

Passport Activity Newsletter

February 2022

Welcome to the **February edition** of our Rotherham CU Passport Activity Newsletter. We'll be publishing a CU Passport Activity Newsletter just before each school holiday, packed full of fun activities and ideas to keep you busy – in this version, you can find science, pottery, dragons and birds, stories, music and even a hospital to take your teddy bears to!



In our newsletters, you'll find activities taking place across the town in the school holidays – and if your child has a Passport to Learning, they'll be able to earn CU credits for taking part in all of them! Some of the activities are FREE while some will need to be paid for, and some require booking in advance. We would always recommend contacting the Learning Destination (approved activity provider) before making a special journey to join them, and you can find contact details of ALL of our Learning Destinations here:

www.childrensuniversity.co.uk

During 2020 and 2021, our friends at Sheffield CU published daily CU Home Learning Challenges and reached **98** of them by the end of the school year! We'll be sharing a selection of them in these newsletters, so why not have a go at completing them at home? You'll need to take your work into your school to show the staff, and why not tell that about all the things you learned, and how you developed a range of skills by completing the challenges? They'll give you an activity stamp code so you can enter it onto CU Online and claim your CU credits towards your next award.

If you see challenges published by other CUs, then do feel free to complete them. To claim your CU credits for these, you'll need to show your work to your teacher in school, then they'll be able to give you your CU activity stamp code to add to CU Online.

You can find Learning Destinations in Rotherham and beyond at www.childrensuniversity.co.uk or see our latest list at the end of the newsletter. We're welcoming new Learning Destinations all the time – see details later in the newsletter, on how you can nominate an activity provider to join us!

Make sure you're following us on Twitter for our Rotherham CU news!



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Did you know?

The Passport to Learning is your key to exciting learning activities in and beyond Rotherham!

Looking for a new activity to try? Want some ideas for things to do nearby? Are you having a trip out somewhere? Going on holiday? Visiting friends and family? You can collect CU credits at museums, castles, forests, coastlines, mountains, cathedrals, zoos and lots of other famous landmarks in Rotherham and right across the UK.



1. Get ready!



- **Get a Passport to Learning.** Ask in school how you can do this.
- **Visit the website:** www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/activity-search

2. Get in on the action!



- **Use the website to find details of Learning Destinations** before you go. Why not refresh your search whilst you're out and about?
- **Visit them and learn lots!** Look out for structured learning activities such as trails, talks by experts, quizzes and workshops (remember: **only** these structured activities count towards CU credits).



3. Get your CU credits!

- **Collect your CU Activity Stamp.** Ask a member of staff at the Learning Destination for the code. Record it in your CU Passport to Learning.
- **Claim your CU credits.** Log into CU Online, enter your Activity Stamp Code and see your credits increase. Why not review the activity (tell us what you learned and what you thought about it), and we'll award some extra credits! Ask in school if you need any help.



Rotherham CU Learning Destinations

Feb 2022



Dance and Theatre



Helen O'Grady Drama Academy (Rotherham)

Jack's Theatre School (Catcliffe)



Sport & Physical

Rotherham Cheerleading Academy



Rotherham United Community Sports Trust

Uniformed Organisations

1st Rotherham Scout Group (Kimberworth)
12th Rotherham Scout Group (Swallownest)
35th Rotherham (St James, North Anston) Scout Group
9th Rotherham Scout Group (Rawmarsh)



Family Learning & Multi-activity

Gulliver's Valley



Kidzone Youth Club (Brinsworth)

Literacy & Languages



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Rotherham Libraries - Aston, Brinsworth, Dinnington, Greasborough, Kimberworth, Kiveton Park, Maltby, Mowbray Gardens, Rawmarsh, Riverside, Swinton, Thorpe Hesley, Thurcroft, Wath, Wickersley



Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths



Magna Science and Adventure

History & Heritage, Galleries & Museums

Boston Castle



Clifton Park Museum

Wentworth Woodhouse



Art, Culture & Music

Rotherham Music



Mental health & wellbeing support

Mini First Aiders



Find their details here:

www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/activity-search/

*Watch this space for BRAND NEW Learning Destinations coming soon...



Dance and Theatre

A Mind Apart Theatre Company
City Limits Dance Centre
Constance Grant Dance Centre
Dancemasters
Dance Unlimited
Excel Dance
Funky Dance Fever
Grow Theatre
Heights Ballet & Theatre School
Hyoa Dance Academy
Montgomery Theatre
Noodle Performance Arts Ltd
Performix
Polarising Academy of Dance (The)
PQA Sheffield
Razemata Theatre School (Sheffield)
Ruth Marsh School of Dancing
Sheffield Theatres
Spotlight Theatre Dance Studio
Stagecoach Sheffield
Steel Valley Beacon Arts (performing arts)
Stepping Out Dance School
Stepz Dance Academy

Galleries & Museums

Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet Museum
Graves Gallery
Ketham Island Industrial Museum
Millennium Gallery
National Videogames Museum
Weston Park Museum

Outdoors, Nature & Environment

Botanical Gardens
Discover TRIBE
Foresters
Grow Theatre
Rivlin Woodland Skills
Secret Garden (Friends of Zion Graveyard)
South Yorkshire Orienteers

Study Support

Explore Learning - Sheffield
Ecclesall Road, Hillsborough
Kip McGrath Education Centres - Sheffield
(East, Central, North, South East & South West)
KUMON - Crookes Centre
Tailored Tuition

Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths

AmazeLab
Bright Box Makerspace
Discovery STEM Education
Fun Science - Sheffield
Imagination Gaming
Maker Futures (Uni of Sheffield)
National Videogames Museum
North Star Science Summer School
TechClubKids
Uni of Sheffield - science and engineering

History & Heritage

Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet
Am@re Spanish Club
Am@re Learning
Dar Arabic School
Japanese Play Group and Study Club
Les Petite Poissons
Lore Tree Academy
Manor Lodge Discovery Centre
Penny Row Projects
Russian ClubOK
Se habla Español
Sheffield Chinese School
Sheffield Young Archaeologists Club

Literacy & Languages

Am@re Spanish Club
Am@re Learning
Between the Lines Festival
Dar Arabic School
Japanese Play Group and Study Club
Learn Spanish with Liz
Les Petite Poissons
Lore Tree Academy
Russian ClubOK
Se habla Español
Sheffield Chinese School
Speaque

Sheffield Libraries - Broomhill, Burngreave,
Central Children's, Chapeltown, Crystal Peaks,
Darnall, Ecclesall, Ecclesfield, Firth Park,
Frecheville, Gleadless, Greenhill, Highfield,
Hillsborough, Jordanthorpe, Manor, Newfield,
Park, Parson Cross, Southey, Stannington,
Stockbridge, Tinsley, Totley, Upperthorpe,
Walsley, Woodhouse, Woodseats

Find their details here:

www.childrens.university.co.uk/activity-search/

Family Learning & Multi-activity

Foxhill Forum
Imagination Gaming
Live Lighter - Children & Families Programme
Norfolk Park Tenants & Residents Association
Sheffield BID
Sheffield Family Learning
Sheffield Hallam Uni - Outreach activities
Sheffield Young Carers Project
Soaride Sheffield
St Mary's Church - Handsworth
ZEST

Art, Culture & Music

AS Music School
Bright Box Makerspace
Broomhill Music
Cartoon Drawing Club
Concord Allstars Junior Marching Band
Concord Youth Music (see above)
Harmony Music School
Ignite Imagination
Kids Arts Academy
OpenUp Sheffield
Peter Burt - Piano and Guitar lessons
Sheffield Guitar Studio
Sheffield Music Academy
Sheffield Music Hub
Sheffield Theatres
Silverwood Music School
Third Angel
Yorkshire Artspace

Mental health & wellbeing support

DFCSY (Philosophy for Children)
Sheffield Young Carers Project
Sparkle Sheffield

See next page for...

- Sports and physical activity
- Uniformed organisations



Sport & Physical

Academy of Self Defence
(Hallamshire) Academy of Tennis
Active Kids at Sport Sheffield (University of Sheffield)
Active Summer Camps
AG Sports Coaching
Archers School Sports Partnership
Awesome Walls (Sheffield)
Brendan Inge Gym (Boxing)
Castle Martial Arts
Chapeltown Amateur Swimming Club
Charnock Ridgeway Junior Football Club
Climbing Works
Concord Netball Club
Ecclesfield Red Rose J-C
Excel Martial Arts
Fulwood Sports Club (John Mullins Squash Academy)
(The) Foundry Climbing Centre
Goals Sheffield
Graves Health & Sports Centre
Greentop Circus
Greenoside Equestrian Centre
GymStars School Gymnastics
High Green Gymnastics Academy
Hillsborough Park Rangers Under 9s team
King Edwards Swimming Pool
Legacy Combat Academy
Leisure United (formerly St George's Park) - Graves,
Thorncliffe & Westfield Centres
Little Messys Sheffield
MDS Beighton Falcons Football Club
Mossborough Rugby Club
Myrhurst Marlins
Net4All
Otter Tots & Junior Swim School
Performix

Pilung Taekwondo (EISS centre)
Powers Martial Arts Centre
Red Karate
Sheffield City Trust - Concord Sports Centre, EISS,
Heeley, Hillsborough, Ice Sheffield, Ponds Forge, Springs,
& Westfield Centres
Sheffield Academy of Martial Arts
Sheffield City Boxing Club
Sheffield Diving
Sheffield Gymnastics Academy
Sheffield Harriers Community Basketball Club
Sheffield Horangi Taekwondo
Sheffield Jitsu Club
Sheffield Swim School
Sheffield United Community Foundation Football Camp
Sheffield United Cricket Club
Sheffield Wednesday FC Community Programme
Sheffield Wildcats Rink Hockey Club
Sheffield Workshop Gymnastics
South Yorkshire Orienteers
State of Mind Karate and Kickboxing
Steel City Martial Arts
Steel City Sports
Stockbridge Community Leisure Centre
Stockbridge Park Steels Football Club
Studio 54/Ta Sheng Do
Swim Sheffield
Thorncliffe Football Club
Underbank Outdoor Activity Centre (AKA Peak Pursuits)
Valley Judo
Westfield Junior Badminton Club
Wild Spirit Aikido
Worley Rugby Union Club
Yong-ji Tae Kwon do
ZEST

See first page for...

- Dance & Theatre
- Galleries & Museums
- Outdoors, Nature & Environment
- Study Support
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths
- History & Heritage
- Literacy & Languages
- Family Learning & Multi-activity
- Art, Culture & Music
- Mental Health & Wellbeing Support



Uniformed Organisations

1st Beighton Brownies
1st Beighton Guides
2nd Beighton Rainbows
23rd Sheffield Boys Brigade
25th Sheffield (Ecclesfield) Scout Group
35th Sheffield St Oswald's Scout Group
39th Sheffield (Wisewood Methodist) Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers
54th Sheffield Boys' Brigade
54th Sheffield (St Luke's) Rainbows, Brownies
54th Sheffield (Lodge Moor) Guides
57th Fulwood Rainbows
74th Oak Street Scout Group
89th (Shortbrook) Brownies
125th Sheffield (1st Dore) Brownies
142nd (Sheffield) Fulwood Scout Group
148th (Norton St James) Brownies
150th Wadley Scouts
170th Sheffield Brownies

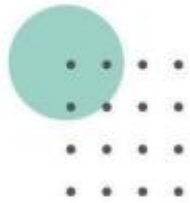
72nd (St Peter's) Greenhill Brownies
173rd (St Peter's) Sheffield Rainbows
173rd Sheffield Woodhouse Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
183rd Sheffield (Hillsborough Trinity) Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
186th Sheffield Rainbows, Brownies, Guides
186th Sheffield Scout Group
192nd Sheffield Brownies (High Green)
192nd Sheffield Guides (High Green)
205th Sheffield Rainbows
205th Sheffield Brownies
205th Sheffield Guides
219th Sheffield Scouts
229th Sheffield (Greenhill Methodist) Scout Group
230th Sheffield (Gleadless) Scouts
267th Sheffield (Dore) Scout Group
270th Intake Scouts
273rd Handsworth Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
280th Norton St James Scout Group - Beaver colony
Sheffield Sea Cadets

Find their details here:

www.childrens.university.co.uk/activity-search/

Free Pottery Workshop

Friday 25th February
10am-12pm
Clifton Park Museum



Join ceramic artist Caroline Lee and make a small decorative door from air drying clay.

Make a door inspired by objects from the museum collection, your own interests or heritage.

No experience is needed.
All tools, materials and equipment will be provided.

Art-work created can be dried out and painted at home.



FREE ACTIVITY

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07990673151 OR
EMAIL
HERITAGE.LEARN@
ROTHERHAM.GOV.UK

ACTIVITY FOR AGE 12+
PLEASE STATE NAME AND
AGE WHEN BOOKING

ADULT SUPERVISION
REQUIRED FOR UNDER 16



How to train your dragon

Calling all brave knights, the dragons have landed this half term at Rawmarsh Library.

Thursday 24th February

10.30 -11.30am

Have a go at making your own dragon and dragon mask.

Drew the dragon is causing chaos with his pals, can you help to round them up?

Free craft session suitable for ages 3 – 12years.

Contact the library on 01709 255682 to book a place



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WHEN ART AND STEM COLLIDE

Sunday 27th February 2022
Sheffield City Centre (Venue tbc)

Explore your creativity
Delve into different artforms
Learn from professional artists
Broaden your creative opportunities

FREE CREATIVE SESSIONS for 12-16 year-olds, inspired by Sheffield's rich space heritage. Join us for hands-on activities around the theme of creativity and space!

10.30am-12 noon - Taste Exploration

In this workshop, you'll investigate taste and create marshmallow constellations that are good enough to eat. Discover more about this function, from exploring how astronauts taste in space to doctors using taste training to help those recovering from Covid 19.

1.00pm-2.30pm - Discover Chromatography

Artists originally used chromatography to dye materials and fabrics, then scientists adapted it as a technique to understand liquid mixture, now in space it's used to keep astronauts safe from contaminants and for the analysis of extra-terrestrial environments! Learn how it works for yourself by making your own Chromatography.

3.00pm-4.30pm - Planet Fashion

Fashion design combines the knowledge of art and science to come up with clothing solutions that meet the needs of the consumer and push boundaries to create new trends, in this workshop you'll consider materials, functionality and creativity to design a next-level spacesuit!

We've teamed up with Amazelab to develop this hands-on, exciting and inspiring programme which will demonstrate how skills developed through arts and STEM can work together. Workshops are aimed at 12 - 16 year olds, you can attend one session, or all three, the choice is yours. Booking is essential, as places are limited.

Find out more and apply to take part at
www.igniteimagination.org.uk/get-involved

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Foundation



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FREE
educational
event for
children

Counts
towards
Children's
university

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET TODAY!

Teddy Bear Hospital is a University of Sheffield student-led society who aim to teach children about healthy living and reduce their anxieties regarding visiting the doctor and hospital.

We are holding an educational event for **ONE DAY** for all children above 3 years of age!

Date – 19th February 2022

Time – 10:00am-4:00pm

Venue – Firth Court
Western Bank,
Sheffield, S10 2TN



Scan the QR code below to book your place today, or visit our Facebook page for more information and the booking link!



@TeddyBearHospitalSheffield



This event will be run in accordance with the relevant COVID guidelines, for more information visit our Facebook page

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Spinning Yarns

FREE: This activity combines words with materials to create a work of art and learn a new skill. Join Textile artist Karen Hall as she spins words and yarns into something very special in these free workshops. These sessions are open to family members (activity appropriate for age 6+ to adult) and will take place in Spinning Yarns.

AGE 6+

Tuesday 22nd, 10am
Wednesday 23rd, 10am
Thursday 24th, 10am
Friday 25th, 10am
Saturday 26th, 10am

AGE 10-13

Tuesday 22nd, 1pm
Wednesday 23rd, 1pm

AGE 12-16

Thurs 24th, 1pm
Fri 25th, 1pm
Sat 26th, 1pm



Drawers of conversation - keepsakes and collages



FREE: Create a work of art as an alternative selfie of what makes you you! Join artist Jennifer Booth in this exciting art session in the Writer's Pad.

AGE 11-13 (families welcome to join in/stay)

Tuesday 22nd, 10.30am
Thurs 24th, 10.30am

AGE 14-16

Tues 22nd, 1.30pm
Thurs 24th, 1.30pm



The Beauty of Others - drama dance story with Khula Arts - Tuesday 22nd, 1.00pm

FREE: A musical dance activity with Khula Arts, for young people age 7 – 11 to experience story through dance and drama. There will be the chance to learn a song and ask questions of the artists. The Beauty of Others is a dance drama performance which celebrates the importance of cultural diversity and different ways of living. Through dance and movements, you will be introduced to Southern African village life. Powerful African beats will flow and complement the dance moves, illustrating rural African lifestyles and culture.



Collage Jointed Figures with Mandy Keating

FREE for families (activity suitable for age 7+). Join us for a **FREE** creative workshop for families (activity suitable for age 7+) with artist Mandy Keating. Create your own wonderful jointed story puppets in the Writer's Pad.

Weds 23rd, 10.30am
Fri 25th, 1.30pm

Booking and more info: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/grimm-amp-co-8635099518>

Ekhaya - Love Them Both Spoken word performance with audience participation, music and song

Join us for this FREE spoken word performance from Khula Arts. This is especially suitable for teenagers, age 12 - 16, to enjoy this spoken word performance.

Weds 23rd, 12pm



Suitcase Theatre

Join artist Mandy Keating in this FREE workshop for families in the Writer's Pad (activity suitable age 7+) where you will create suitcase theatres to tell imaginative stories.

Weds 23rd, 1.30pm

Fri 25^h, 10.30am



Character Creating - Writing workshop for ages 5-7

Have you ever wanted to create your own characters but didn't know where to start? Or maybe, you already have an idea that you'd like to build on. Join Granny Norbag author, Malcolm J Hogan, for a fun filled writing workshop - guaranteed to get your giggling, scribbling and on the path to creating your own stories.

These sessions are aimed at young people aged 5-7. You are only required to reserve a ticket for each child attending. We ask that a grown-up remains with the child for the session, but you do not need a ticket.

Thurs 24th, 10am

Fri 25th, 10am

Sat 26th, 10am



The Fairground of feeling better: therapeutic arts based story themes

The Fairground of Feeling Better: Therapeutic arts based story interactive performances in short bursts of activity by Dandelion Arts Theatre Company. Each session lasts for 30-40 minutes and will take place in Lyrical. All ages welcome. Small audiences (6 per session). Please ensure that all attendees have a ticket.

Thurs 24th, 10am

Thurs 24th, 11am

Thurs 24th, 1pm

Fri 25th, 10am

Fri 25th, 11am

Fri 25th, 1pm

Fri 25th, 2pm

Booking and more info:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/grimm-amp-co-8635099518>



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Granny Norbag - Puppet storytelling and songs (ages 5-7)

Join Rotherham's own 91 year old magic pensioner, Granny Norbag, as she retells her famous adventures. This musical puppet performance features naughty pirates, angry aliens and an eight foot troll. However, the big question is... Can Granny Norbag save the day and still get home in time for Emmerdale? This fun filled show is guaranteed to delight young audiences and their families.



These sessions are aimed at young people aged 5-7. You are only required to reserve a ticket for each child attending. We ask that a grown-up remains with the child for the session, but you do not need a ticket.

Thurs 24th, 1pm

Fri 25th, 1pm

Sat 26th 1pm



Lyrical songs accompanied by harp followed by a community singing workshop

FREE: Music written by our children and young people accompanied by harp. Join us with Khula Arts and Georgie Buchanan for a wonderful musical performance. Experience and enjoy live music in Showtime on Linger Longer Lane. Suitable for all ages. Followed by FREE: Community song workshop with George Buchanan. Experience and enjoy live music in Showtime on Linger Longer Lane. Suitable for all ages. Thurs 24th, 1.30pm

Khula Arts: Music and Love Band

Join us for a FREE performance by Khula Arts. Enjoy music influenced by Zimbabwe and other parts of Africa. Enjoy as an audience member in Showtime. Suitable for all ages.

Fri 25th, 11am

Fri 25th, 1pm



Pop-up Book creation with Mandy Keating

Join artist Mandy Keating in this FREE workshop in the Writer's Pad to create your very own pop-up book. This is an all day activity for families (with children aged 7+) with limited spaces available. The session will last from 10.30am to 3.30pm with a half hour lunch.

Sat 26th, 10.30am

Booking and more info:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/grimm-amp-co-8635099518>

Khula Drumming

Come along and have a try at African Drumming in Showtime on Linger Longer Lane. This is for all ages. Pre-book or drop-in if space is available.

Sat 26th, 11am
Sat 26th, 1pm
Sat 26th, 2.30pm



Where to find our activities...

Activities will be taking place in the Old Town Hall in Rotherham. If you are unsure where you need to be, please ask at the Grimm & Co shop, situated at the entrance to the Old Town Hall (Linger Longer Lane) opposite Joe's Fruit and Veg. We will be happy to direct you and answer any questions you may have.

Please ensure that all attendees have a ticket to help us manage numbers. Please note that these events are likely to be very popular. Please arrive ten minutes before the event starts to ensure that you can be signed in and shown to the correct area where the event will take place. Due to the nature of these activities, unfortunately we cannot guarantee that anyone arriving late will be allowed entry and may forfeit their place.

If you are unable to attend, please email info@grimmandco.co.uk so that we can reallocate your space.

Whilst there is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering, the Government suggests that you continue to wear one in crowded and enclosed spaces. We encourage you to wear a mask if you are able to do so. Hand sanitisation stations will be available throughout the area, and regular cleaning will take place between sessions. The activities will take place in well-ventilated areas and will take place in small groups inside the building, or outside in the arcade. Please do not attend if you feel unwell or if you are required to self-isolate.



Flights of fancy

Free craft activity at Dinnington
Library

Tuesday 22nd February
10.30am – 11.30am

Suitable for children
aged 6 and over

Booking essential as places are limited
Contact the library to book your place
01709 334426
Or see a member of staff

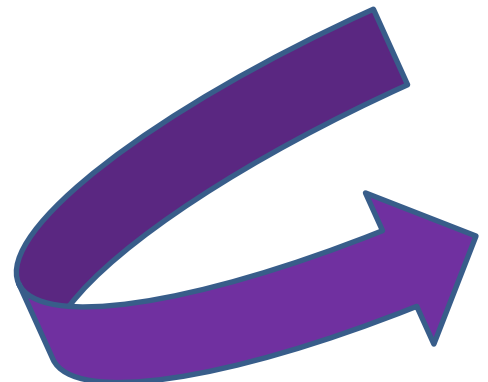
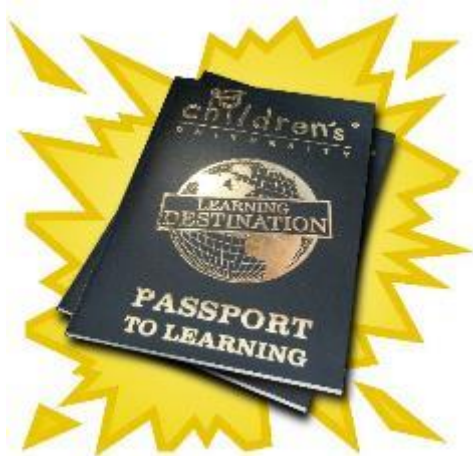


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**Take a look at the Rotherham
Children's University Home Learning
Challenges on the next few pages!**



**Take your completed challenge work (or photos/videos of it) into school to
show your teacher. They will give you the Activity Stamp Codes to add to CU
Online to claim your CU credits – 1 per activity!**

February Challenge: #DrawWithRob

Drawing is a really great activity – it helps you to relax, it gets your creative juices flowing, and helps you to focus in on something calming for a while. There are lots of different types of drawing, but today's challenge will help you to learn some top tricks of the trade from a professional cartoon artist.

You will need:

- Plain paper
- Pencil
- Pencil crayons

Lots of people think and say, "I can't draw" (us included!), but grab some paper and a pencil, click on the link below, and learn step-by-step from Rob Biddulph on his YouTube channel!

Step 1: Grab your paper and a pencil.

Step 2: Ask an adult to help you click on the link below on a device (mobile phone, tablet, laptop or smart TV is fine), but be prepared to keep pausing and unpasing the video so you can follow Rob's drawings step-by-step.

<http://www.robbiddulph.com/draw-with-rob>

Step 3: Choose which drawing you'd like to do. Scroll through Rob's page, choose your picture and click on the link. The first one (a dinosaur called Gregosaurus) is a good one to start with as Rob introduces himself, but feel free to choose any you like.

Step 4: Get drawing! We'd like you to have a go at at least three different drawings, but why not have a go at all of them if you have time? Maybe one a day over the next week? We can't wait to see your creations!

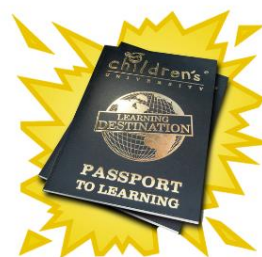


Which skills will I be developing?

Main skill



Additional skills



February Challenge: Snow Fluff!

Most of us have already seen at least one lot of snow since the start of Winter, but here's an experiment so you can make your own snow at any time of the year!

You will need:

- 1 cup corn flour
- 1 cup shaving cream
- Food colouring

Step 1: Pour the cup of corn flour into a large bowl. Use a spoon to scoop the shaving cream on top of it.

Step 2: Put 5-10 drops of food colouring on top. Stir to mix.

Step 3: When the mixture looks like grated cheese, use your hands to squish the mixture even more. Pretty soon the shaving cream and corn flour will form a ball, about the same texture as dough. If your mixture is really wet and sticky after mixing, it needs a little more corn flour. If it won't stick together and falls into pieces, add a little more shaving cream.

Step 4: That's it! Try sculpting snow angels, snowmen, or make a tiny snow fort!

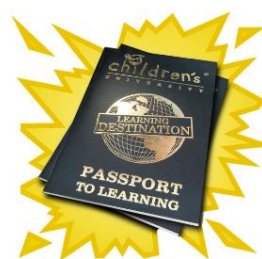


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February Challenge: Banana Bread!

Lockdowns last year saw a huge number of people start baking at home, and LOADS of people have tried baking banana bread! It's really quick, easy to do and doesn't need lots of equipment or ingredients either. So, wash your hands, and let's get baking!

You will need:

- 3 ripe bananas, mashed
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup melted butter
- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- A baking tin (9"x5" but anything similar will be fine)

Step 1: Preheat your oven to 165 degrees C (325 degrees F). Grease a 9x5-inch loaf tin.

Step 2: Mix your bananas, sugar, egg, and butter together in a bowl.

Step 3: Mix your flour and baking soda together in a separate bowl. Stir it into the banana mixture until the batter is just mixed. Stir the salt into batter.

Step 4: Pour the batter into your prepared loaf tin.

Step 5: Bake in the oven for about an hour. It should be baked until you can stick a knife or fork into the centre and when you pull it out, it comes out clean (with no raw mixture on it).

Step 6: Leave it to cool a little, then slice and enjoy. It's lovely served just a little warm with a warm drink, or with some ice cream or cream!

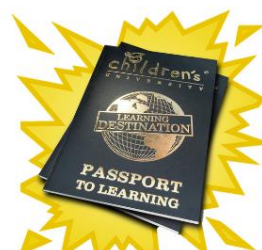


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February Challenge: Hopscotch!

Hopscotch is a traditional playground game for children – have you played before? Or maybe, you've seen a hopscotch game marked out on the floor but never known how to play? You only need some space to play, some way of marking out the area and a small object to throw. So, here's a challenge to get you hopscotching either for the first time, or with some different ways to play for you more experienced children (and adults!). Here's the classic game first...

You will need:

- Somewhere to mark out the game on the floor (outdoors or indoors)
- Chalk or a stone or tape
- A marker (stone or other object)

Step 1: Draw a traditional hopscotch diagram like the one in the picture (chalk is best for the pavement outdoors but you might find that a stone will make a good enough mark. If you're playing inside, you could use tape)

Step 2: Throw a small stone, twig, beanbag, or other marker into the first square. (If it lands on a line, or outside the square, you lose your turn. Pass the marker to the following player and wait for your next turn.)

Step 3: Hop on one foot into the first empty square, and then every empty square after that. Just make sure you skip the one your marker is on.

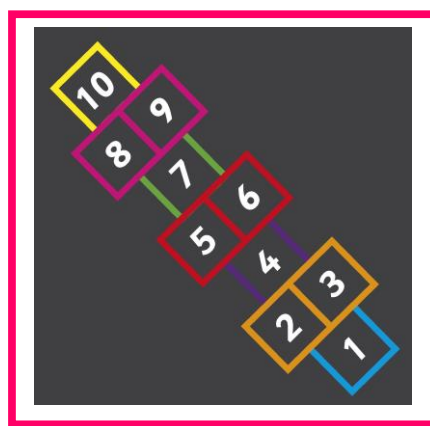
Step 4: When you get to the pairs of numbers (2-3, 5-6, 8-9), jump with both feet, one in each square.

Step 5: At number 10, land as a jump with both feet in the square. Then make your way back to the start in the same way (hop on single numbers, jump for the paired numbers).

Step 6: When you reach the square with your marker in, pick up the marker—still on one foot (don't wobble over!)—and complete the course, back to the start.

Step 7: If you finished without any mistakes, pass the marker to the next player. On your next turn, throw the marker to the next number. If you fall, or jump outside the lines, or miss a square or don't pick up the marker, you lose your turn and must repeat the same number on your next turn. Whoever reaches 10 first, wins.

To make things a little more challenging, try these suggestions...**Watch the Time:** Set a timer for 30 seconds. Each player must complete the course within the time frame to proceed. If you go into overtime, you lose your turn. **Sign on the Line:** Instead of throwing the marker in order of the numbers, throw it in any square. When you complete a successful turn, write your initials or name in the square where your marker landed and pass it to the next player. The game ends when all spaces have been signed. The person with the most signed squares wins. **Kick It:** Try kicking the marker from space to space—with your hopping foot—as you jump through the course.

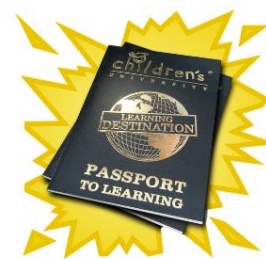


Which skills will I be developing?

Main skill



Additional skills



February Challenge: Julia Donaldson

We're pretty sure you'll all have heard of at least one of the fantastic story books created by the brilliant Julia Donaldson? Which is your favourite? The Gruffalo? A Squash and a Squeeze perhaps? Maybe even Room on the Broom? We love them all! If you haven't yet read them, why not pop along to your nearest Rotherham library to borrow and read them? If you're not yet a Rotherham library member, follow this link here: <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/leisure-culture/about-the-library/1> It's FREE to join, and also gives you access to thousands more ebooks, emagazines, etc. that you can download for free!

But this challenge is a little bit special. Last year, Julia Donaldson worked with the amazing illustrator Axel Scheffler to bring us some unique, special edition illustrated rhymes all relating to the Coronavirus – lockdown, learning at home and even the vaccine are all examples of how Julia Donaldson has turned a current situation into a rhyme. We've included some as examples on the next page. We'd love for you to have a go at making up your own rhymes, using famous characters from a book. You can use Julia Donaldson's characters or others from one of your own favourites books – it's up to you.

You will need:

- Paper
- Pencil
- Colouring pens/pencils

Step 1: Decide which book character you want to use for your rhyme.

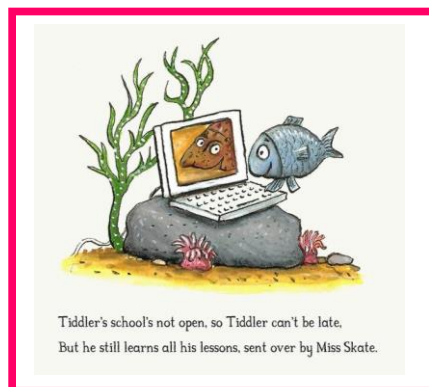
Step 2: Think about something which has changed for you over the last year or so. Perhaps it's learning at home, or learning in a bubble at school. Maybe it's having to stay at home. How about having to catch up with friends on Zoom? How about wearing a face covering? But it could also be something about spending more time with family? Have you been playing more games together? Have you found this fun? Or, could your rhyme be about having to spend more time stuck indoors? It's up to you!

Step 3: Try and write some key words down that are linked to your idea. For example, for 'staying at home', your words might be 'bored', 'crazy', 'cook', 'games', 'learn', 'Zoom', 'Google', 'classroom', 'friends', 'walls', 'inside', etc.

Step 4: Try and write a short sentence (about a maximum of 10 words) about your subject. Next, try and write another sentence which rhymes with the end of the first one. Don't worry if you can't do it straight away. You might need to play around with the words a little until you get some to rhyme together. Don't worry if you can't get them to rhyme though, it's not essential! An example might be...

'The Gruffalo's Child laid bored on his bed. 'I know', he thought, 'I'll bake banana bread'!

Step 5: Can you write your sentences neatly on a piece of paper? Perhaps you could even try and draw your character doing something to match your sentence?

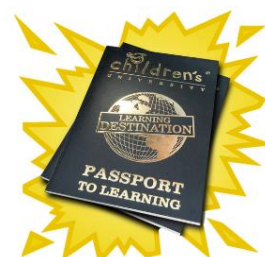


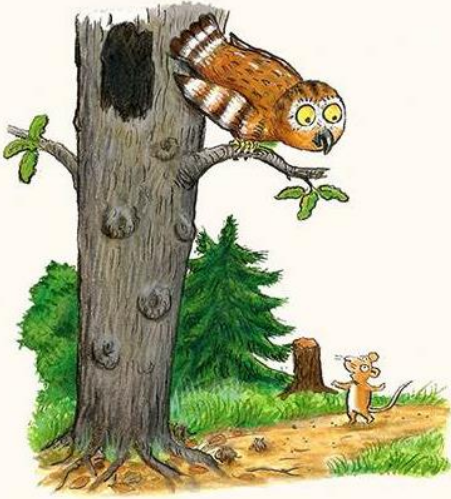
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Main skill



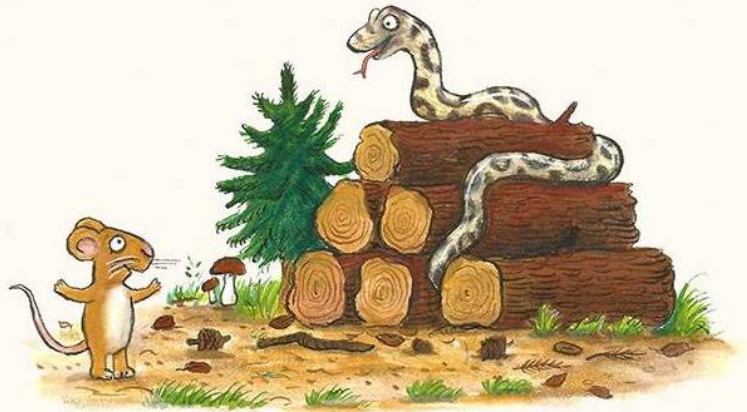
Additional skills





"Where are you going to, little brown mouse?
Come and have tea in my treetop house."
"But I don't want a fine, and your tree might be
Outside of my exercise boundary."

"Where are you going to, little brown mouse?
Come for a feast in our logpile house."



"I wish I could visit your house of sticks
But sadly, two households may not mix."

Finding your mum was a whole lot of trouble.
How can you be bored with your family bubble?



Iggety, ziggety, zaggety, ZOOM -
I wish there was somebody real in my room.



Here come the Flying Doctors - joy and jubilation!
The mermaid, lion and unicorn will get the vaccination.

For more ideas, have a look at the other special
edition images...

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2021/january/julia-donaldson-and-axel-scheffler-brighten-lockdown-with-more-new-coronavirus-pictures/>

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