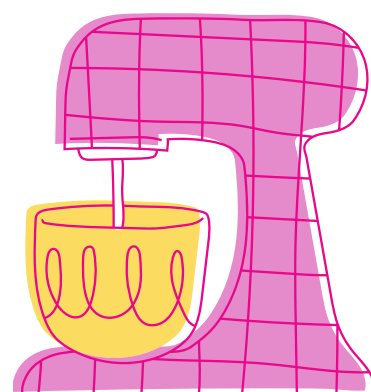
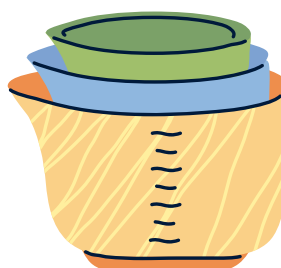
Extra Challenge: The Hive Store Cupboard Challenge.

Category: Practical life skills, Family Learning

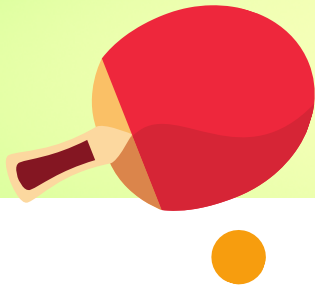
Skills: Creativity

With support of your family take a look at what you have in your food cupboards and design a meal based around what you have at home!

1 credit



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Get Active Challenges

CU Learning Provider: Active Leaders

Category : Sports and physical

Skills: Problem Solving, Creativity & Leadership

<https://www.activeleaders.co.uk/games-and-challenges/>

Ages 5 - 16

Get active!

Complete three challenges from Active Leaders!

There are plenty to choose from.

Write about which one was your favourite and why.

Go to their website and find a challenge you would like to take part in.

Skills: Problem Solving, Creativity and Leadership

Credits 1 per activity completed

CU Learning Provider: Pawprint Badges

Park Challenge

Ages 5 - 16

Ready for an outdoor adventure?

We're heading to the park! There is estimated to be more than 27,000 parks in the UK and this challenge pack is all about making the most of your local green space.

<https://pawprintfamily.com/product/park/>



Hive Challenge

Improve your skills and record a Personal Best

Category : Sports and physical

Skills: Problem Solving, Creativity

You could try

- getting someone to time you running a lap round the park
- record the number of lengths /metres you can swim
- record your highest number of jumps with a skipping rope
- how many times you can successively put the ball in the hoop
- or any other challenges you can think of
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Kindness Challenges

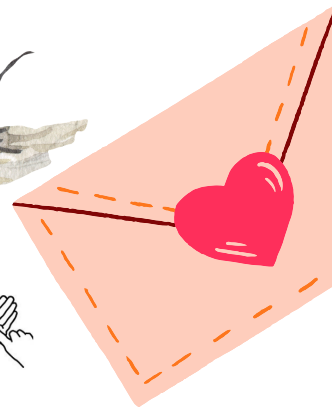
Thinking of others Challenge.

Categories: Family learning, Mental health and well-being & Practical life skills

Skills: Staying Positive

- Learn the British Sign Language Finger Spelling Alphabet and record yourself signing Thank you to someone special. Watch this video to learn [50 Simple Signs in British Sign Language for Kids by Kids](#) and [Learn the BSL Alphabet here](#)
- Tell someone special that you are thinking of them by writing them a letter or making a card
- Sort some clothes or toys that you no longer need and take them to your charity shop, your donations will help the charity to support their cause
- Paint some Random Acts of Kindness rocks and leave them for people to find near your home.
- Countryfile's Wild Britain aims to get the nation doing acts of kindness for nature. Ideas include making a bee drinking bowl or a bug hotel. Share all those acts of kindness on their map and see what others across the country have achieved. Together we can all help our wildlife for Wild Britain.

<https://www.wild-britain.co.uk/>



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Your Personal Challenges

Categories: Mental health and well-being & Practical life skills
Skills: Staying Positive

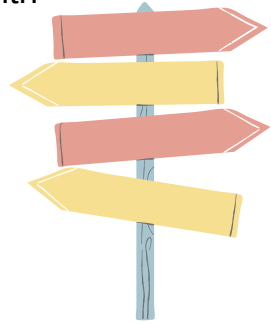


Keep a Summer Holiday Journal

You could Start your journal by creating a happy list. Spend just 5 minutes writing down as many things as you can that make you smile and feel good when you think of them. This could be anything from your favourite food, music or place to visit, a special family member or pet, or watching your favourite footballer score a goal! Discuss your list with others in your household. What would they put on their happy list?



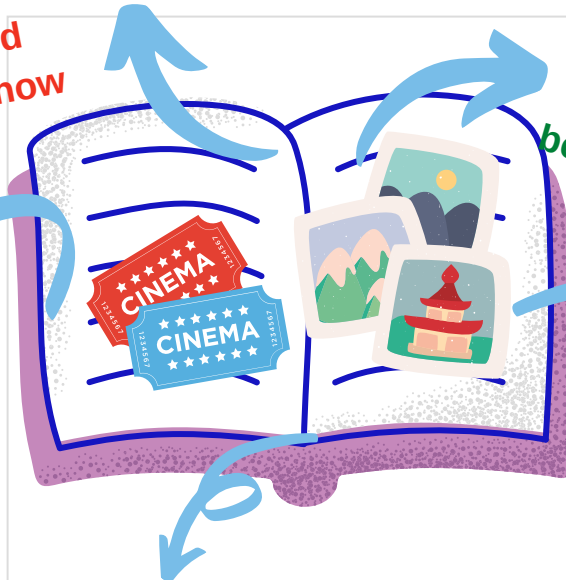
Here are a few ideas:



Learn a new skill and write about why and how you achieved it

Write a film review

Write a book review



Write about places you enjoyed visiting and send us a recommendation for it to become a CU Learning Provider

Keep a weather diary and make a weather chart.



Make some greetings cards for friends and family and write about what inspired you

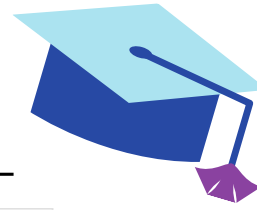


1 credit per entry



Summer Holiday Challenges 2023

Completion sheet



Child's Name _____

Hive CU Club Summer 2023		
	Date	Evidence
Get Close to Nature Challenges	Completed	attached
RSPB WILD CHALLENGE		
Bronze		
Silver		
Gold		
The Big Butterfly Count		
Mini beast trail		
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Improve your skills and record a Personal Best		
Kindness Challenges		
Learn BSL		
Write a letter		
Support a charity		
Acts of Kindness Rocks		
Acts of kindness for nature		
Your Personal challenges		
Make a list of all your journal entries		
1 credit per entry.		



Parents/Carers please complete this form and email it together with photo evidence of the activities completed. (Children do not have to be in photos)

We will email a certificate with the codes and credits

Email Istout@thehive-croydon.org