



The Hive Winter Challenge 2025

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Free Children's University Winter Wonder family activity sheets from Forestry England

Winter is a quiet time in the forest, as some animals are hibernating during the short days and colder temperatures. Did you know that many trees shut down and have a rest too?

However, there is still lots to see and do, so have a go at these activities to make the most of the forest in winter.

These activity sheets are aimed at children aged between 4 and 11 years old. Although designed for forests, these sheets can be completed in any outdoor space where there are trees. Some of the activities can be completed back inside when you have finished exploring. Anyone is welcome to download and complete these activities, but for those participating in Children's University, each completed sheet gives **three credits** of learning towards your next certificate.



Red Ted Arts

Christmas Paper Crafts for Kids

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Winter Wonder Worksheet

There is something very exciting about PAPER. Paper is so simple. It is affordable and it is simply AMAZING what you can make out of paper. With the Christmas season upon us and our love for Christmas Crafts for Kids, here is a round up of our favourite Christmas Paper Crafts.

If you love Christmas Paper DIY Ideas, all you will need is a pad of paper and then you can let the crafty magic happen. Turn humble paper into bookmarks, gift boxes, greeting cards, ornaments and so much more.

For those of you who have a printer to hand, there are also added links to Red Ted Art's [Free Christmas Printables](#).

Christmas Paper Crafts Materials we frequently use:

- White printer paper (yep! Just plain old printer paper)
- A pad of coloured paper
- Colouring Pens
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks

1 credit per crafted item

Full instructions here: <https://www.redtedart.com/christmas-paper-crafts-for-kids/>





The Winter Mini Challenge

From 1 December 2025 to
20 February 2026



How to take part - <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

- Create a profile on the Reading Agency. Get rewards, play games, and earn badges as you discover books to read!
- Read 3 books or more! When you finish a book, add it to your profile and leave a review
- Unlock rewards including a new online badge and a certificate when you complete the Challenge!

1 credit per book and review.



Make a special Kindness Advent Jar for all the family to try

- **Choose a Jar or Container:** Find a jar, box, or any container you like. You can decorate it to make it more personal and visually appealing.
- **Write Down Acts of Kindness:** On small slips of paper, write down various kindness acts. Involve all the family for suggestions. Make Christmas tree & star shapes out of card and glue the acts of kindness on to them
- **Fill the Jar:** Place all the slips of kindness acts in the jar and mix them up.
- **Draw one slip each day.** Take turns to choose and complete the kindness activity
- **When each activity has been completed add a string to the card and put onto the Christmas tree or peg to a string along the wall to celebrate your success.**

Suggestions for kindness challenges

*Make a Christmas Card for someone who you think may be lonely,
to let them know you are thinking of them*

Donate some food to your local food bank

If you have toys that you no longer play with, donate them to your local charity shop

Make a thank you card for someone special

Paint some rocks with messages of kindness and leave them around for people to find

Open the door for someone.....

What ideas do you have?



1 credit to make the Advent Kindness Jar and 0.5 credits for every completed act

We have found this helpful Calendar with some great ideas too!

<https://schoolofkindness.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/52-Lives-Kindness-Advent-Calendar.pdf>

