

Essex Children's University & Suffolk Children's University

Spring Challenge 2019 – Challenge Sheet 2

Newspaper Shoes

Our friends at CU Australia set this challenge for their CU Learners in March and we really liked it. We will share your designs with them too!



Design and then create a pair of newspaper shoes using only newspaper and glue.

1. Measure how far you are able to walk in them.
2. Create a few designs, with step by step instructions on how to fold them, perhaps for a friend or family member, so that they can create their own.
3. Remember to ask your grown up to send us a picture of your shoes so that we can send them to our friends at CU Australia.
1 hour of CU Learning

Boredom Busters:

Play a board game
Learn how to skim stones
Learn to play a game of cards

15 minutes of CU Learning for each

Shadow Puppets



Make your own shadow puppets and build a puppet show theatre.

You could create your shadow puppets by tracing characters from one of your favourite story books and putting them on card, or looking on Pinterest perhaps (ask permission first though).

Write a short story which includes your characters and then invite a family member to see the performance.

1.5 hours of CU Learning

Build a Musical Instrument:

A musical instrument is anything that can make musical sounds.



Using items you find at home make your own musical instrument. Don't be afraid to experiment ☺

1 hour of CU Learning

Post

Write, by hand and not on a computer, a letter to a friend or family member and post it.

In your letter ask them to send you a reply with their news.

What sort of things will you tell them?

What sort of questions will you ask?

You will need to buy a stamp to be able to post it.

How much does a stamp cost?

Did that surprise you?

What information did you find on the Post Box?
Are all Post Boxes the same?
How many different types can you find? You'll need to keep your eyes open!

How long did it take your letter to arrive?



How did you feel when you received a letter addressed to you?
1.5 hours of CU Learning

Children
are not things
to be moulded,
but people
to be unfolded.

- Jess Lair

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Get Snap Happy



When nature starts to wake up from its long winter sleep, make sure you're outside to see it!



Fresh green growth pushing through the soil, bumblebees emerging and, of course, bluebells creating a stunning blue carpet in woodland glades.

As well as a time of new growth, it's also mating season for many animals and this results in some bizarre behaviour!



If you're a budding photographer or filmographer, you could even capture the arrival of spring on film.

In fact, it's a great season for photographers generally. Take a picture that really sums up spring for you and send it to us, telling us where you took it, when you took it and why it is so important to you.

1 hour of CU Learning

Get Crafting

Crafting is an activity or a hobby where you make decorative articles by hand. Craft hobbies include scrapbooking, sewing, card-making, knitting, origami, woodturning, pottery, jewellery making and so much more....

We are very excited to tell you that our lovely friends at Age Concern, Colchester will be running free craft sessions for children aged 7 – 11 (accompanied by a grown up please) on:

Tuesday 16th April
10am to 12pm

The Veranda, Age Concern, North Hill, Colchester Essex (at the top of North Hill on the same side as the Post Office)

Try your hand at:

- Beading;
- Card making; and
- Knitting too!

All the activities and materials are free of charge and there's no need to book.

There's a community café where you will be able to buy drinks and snacks too 😊



2 hours of CU Learning



Build and Sail a Junk Model Boat

Using items from around your house, make a junk model boat and test it to make sure it floats.

1. What did you use to make your boat?
2. Did it sail the first time you tried it?
3. If it didn't sail, what changes did you have to make and why do you think you needed to make them?

Send us a picture of your vessel and let us know how her maiden voyage went ... let us know what maiden voyage means too 😊

1 hour of CU Learning

Create your own Haka and research the history of the Haka

The Haka is a Ceremonial Dance in Maori Culture. You might have seen it performed before sports matches played by teams from New Zealand.

Research the Haka and its history and then create and film your own version of this Ceremonial Dance, you could ask your friends to join in and then teach it to your families.



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