

Winter Challenge

The Reading Agency Winter Challenge

There's a Yeti in the Playground!

We know that the Summer Reading Challenge is really popular and the great news is that there's a Mini Winter Reading Challenge too.

Most suitable for learners aged 5 to 7

More on The Reading Agency website



Elf on the Shelf

Write and illustrate a story about Elf on the Shelf

Make a Plastic Free Christmas Decoration

As the festive season arrives, it's time to decorate!

As we become more aware of the need to reduce our plastic, what does that mean for lots of our favourite tree decorations?



Tinsel adds a great pop of light and colour, but it's made from polyvinyl chloride (PVC) which takes up to 1,000 to break down, so it's terrible for the environment.

The Woodland Trust have some great craft ideas on their [website](#), including Tissue Paper Tinsel, Pom-Pom Tinsel and a Pine Cone Garland and my particular favourite is the festive bunting

The 12 Days of Christmas

The 12 Days of Christmas is a famous Christmas Song. Each verse explains gifts that have been given to "my true love" The gifts get more exciting in each verse.

Write your own version of the 12 Days of Christmas – what would your gifts be?

Penny Saving Ideas!

Recycle and Reuse

Once Christmas is over, collect together the Christmas Cards and make your gift tags for next year.

**½ Hour CU Learning**

Design and make Christmas Wrapping paper that can be recycled.

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Once Christmas is over, build a structure with the Christmas Cards.

**1 Hour CU Learning**

Twig and Stick Christmas Tree



If you're going outdoors with your family, why not suggest a woodland walk. Collect lots of different sized sticks and twigs and create your own stick Christmas Tree.

Winter Weather Words

Watch a weather forecast on the television. How many different weather adjectives can you hear?

How many other weather adjectives can you think of?

Film your own weather forecast!

For each activity you complete you will receive up to 1 hour of CU Learning in your Passport. Take your evidence, such as photographs, drawings and written work to your CU coordinator in school or send them to us in the CU office by email [admin@essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk](mailto:admin@essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk)