



Winter Challenge

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TEACHER NOTES: The Winter #KCUCChallenge is full of ideas for the classroom or to send home so please share these posters with your children, family, friends and colleagues.

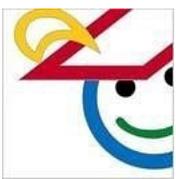
We will also be uploading extra ideas to our Social Media Channels throughout December:

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Winter Challenge

Record Sheet

Completed

1. Bake a tasty Winter/Christmas treat _____
2. Learn how to fold napkins in three different ways _____
3. Write a letter to an employer for advice on your dream job _____
4. Make ice baubles, containing bird food, for your garden _____
5. Decorate a pair of plain slippers _____
6. Take part in the Forestry Commission's Top 20 Challenge _____
7. Make a hedgehog house _____
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17. Make a story book with a Winter or Christmas theme _____
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19. Make a unique Christmas wreath for your front door _____
20. Hand-make a pop-up Christmas card for, and post to, KCU _____
21. Write a poem about Winter _____
22. Learn the sign language to a Christmas Carol _____
23. Take a Winter walk and produce an information pack for others _____
24. Make Christmas crackers, complete with jokes _____





Winter Challenge

Bake a tasty Winter/Christmas treat

Now is the time to get creative in the kitchen! Will you bake something savoury, like bread, or sweet? Will you bake something traditional, like such as an iced cake, or something more modern like snow-globe cupcakes with gelatin* domes?



* vegetarian alternatives are available

If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 1 Learning Credit** for baking your tasty treat. Evidence could be a recipe, photographs and your parents' upload to Social Media.

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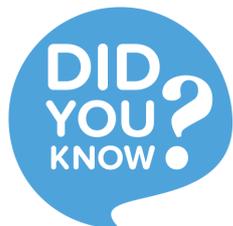


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Learn how to fold napkins in three different ways

You can make a dinner times more exciting with paper towels, serviettes or cloth napkins using simple origami techniques!

KCU's Emma regularly uses the Christmas Tree instructions at this time of year! You can work with family to create your own design or find inspiration online/from a book.



The use of the napkin in Europe began in 1400 on the tables of royalty, where they started to use napkins made from warm or even perfumed cloth.

If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 1 Learning Credit** for sharing your napkin origami ideas with us. Evidence could be a photographs or video, instructions and your parents' upload to Social Media.

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Write a letter to an employer for advice on your dream job

It's [#AskAnEmployer](#) time for your children!

We would like to invite your child to write to an employer they would love to work for in the future e.g. Lego, Tesco, Google, The Bank of England, a garden centre etc

The children can use their letter to tell the employer all about themselves, why they wish to work for them and ask some questions about the skills and the attributes they might need to enter the workplace.

If you do not want the credits but would still like to get involved, simply post your child's ideas below (telling us their age) and we will get to work!

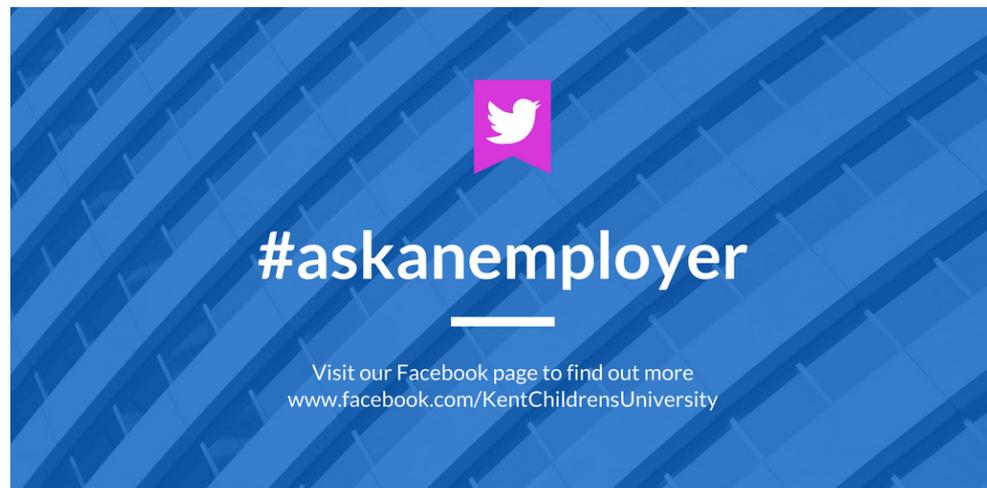
We will then share these letters with the employers the children have written to and send you any responses we receive!

Address:

G34 - Sessions House
County Road
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XQ

Email:

kcu@kent.gov.uk



If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 1 Learning Credit** for sending them a copy of the letter you wrote.

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Make ice baubles, containing bird food, for your garden

Ice baubles are about having crafty fun with winter. All you need is balloons, a plastic bottle with no cap, string, twigs, water and bird food/seed. The items just have to be small enough to fit down the bottle neck and balloon tube.

- Cut the bottle in half as the neck end will be used for a funnel.
- Stretch the mouth of the balloon over the bottle's mouth.
- Tie the end of about 30cm of string to a small, short, twig – this will be used to hang the bauble.
- Push the twig with string into the balloon through the funnel. Make sure the rest of the string is left hanging outside the balloon.
- Push the bird food down the funnel into the balloon. It might help to use a chop stick to push the items through the neck of the balloon but be careful with berries, and such, as these can easily be squished.
- When all your items are inside the balloon, gently pour water into the funnel to fill the balloon. Stop before the balloon stretches too thin. Tie the balloon with its end.
- If you want very clear ice effect, no bubbles, then boil the water first and let it cool (it gets rid of the CO₂ in the water – for the science geeks).
- When the balloon is frozen solid, take the rubber off and you are left with an ice bauble!



If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 1 Learning Credit** for making the ice baubles. Evidence could be a photographs of you making the baubles, a Learning Log and your parents' upload to Social Media.



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Decorate a pair of plain slippers

You can purchase plain white slippers or plimsolls from as little as £1. These items will then act as a blank canvas for you to decorate.



- Apply painter's tape to any areas you do not want the paint to cover
- Prime the canvas areas you will be painting. Allow to dry completely (usually takes an hour). You want the canvas covered in primer, but not so thickly that you lose the texture. The texture helps the acrylic paints "grab" the surface.
- Lightly draw your design(s) on the shoes using an HB pencil.
- Fill in your designs with acrylic paint.
- Allow to dry completely.
- Use marking pens to outline your designs.
- Allow to dry completely.
- Protect with sealant suitable for painted surfaces.
- Wear with pride!



If you are part of KCU, credits will vary.

Evidence could be designs, photographs, a Learning Log and and your parents' upload to Social Media.



Winter Challenge

Take part in the Forestry Commission's Autumn/Winter Top 20 Challenge

Thanks to the Forestry Commission Scotland for this activity sheet. To gain the credits we would need you to reflect on each activity. Where were you? What did you do? What could you hear? What could you see? What could you smell? etc.



How many of these fun things can you do while visiting the forest today?



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|---|---|---|
| 1 Find yellow, red & brown leaves <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 Touch a tree with smooth bark <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 2 Build a twig & leaf hotel for bugs <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 Spot a squirrel's drey <input type="checkbox"/> | 15 Stand still in the dark <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Make a picture from fallen leaves <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 Listen to a robin singing <input type="checkbox"/> | 16 Look for animal tracks <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Find a leaf skeleton <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 Listen to the wind in the trees <input type="checkbox"/> | 17 Sniff Douglas fir needles <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Feel something prickly <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 Look through a piece of ice <input type="checkbox"/> | 18 Crunch some autumn leaves <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Find 5 different tree buds <input type="checkbox"/> | 13 Spot a colourful mushroom <input type="checkbox"/> | 19 Make a face in the mud <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Draw in the frost <input type="checkbox"/> | 14 Make a magic wand <input type="checkbox"/> | 20 Listen out for owls <input type="checkbox"/> |

Children must be supervised by a responsible adult. Activities are at your own risk.

For more exciting days out: www.forestry.gov.uk/scotland



If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 0.5 Learning Credits** for each activity completed. Evidence could be a photographs, the Forestry Commission Record Sheet and your parents' upload to Social Media.

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Winter Challenge

Make a hedgehog house

Build a cosy hedgehog home, and encourage these prickly yet adorable creatures to rest, hibernate and raise their hoglets in your garden.



The RSPB has a "Give a hog a home" activity listed on their website so we thought we would share it with you here. This is just one design but you could find others to suit your needs.



What you will need:

Three sheets of FSC timber (from a sustainable source) exterior plywood, at least 1.5cm thick, and 60cm wide by 2m long

Saw

Hammer

Nails or screws

Small handsaw

Short length of narrow drainpipe

Dried leaves



Visit goo.gl/zBGUL7 for detailed instructions



If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 1 Learning Credit** for making a home for hedgehogs. Evidence could be a design, Learning Log, photographs and your parents' upload to Social Media.

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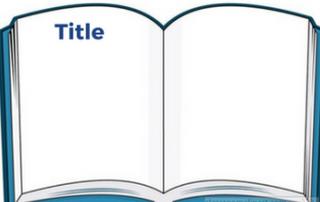
Take part in the Mini-Christmas Reading Challenge at the library

After the success of this year's Summer Reading Challenge we want to encourage children to visit their local library and keep reading over the Christmas holidays.

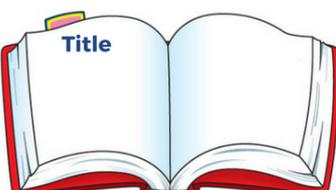


Mini-Christmas Reading Challenge

Library: _____ Date completed: _____

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Children simply read and review three books between 1st December 2017 and 12th January 2018.

You can download the Book Review template from:

www.kcuchallenges.co.uk

Author Cressida Cowell says: Cressida says: "What I really love about this time of year is snuggling down with a really good book. Why don't you find some books to snuggle down with and take part in the Christmas mini-challenge? Get online and get stuck in ... and if you need a lift to the library, you could always try a ride on a dragon, but don't fall off though!"

Don't forget to update your reading profile on The Reading Agency's website!



If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 3 Learning Credits** for reading three books and completing reviews for each. Please note, libraries may not stamp Passports to Learning for this activity. KCU will issue credits in this instance.

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Conduct a Winter science experiment

Nothing says winter more than cold and icy experiments. Why not create an experiment with your family? There are lots of experiments online so here are some ideas:



Christmas Science Experiments



If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 2 Learning Credits** for conducting a Winter science experiment. Evidence could be a Learning Log, photographs and your parents' upload to Social Media.

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Winter Challenge

Decorate a Christmas Eve plate for yourself or a younger child

You do not need to buy a Christmas Eve plate, you can make your own! You could use paper, ceramic or china plates, with oil-based pens or paint. You could buy cheap plate decoration kits or make your own but here are some classic designs. What will your plate look like?



If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 1 Learning Credit** for decorating the plate. Evidence could be a design and photographs of you decorating the plate, a Learning Log and your parents' upload to Social Media.



Winter Challenge

Research how Christmas is celebrated in another country



Whether it's leaving some treats out for Father Christmas and his reindeer, going to church or simply decorating the tree, Christmas time is full of family traditions.

But just how do children and their parents celebrate Christmas in other countries across the globe?

What can you find out about how people in other countries celebrate Christmas?

Questions you might want to consider:

How do people in your chosen country celebrate Christmas?

What traditions do families enjoy together at this time of year?

How do they say Merry Christmas?

What is the traditional Christmas Day meal?

*Glædelig Jul Sretan Bozic
Jutdlime pirdluarit ukiortame pirdluaritlo
Sung Tan Chuk Ha Gledileg Jol*

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Mele Kalikimaka

Gledelig Jul Meri Kirihimete

Froehliche Weihnachten

Natale hilare et Annum Faustum

Buone Feste Natalizie

Joyeux Noel Feliz Navidad

Pozdravlyayu s prazdnikom Rozhdestva is Novim Godom

Feliz Natal

Merry Keshmish

La Maunia Le Kilisimasi Ma Le Tausaga Fou

If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 1 Learning Credit** for producing a fact file. Evidence could be a fact file, photographs, illustrations and your parents' upload to Social Media.

Winter Challenge

Make a Winter doorstep or draught excluder

Materials for a draft excluder

- Old socks
- Wool
- Scraps of fabric
- Two buttons
- Needle and thread
- Stuffing or old socks (clean!)
- Scissors



Materials for a doorstep



- One, frotte sock
- Pins
- Buttons
- Scrap fabric
- Thread
- 1kg of Rice
- Scissors
- Super Glue (double sided tape)

If you are part of KCU, **Learning Credits will vary** for making a Winter doorstep or draught excluder. Evidence could be a design and photographs of the item, a Learning Log and your parents' upload to Social Media.



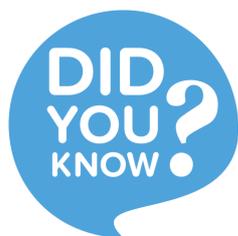
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Design and decorate/print a Christmas jumper

You could use an old jumper and remagicalise it into a Christmas wonder!

You could use buttons, material, pom-poms, sticky tape, cotton wool, felt and paint.

The only limit is your imagination.



Save The Children has an annual Christmas Jumper Day! This year the event takes place on Friday 15th December 2017. On Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day, all over the country, thousands of people will be donning their daftest, most wonderful woollies - all for a great cause. You could wear your home-made jumper then!

If you are part of KCU, **Learning Credits will vary** for designing and decorating/printing a Christmas jumper. Evidence could be a design, photographs and your parents' upload to Social Media.

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Winter Challenge

Paint a wintry picture in watercolour
or acrylic



Taking time to paint is something we do not seem to do much of so we would like you to take your time.

Will you paint a scene that you can see or create a composition from scratch?

Which colours will you use?



Do you know how to mix colours? If not, now is a good time to experiment.

What title will you give your painting?

How long did your painting take to complete?

Who will your painting be given to, once it has been finished?



If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 1 Learning Credit** for painting a wintry picture in watercolour or acrylic. Evidence could be photographs of the painting and your parents' upload to Social Media.

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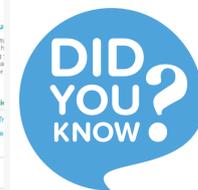
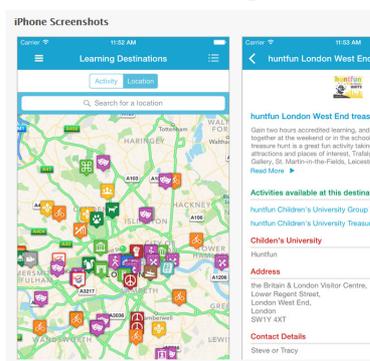
Visit a Learning Destination in Kent or Medway

Learning Destinations are places and organisations to which children can 'travel' with their Passport To Learning. They provide high quality learning activities and experiences with a 'wow' factor and have passed the Children's University's (CU) own quality assurance process (Planning for Learning).

Your Passport To Learning shows that you are a member of the Children's University™. You can use your Passport To Learning to record all of the CU Learning Activities that you take part in at CU Learning Destinations.

You can find Learning Destinations on the Kent Children's University website:

www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/maps
or via the Children's University ePassport App.



Have you ever thought about becoming a journalist for a magazine? Now is the time to do just that, regardless of your age! If you would like to write an article about anything to do with your school, local community or interest group (i.e. visiting a tourist destination) you can send your article along with some photos to eddie@educational-life.org

Each article submitted to Educational Life will receive 1 Learning Credit and will be shared on the website and social media, and some will be chosen to be included in the printed magazine!

Learning Credits will be issued by Educational Life CIC upon submission of the article.



If you are part of KCU, **Learning Credits will vary** and they will be issued by the Learning Destination that you visit!

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Design and make seasonal napkin rings

DID YOU KNOW?

The napkin ring, occasionally called a Christening bangle, was originally used to identify the napkins of a household between weekly wash days. Now, napkin rings are used to make a table look more attractive but we like the idea of making rings to identify the napkin used by a particular person.

Whether you use paper towels, serviettes or cloth napkins, why not make personalised Winter or Christmas napkins for your family and/or friends. Will you use kitchen roll tubes, wire and beads, material, cardboard or paper to make your rings?



If you are part of KCU, **Learning Credits will vary** for designing and making seasonal napkin rings. Evidence could be a design, photographs and your parents' upload to Social Media.

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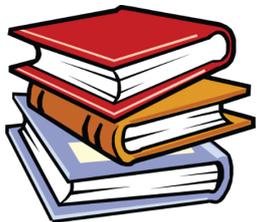




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Make a story book with a Winter or Christmas theme

Let your imagination run wild by writing and producing your own seasonal story book.



Consider This

Reading stories with your family and friends will help improve your writing. While you are reading and when you are finished, talk about the different parts of the story, asking questions such as:

What is the beginning of the story?

The middle? The end?

Who are the characters?

What do you like about them?

Where does the story take place?

Is there a problem that occurs in the story? If so, how does it get resolved?

What do you think about the ending?

Is there a connection, either in words or pictures, between the ending and the beginning of the story?

Find or make a creative space that's your own – a notebook or journal for you to scribble down story ideas, invent incredible characters or even draw pictures of the places where you want to set your story. A writer's notebook is a private place where you can gather your inspiration.

Why not get your parents to join in and make up their own story too? The novel *Lionboy* was written by eight-year-old daughter Isabel - and her mum Louisa Young - under the pseudonym Zizou Corder. Work together to make up your own bedtime story and you might find you have written a bestseller!



If you are part of KCU, **Learning Credits will vary** for writing a seasonal story with illustrations. Evidence could be your book, photographs and your parents' upload to Social Media.



Winter Challenge

Make a Random Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar

Following on from our [#BeKind](#) Challenge we are looking to see you make a Random Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar and carry out the activity each day, Please be original and not just copy one from the internet! What will you include on your calendar?



1. Sort some toys to give to children who don't have many	2. Give someone who's feeling sad a big hug	3. Visit someone who might be feeling lonely	4. Help clean up a mess that you didn't make	5. Give someone a compliment today
6. Put some food out for the birds	7. Drop some food off at the local food bank	8. Give some kids books to the waiting room at the doctors	9. Write a thank you note for the postie	10. Ask an adult what you can do to help today
11. Help someone younger than you learn something new	12. Bake some cookies for the neighbours	13. Offer to take everyone's dirty dishes out to the kitchen	14. Donate some clothes that don't fit to charity	15. Make a Christmas card for a neighbour
16. Write out 10 things you love about someone	17. Clean up the local area by picking up litter	18. Draw some nice pictures & send them to an old people's home	19. Hold the door open for people all day	20. Allow someone to go in front of you in a queue
21. Invite someone new to play with you	22. Write a nice note and leave it where someone will find it	23. Share something with someone else	24. Ring an elderly relative or friend for a chat	



MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
KIDS Kindness Advent Calendar 2017			Share this Calendar with your friends to spread kindness	Smile all day	Go for a walk in nature with your family
Ask your teacher if you can help them with a task	Help set the table for dinner	Let someone go first in a game	Tell someone how much you love them	Sit with someone new at lunchtime	Tidy your bedroom without being asked
Tell funny jokes to make everyone laugh	Invite someone who's alone to join in your game	Say something nice to all your friends	Hide kind notes for others to find	Pick up playground litter - with gloves or a litter-picker	Make your teacher a thank you card
Give out free hugs all day long	Give toys you no longer play with to charity	Make a list of your happiest memories	Feed your pet or the birds	Visit an elderly neighbour or relative	Switch off your electronic games and play outside
"A little consideration, a little thought for others, makes all the difference." - Eeyore					Thank you for your kindness



If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 2 Learning Credits** for making an Advent Calendar. Extra credits are available for sharing evidence of completion of acts of kindness. Evidence could be photographs and your parents' upload to Social Media.



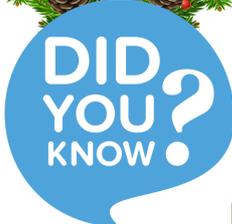
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Make a unique Christmas wreath for your front door



A wreath is an assortment of flowers, leaves, fruits, twigs or various materials that is constructed to resemble a ring.[1]

In English-speaking countries, wreaths are used typically as household ornaments, mainly as an Advent and Christmas decoration. They are also used in ceremonial events in many cultures around the globe. Wreaths have much history and symbolism associated with them.



Which materials will you use to make your Christmas wreath?

If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 2 Learning Credits** for making a Christmas wreath. Evidence could be a design, photographs and your parents' upload to Social Media.





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Hand-make a pop-up Christmas card for,
and post to, Kent Children's University

We would love to receive cards from you, showcasing your crafting talent! If you are looking for ideas, we hope these might help:



Send your card to KCU at the following address:

Kent Children's University
G34
Sessions House
County Road
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XQ



If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 1 Learning Credit** for making a pop-up card and sending it to KCU.

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Write a poem about Winter

What is poetry?

Poetry is a type of literature, or artistic writing, that attempts to stir a reader's imagination or emotions.

The poet does this by carefully choosing and arranging language for its meaning, sound, and rhythm.

What sort of poem will you write?

Which words will you use?

How will you decorate the poem so it is appealing to read?

Who will you share your poem with?

A Wintry Night

The sky is dark and the ground is white.
The world is peaceful on this wintry night.
No one around, not a sound to be heard.
Not a laugh, not a car, not even a bird.
For a moment, it's just the snow and me.
I smile inside.
I feel so free.

By: Lyndsey Kuster



Steve the Snowman

Nose made from a carrot

Orange and bright on a dark wintry night

Wearing a warm wooly scarf

Melting

All alone

Now he is gone



Falling Snow

See the pretty snowflakes
Falling from the sky;
On the wall and housetops
Soft and thick they lie.
On the window ledges,
On the branches bare;
Now how fast they gather,
Filling all the air.
Look into the garden,
Where the grass was green;
Covered by the snowflakes,
Not a blade is seen.
Now the bare black bushes
All look soft and white,
Every twig is laden,
What a pretty sight!

Types of poems

Acrostic

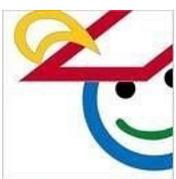
Couplet

Free Verse

Haiku

Narrative

Sonnet



If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 0.5 Learning Credits** for writing a Christmas poem. Evidence could be the poem with illustrations and your parents' upload to Social Media.



Winter Challenge

Learn the sign language to a Christmas Carol

DID YOU KNOW?

British Sign Language (BSL) is a sign language used in the United Kingdom (UK), and is the first or preferred language of some deaf people in the UK; there are 125,000[5] deaf adults in the UK who use BSL plus an estimated 20,000 children. In 2011, 15,000 people, living in England and Wales, reported themselves using BSL as their main language. The language makes use of space and involves movement of the hands, body, face and head. Many thousands of people who are not deaf also use BSL, as hearing relatives of deaf people, sign language interpreters or as a result of other contact with the British deaf community.



KCU encourages people to learn Sign Language as it is a valuable life-skill.

You can find low-cost BSL Christmas resources here: <https://goo.gl/iHZRbg>

If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 1 Learning Credit** for learning the sign language for a Christmas carol. Evidence could be a video, photographs and your parents' upload to Social Media.

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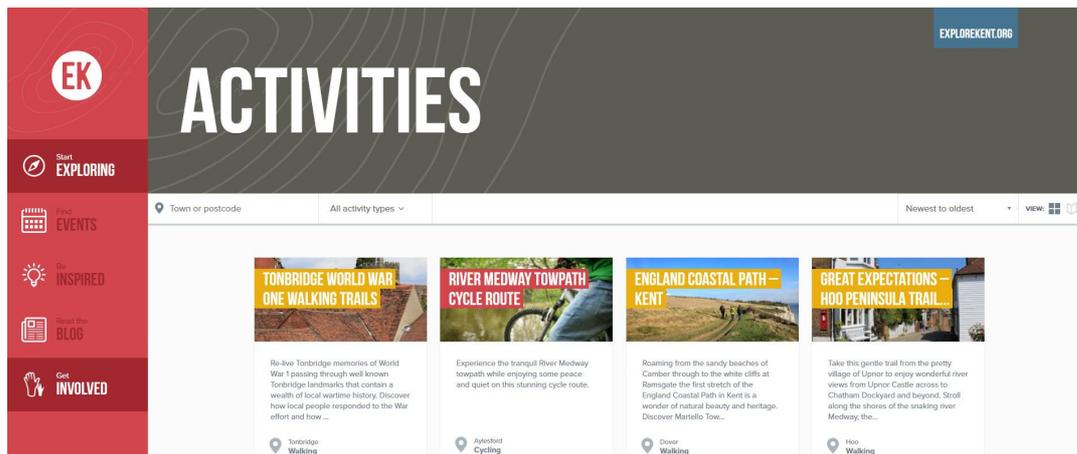
Take a Winter walk and produce an information pack for others

Where do you fancy exploring with your family?

You might find some inspiration for Winter walks via the Explore Kent website: www.explorekent.org



Explore Kent is a Kent County Council led partnership initiative with public, private and voluntary sector partners that promote and actively encourage Kent's residents to access, enjoy and benefit from the great natural resources that Kent has to offer.



There are also CU Validated trails across that you might like to look at when planning your walk:

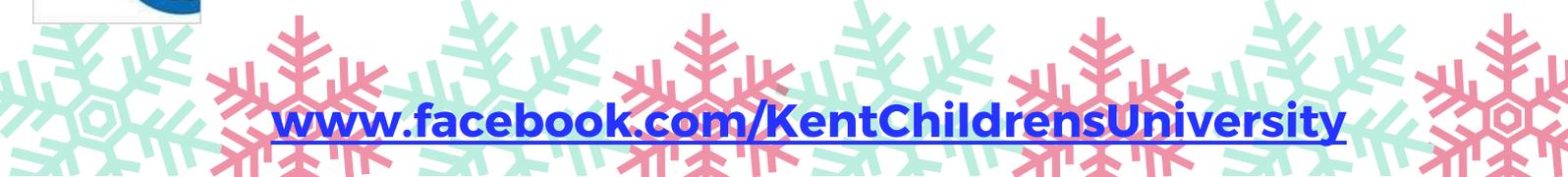


Visit www.kcuchallenges.co.uk for more information about these trails.



If you are part of KCU, **Learning Credits will vary** for taking a Winter walk and producing an information pack for others. Evidence could be a map, fact file, treasure hunt, photographs and your parents' upload to Social Media.

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Make Christmas crackers, complete with jokes

You can make Christmas crackers for your family and friends using materials you have in your home already or you could purchase kits from local craft shops.

Could you write some jokes to better our poor attempts?

What's white and goes up?
A confused snowflake!

What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?
Freeze a jolly good fellow!

What goes "oh, oh, oh"?
Santa walking backwards!



HOW TO MAKE CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

YOU WILL NEED...

- CRACKER SNAP
- 3 TOILET PAPER TUBES
- WRAPPING PAPER
- GLUE / BLUE / HOT SIDE STICKY GUN
- RULER
- PRETTY RIBBON
- SMALL TRINKETS, CANDY, JOES WRITTEN ON SLIPS OF PAPER, ETC.

STEP 1: IN THE CENTER OF ONE TOILET PAPER TUBE, TAPE CRACKER SNAP INSIDE. MAKE SURE IT IS CENTERED.

STEP 2: CUT OUT A PIECE OF WRAPPING PAPER THAT IS AS WIDE AS 3 TOILET PAPER TUBES SIDE BY SIDE AND LONG ENOUGH TO COMPLETELY WRAP THEM.

STEP 3: PLACE 1 TOILET ROLL TUBE ON EACH SIDE OF TUBE CONTAINING CRACKER SNAP.

STEP 4: TAPE WRAPPING PAPER EDGE ON CENTER TUBE CONTAINING CRACKER SNAP.

STEP 5: SLIDE OUT ONE OF THE END TOILET PAPER TUBES BY ABOUT 1/4 INCH AND TWIST THE WRAPPING PAPER WHERE THE GAP IS CREATED. SECURE THE TWISTED PART WITH RIBBON. DON'T COMPLETELY TAKE OUT THE TOILET PAPER TUBE JUST YET.

STEP 6: IN THE OTHER END, SLIDE IN CANDY, TRINKETS AND OTHER SMALL GIFTS THAT CAN FIT IN THE CENTER TUBE. TRADITIONALLY, CHRISTMAS CRACKERS ALSO INCLUDE SLIPS OF PAPER WITH JOES WRITTEN ON THEM AND PAPER CHRISTMAS CARDS.

STEP 7: ONCE YOU ARE DONE INSERTING GIFTS, REPEAT STEPS ON THE OTHER END.

STEP 8: ADD OTHER FINAL DECORATIONS AS DESIRED. REMOVE END TUBES.

ALL DONE!

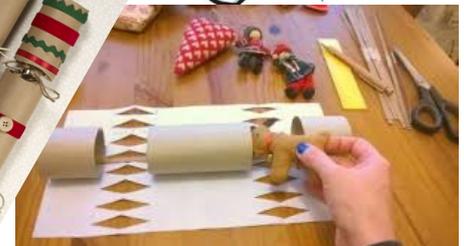
AT YOUR NEXT HOLIDAY PARTY, PULL ON THE END OF THE CRACKER WITH ANOTHER PERSON.

PULLING IT APART WILL PRODUCE A "POPPING" SOUND.

TRADITIONALLY, CHRISTMAS CRACKERS ARE PULLED APART IN A GROUP OF PEOPLE SITTING IN A CIRCLE AROUND A TABLE WITH THEIR HANDS CRACKED.

EACH PERSON HOLDS HIS OR HER CRACKER IN THE RIGHT HAND AND THE NEIGHBOR'S CRACKER IN THE LEFT HAND.

BY YUMI SAKUGAWA



If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 2 Learning Credits** for making Christmas crackers. Evidence could be a Learning Log, designs, photographs and your parents' upload to Social Media.





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What is Kent Children's University™?

Kent Children's University is part of an international charity that provides 5 to 14 year olds with access to exciting and innovative Learning Activities and experiences outside of the normal school day.

Raising children's aspirations is important to us. We celebrate achievement and reward participation through the award of Children's University certificates.

Any child, aged 5 to 14 years can join us and, when issued with a Passport To Learning, is able to take part in Validated Learning Activities and experiences and national Learning Destinations.

Each hour of Children's University Validated learning they complete brings the child closer to a Graduation ceremony held at a Kent University.

How can we get involved?

Check with your child's school to see if they are running or planning to run Kent Children's University. If not, we have a Family Membership model that you can look at and subscribe to via www.kcuchallenges.co.uk



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How to receive Learning Credits from Kent Children's University

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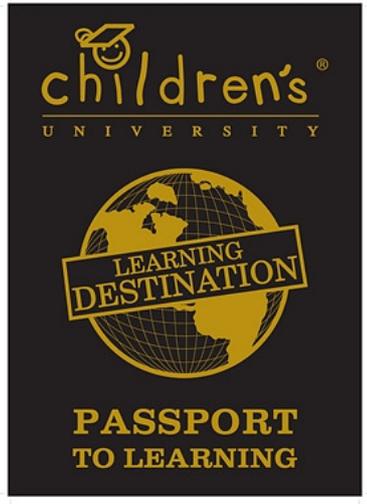
kcu@kent.gov.uk or Kent Children's University, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ.

Please only send evidence upon completing all the activities you wish to complete.

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PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO YOUR PASSPORT TO LEARNING			
DATE	HOUR(S)	ACTIVITY	STAMP OF APPROVAL



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