

**May/June/July Challenge 2022**

**Our Latest Learning Destinations: National & Local (Essex and Suffolk) Learning Destinations**

We continue to add to our list of recognised Learning Destinations. In recent weeks the following activities have been registered with us and all details can be found on the Learning Destination pages of each of our websites.

**Witham Junior Rugby**

- Clip N Climb – Ipswich (After School Club)
- Focal Point Gallery – Southend (Art Club)
- Dance HQ - Colchester

Does your child attend a local learning activity which isn't yet registered with us?

Please encourage them to get in touch with us.

**Write a Cultural Experiences Review**



Here at Essex Children's University and Suffolk Children's University, we really value cultural experiences, whether this is visiting a museum, an exhibition, the theatre or many more experiences and activities that help us to develop a better understanding of the world we live in.

Having these experiences are so important and whilst we may not be able to validate every single cultural experience out there, we want to be able to recognise and reward you taking part in these experiences.

[You will find all the details on this link.](#)

**Focal Point Gallery – Southend**

**Summer Creative Open Day**

Sat 4 Jun 2022  
 11.00am to 3.00pm  
 Join Focal Point Gallery for **their FREE** Summer Creative Open Day at Focal Point Gallery!

[All the details on this link.](#)



2 hours of CU learning if you attend this open day.

**A Criminally Good Day**

**Family friendly day of festivities – free of charge**

With ‘Midnight Robber’, the giant skeleton puppet, on the loose, a great mix of crime-writer events and workshops for all ages, an intriguing heritage walk, children’s craft workshops, plus some criminally good storytelling – make sure you don’t miss out on the festivities at High House Production Park, Purfleet.

[All the details on this link.](#)

**Charlotte’s Wonderful Stories**



Charlotte Seabag-Montefiore is a children’s author who loves dinosaurs and animals. Charlotte also enjoys rhymes and riddles. Charlotte’s Wonderful Stories is a Children’s University Learning Destination and you can complete the activity resources she has created [if you click here.](#)

## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

It's going to be a weekend of celebration for many. We thought you'd like some ideas to help you if you're celebrating and earn some learning stamps too.

Why not sign up for a Big Lunch Challenge Pack (will be emailed) for free activities for preparations and for the day itself.

This Big Lunch, a once in a lifetime event, is set to be a cracker. Whether it's sharing a cuppa with a neighbour on your doorstep or a bigger street party, join millions of people across the UK to share friendship, food, and fun.

[You can download the details here.](#)



**Does your CU learner belong to the Guiding or Scouting Association, including Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows, and Brownies?**

We will award 3 learning hours per badge completed (evidence will need to be provided)

## Summer Reading Challenge

We heard from our friends at the libraries today and want to share with you some details of this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge is taking place at libraries across Essex and Suffolk.

[You can register now on this link.](#)

**Gadgeteers** is the theme for this year. You will be awarded with 1 hour of Children's University learning for each book you read. You can earn up to 6 learning stamps.

Get ready to be boggled by brilliant facts, gaze at the stars and be inspired by tales of creativity and invention.

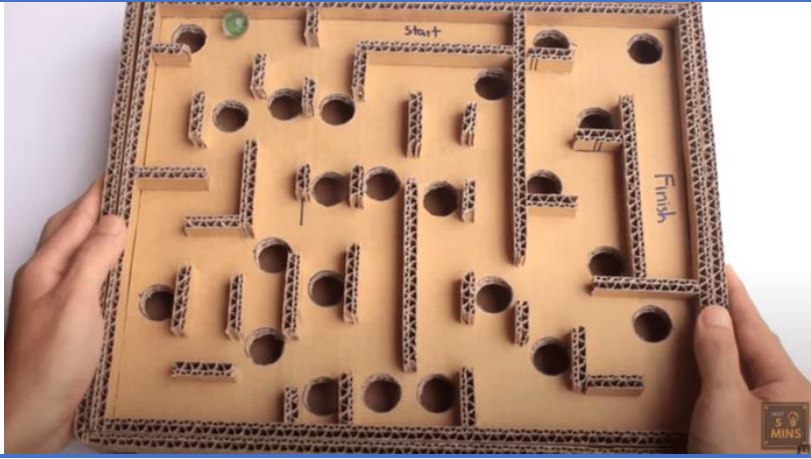


## Build a Twig Nest

Next time you are in a woodland area, gather some fallen twigs from the floor and challenge yourself to weave them into a nest, just like a bird does. Can you build one that is strong enough to hold a clutch of pebbles?



1 hour of CU Learning



## Marble Maze

This caught my eye on [www.gathered.how](http://www.gathered.how)

What a great idea!

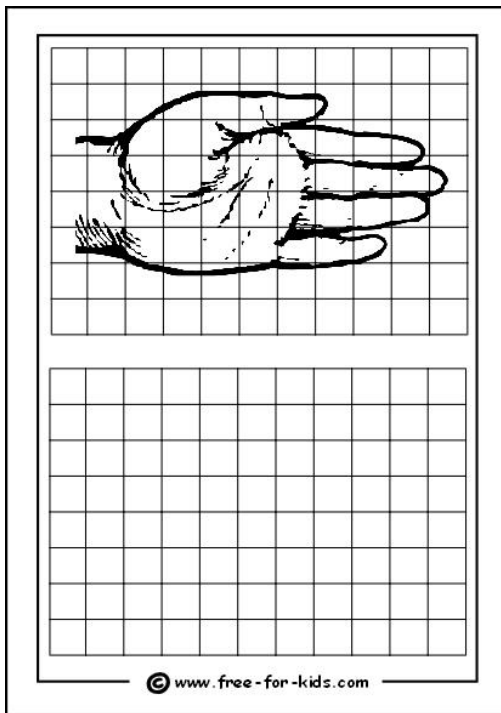
Using cardboard that you have set aside for recycling create your own marble maze puzzle game.

1 hour of CU Learning

## Carve your own wooden stamps

Next time you are out and about, keep an eye out for suitable pieces of wood which you can take home and carve (with adult support where necessary) your own textured printing stamps. How many different designs can you make.

1 hour of CU Learning



## Grid Drawing

Grid drawing is a good technique to help you improve your accuracy when you are drawing freehand.

Have a go at creating a copy of this drawing on the grid below.

You might find it easier to create your own grid on a bigger piece of paper.

1 hour of CU Learning for each drawing

