

## Children's University Challenges

As always completed challenges for Essex CU to [admin@essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk](mailto:admin@essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk) and  
for Suffolk CU to [manager@suffolkchildrensuniversity.co.uk](mailto:manager@suffolkchildrensuniversity.co.uk)



Please encourage your CU Learner to think about the skills they have used for each of these challenges

### Aiming High: Winter Reading Challenge

Read six books and climb to the top of the reading tree. From Saturday 27 November, children can collect their giant tree bookmarks from any Essex library. They'll receive a stamp for every book they read and if they manage to read six books by Saturday 19 February, they'll receive a gold star sticker

Everyone who signs up will be entered into a prize draw to win some fantastic prizes, including signed books and days out. [www.libraries.essex.gov.uk](http://www.libraries.essex.gov.uk) or [www.suffolklibraries.co.uk](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk)



**1 hour of CU Learning for each book (6 in total for completion for the Challenge)**

#### Creativity:

**Imagine you are a designer for a greetings card company**

You have been asked to come up with ideas for a brand-new range of cards.

Design 3 different cards for occasions that are important to your family.

You might want to draw or make the card to show your favourite ideas.

Ask a family member which card they like best and why.

You could challenge them to come up with ideas for your new range of cards too.

**1 hour of CU Learning**

#### Problem Solving:

**This is the problem we would like you to solve. Imagine a local charity wishes to organise a 'fun run' in your local area which people of all ages can join in.**

The course should be approximately 5 kilometres in length and must be accessible to people of all ages to either run, walk, wheelchair, skip, scoot etc.

Draw different routes your 'fun run' could take.

Which one would be best so that everyone could be involved?

How could you make sure everyone was safe on the route?

Challenge your family/friends to follow your route with you.

**1 hour of CU Learning**

#### Speaking:

**We would like to challenge you to tell a group of people up to '5 fascinating facts' about yourself.**

Think about what they already know. What could you share with them which will be new and interesting?

Prepare a short speech to share in person or record something to show them.

Encourage other members of your family to have a go too and then ask each other questions about the fascinating facts.

I wonder what you will discover!

**1 hour of CU Learning**

Listening: Skills and Talents

Think of someone you know who has a talent that you admire.

It could be that they are great at baking cakes or seem to have green fingers and their plants grow really well. They may know some card tricks or play a musical instrument.

Ask them to help you learn something they know – to share their talent with you.

Listen carefully as they explain and ask questions to help you understand more. What did you learn?

1 hour of CU Learning

Creativity: Make an Ice Wreath

Children's University Scotland have created an Ice Wreath Challenge which we love! Please have a go and share your photos with me, I Can't wait to see what you create.

You will need:

Clean, used tin foil if you have it (reuse and recycle).

This will make your mould.

Did you know that there are two spellings of mould/mold which are both correct?

Then look for natural decorations. Berries, twigs, leaves,

Arrange your decorations in your wreath mould. Add water.

If it is really cold, place the mould outdoors or leave it in the freezer.

The next day check out your beautiful wreath.

1 hour of CU Learning

Creativity & Listening:  
Draw with Rob

Always very popular with our CU Learners and 1 learning stamp for each activity you complete



Here's the link to the Draw with Rob website.

Creativity & Staying Positive

Learning a new skill can boost your self esteem and help you feel better during the gloomy winter evenings. Why not try some craft activities using materials you may already have, or you can find outdoors.

You can make some lovely gifts for family and friends.

Reindeer



Seasonal Wreath



The Canal and Rivers Trust have some good ideas for craft activities. Using leaves, twigs and other bits and pieces you can collect why not make a seasonal wreath

You will find the details for both these craft activities on this link.

1 hour of CU Learning