

February Half Term Challenges:

We are going as screen free as possible for our February Half Term Challenges!

For Essex send evidence of completed Challenges to admin@essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk and for Suffolk to manager@suffolkchildrensuniversity.co.uk

Let's explore Post Boxes

You will need:

- Pen
- Paper
- Tape measure

There are post boxes in your local community. These are known as street furniture.

There should be a Royal Mail post box within ½ mile of your home. Take yourself on a walk (supervised as necessary) and see how many you can find within a 30-minute walk from your house.

Try walking in a few directions.

At each post box you find, make some notes about what you see. Think about and make notes on:

- Shape
- Whether it is a pillar, wall or lamp post box.
- The size – how tall?
- The collection dates and times.
- How big a letter could you post through the slot?
- Also look closely at the design of each one. What do you notice?

Britain's oldest Post Box is 161 years old.

Research how you can tell how old a post box is?

Record all your findings and share them with me.

Pictures would be great too!

1 hour of CU Learning

Make a Mechanical Hand

You will need:

- Paper or Card
- Straws
- Glue or tape
- Wool, string, cord
- Scissors

1: Draw around your hand onto a piece of paper or card.

2: Cut this hand shape out. Cut a little bigger than the outline.

3: Mark your finger and thumb joints on the cut out. Notice that you have three joints on each finger/thumb.

4: Next draw straight lines across the joint or curve them slightly.

5: Fold the fingers and thumbs at all the lines.

6: Cut the straws slightly shorter than each of your finger joints.

7: Tape or glue the straws to the hand.

8: Thread some wool/string through each finger. Each finger will have its own piece of wool/string. Each of these threads will move a different finger or thumb.

9: Finally, thread all the strings through one straw that tape to the wrist on your mechanical hand.



1 hour of CU Learning

Pancake Day

We have taken our inspiration for the Pancake Day Challenge from Paw Print Family



- Get creative in your pancake pan and create pancake art using coloured batters or try writing your name!
- Start something positive for lent like saving money or giving someone a compliment every day.
- Make an egg-based dish.
- See how many pancakes flips you can do in 1 minute. The world record is 140.
- Make or decorate an apron for the kitchen.

30 minutes of CU learning for each completed activity

Visit the Pawprint Family website

www.pawprintfamily.com and

pick any of their other challenges for Children's University Learning Stamps too.

All the resources are amazing, and all are free too!

If you decide to order one of their badges for your CU Learner there is a small cost

1 hour of CU Learning for each pack completed