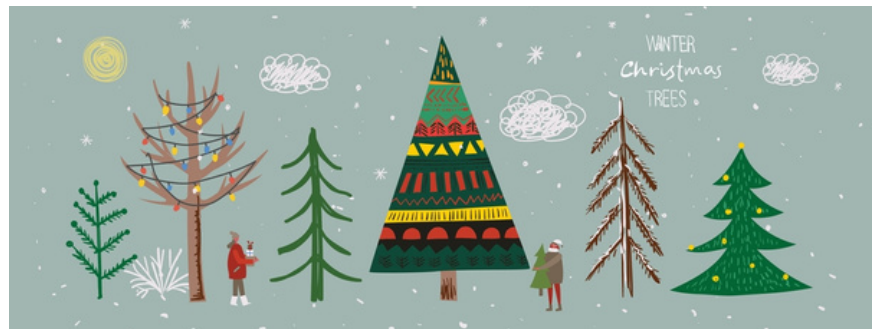


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Winter Mini Reading Challenge 2024! Ready, Set, Read!

The superstar team are back for a Winter Adventure! Ready, Set, Read! The Winter Mini Challenge visit your local library!



Literacy

Pawprint Christmas Jumper Day Challenge

12th December 2024

[Download free challenge pack here](#)

For over 12 years, millions have dug out their best Christmas jumpers to help raise money for Save the Children. Jump in and start your adventure today!

4 credits



Social and community action

Advent Kindness Jar

Make a list with your family of acts of kindness you can do to make people smile! Suggestions to get you started:

- make a card for a lonely neighbour
- donate a pre loved toy, you no longer use, to a local charity shop
- add one extra item in your shopping basket to give to the local food bank
- make someone a gift from recycled materials
- Get outside and pick up some litter (with an adult)
- make some food for birds and make sure they have water
- do something helpful for a family member or friend.



Find an empty glass jar and decorate it with winter snowflakes to put your challenges in. Also find some of last years cards and cut out star and Christmas stocking shapes and each day when you complete a kindness challenge glue it to a your shapes and hang on the Christmas tree or put up a line of string and peg them out.

How many will you have by Christmas Day?
Up to 10 Credits



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Forestry England Free Christmas family activity sheets

- Decorate festive pine cones - Decorate pine cones to create a mini Christmas tree, or paint a pine cone robin to get in the festive spirit.
- Create a twig star - Ditch your plastic tree-topper in favour of a lovely handmade stick star with this guide. The perfect ornament for your family Christmas tree.
- Forest artwork - Make forest artwork with branches, pine cones and leaves collected on your forest adventure.
- Natural wreath - Get the family together to make your very own Christmas wreath for your home.
- Gruffalo winter - Help the Gruffalo match the snowy footprints to each of his animal friends!

Nature and the environment

Download all the activities here:

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/family-activity/christmas-family-activity-sheets>

Try Forest England's Ten forest challenges for winter:

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Winter.pdf>



Make Your Own Paper Decorations

There are a host of paper Christmas Ornament DIYs..... from paper quilled ornaments to origami ornaments.

Here are some of our favourites:

Paper Quilled Snowflakes

Paper Quilled Mini Wreaths

Giant Paper Snowflakes

Giant Paper Bag Snowflakes

Paper Strip Hearts

Swedish Woven Heart Baskets

Origami Diamonds

Paper Ball Ornaments by Nalle's House

Christmas Lights Garland via Fun Crafts Kids

Mouse Ornament via Living Locurto



Art and Culture

<https://www.redtedart.com/paper-christmas-ornament-diy-ideas/>

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR A RANGE OF CRAFTING RESOURCES



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SKILLS BUILDER CHALLENGES

Aiming High



Think about everything that you have accomplished at home and at school this year. Then think about what else you want to achieve next year.

Write down 3-5 goals that you want to achieve next year.

Extension: Put these goals in order of importance, start with the least important and end with the most important.

Reflection Questions

Getting Started: How do you know if something is too difficult for you?

Intermediate: Why is it important to be willing to take on new challenges?

Advanced: What resources might you need to achieve your goals?

Mastery: What steps do you need to put in place to make your goals happen?

[Find more challenges](#)

FESTIVE COOKING

Have some festive fun making these Christmas recipes with the kids, this selection of easy biscuits, cakes and treats can be made by the smallest of hands

Christmas biscuits : These easy cinnamon flavoured Christmas biscuits are great for getting the kids involved in cooking, and they can also be used as edible tree decorations

Snowball truffles: Festive fun for the kids, these snowy truffles are great to give as gifts and fun to make in school holidays

Christmas pudding Rice Krispie cakes: Fun to make with kids or as a cute Christmas canape, top chocolate, peanut and raisin puffed rice cakes with white chocolate and festive holly icing.

Save recipe

There are many more recipes to try on the [BBC Good Food Website](#)



1 credit per recipe



When you have completed a challenge, make a note below, of what you have done. When you have finished remember to email your list to us with a picture of each completed activity. (Children do not need to be in the picture).

You have until the 31st January 2025 to send them in. We will send you all the codes for the credits earned.

Have Fun!

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