

Autumn Challenge 2023

Complete your challenge and present the evidence to your school for learning stamps to be awarded.

Alternatively, email admin@essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk (for Suffolk Learners too) We are limited on office hours until our new CU Manager starts in November and there may be some delay in issuing learning stamp codes.

<p>BBC 500 Words</p> 	<p>3 Learning Stamps</p> <p>BBC 500 Words</p> <p>Write a story you would love to read.</p> <p>BBC's 500 Words is the UK's largest children's story writing competition for 5 – 11 year olds.</p> <p>Closing date Friday 10th November 2023.</p> <p>All the details on this link: 500 Words - BBC Teach</p>
<p>ootiboo</p>  <p>Competition closes midnight 31st October.</p> <p>Prizes to be won from Farshore, The Works and Harper Collins.</p> <p>Open to all ages.</p>	<p>2 learning stamps</p> <p>Competition for children and adults</p> <p>Children's University has a new partnership with ootiboo and they have created a Halloween craft competition.</p> <p>To celebrate the publication of The Child of the Beast, the fourth book in the darkly delicious The Beast and the Bethany series, they have teamed up with Farshore Books to make this year's ootiBOO! as beastly as possible.</p> <p>With that in mind, ootiboo wants you to show them what your best Halloween-inspired Beast would look like! Or, if you don't fancy designing your own Beast, why not have a go at a spooktacular pumpkin design instead? Find out more on this link.</p>



21st October is National Apple Day.

Apples are a great snack.

Challenge 1: 1 Learning Stamp There is a phrase which is quite well known.

We wonder if you have heard it.

“An Apple a day keeps the Doctor away”.

For this learning stamp we would like you to investigate this phrase and tell us what you have found out.

Do you agree that an Apple a day could keep the Doctor away?

Record your initial thoughts and your findings.

Challenge 2: 1 Learning Stamp

Next time you visit the local supermarket:

1. Make a list of all the apple varieties that the supermarket sells.
2. Note the price of each variety and work out the difference in cost.
3. Have a look to see if you can find out where these apples are grown. Hint: It may say their country of original on the packaging.
4. Finally, when you get home, work out how many miles the apples have travelled to reach your supermarket.

Leafy Lab

1 Learning Stamp

Find a leafy tree near to your home. You are going to become a leaf scientist, studying how the changing season, as we move from Summer into Autumn, will affect the tree’s leaves.

Observe the leaves on Day 1, Day 7 and Day 14. How do the leaves change each week? You can choose how you record your findings. You might decide to draw pictures, make notes, take photos or create a scrap book.



Share your findings with us or with your teacher.



Another wonderful opportunity, without charge, from Go Sketch.

An oppprtunity for your child to increase their confidence, develop their art skills and enjoy drawing together in a supportive art workshop that focuses on both creativity and drawing without a fear of failure.

Join Go Sketch for some free art workshops on Halloween drawing and creative drawing workshops on 25th and 26th Oct at either 10am, 1pm or 5pm (UK Time)

Grab your free space [on this link](#).

1 Learning Stamp

Children's University Half Term Challenge!



Get researching!

Halloween is nearly here! Every year lots of people carve pumpkins to mark the holiday, but do you know why? Research and write about the origins of pumpkin carving and then design your own pumpkin.

Get skillful!

You may know that at Children's University skills are really important! Our Friends and validated learning partner What's your strength?® have fantastic resources which will help build your skills! Complete two of their activities.
<https://tinyurl.com/mrycerub>

Get curious!

October is Black History Month. Join children's television presenter Nigel Clarke as he celebrates the lives of six extraordinary people and their contribution to British history. Then, write ten things you have learnt from the videos.
<https://tinyurl.com/mrxr3vzf>

Things to do this half term!

Each activity is worth 1 credit. To get a stamp code for *Children's University Online* email contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk with evidence - this could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did! All activities require adult supervision. The supervising adult is expected to manage all activity risk.

Get crafty!

There's no need to buy new decorations when you can recycle and transform plastic bottles, cardboard boxes and whatever you have around your house, into spooky Halloween decorations – let your imagination run wild!

Get active!

As the Autumn nights draw in, it's tempting to stay snuggled up on the sofa! To help keep you active go on a nature walk and make an autumnal collage of a landscape using different coloured leaves and natural materials found outside.

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Hand Grab – Pattern Seeking Dr Jo Science

1 Learning Stamp per science activity

If you love science and would like to try more activities from Dr Jo Science, [you can find more on this link.](#)



Hand Grab – pattern seeking



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Do bigger hands hold more?

You will need a few members of your household to do this, or ask friends and family to take part and send you their results!

- Measure your hand span (distance from little finger to thumb with hand outstretched)
- Have a bowl of beads or sweets or lego blocks etc
- Put your hand in and grab as many as will fit in your hand
- Do not scoop or turn your hand over, just grab like a claw grabber
- Remember: It's an investigation, not a competition!

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