

Complete your challenge and present the evidence to your school for Children's University Learning Stamps to be awarded. Alternatively email your photographic evidence, making sure to reference the challenge you are doing, to the office, details below.

Winter Reading Challenge with Essex Libraries

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The Winter Reading Challenge is back!

This year's challenge is all about the journey of Lyra the penguin. Challengers will help Lyra as she travels around the zoo, asking her animal friends all about how they celebrate the winter season differently around the world.

Children of all ages will need to complete at least 6 of the 12 challenges in our interactive booklet. There are prizes to all who finish, and an extra special prize to those who finish early!

This Challenge runs from 26th November 2022 to 28th January 2023

Sign up to the challenge by visiting any of the Essex Libraries.

Make a Picasso Fortune Teller Tate Collection www.tate.org.uk

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Spanish artist Pablo **Picasso** is one of the most famous artists of the twentieth century. Use this **fortune teller** to discover more about his life and create your own **Picasso**-inspired artwork!

[You can find all you need on this link.](#)

Explore your character traits

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Character traits are the individual qualities or attributes that make up your character, or personality.

Character traits may be positive or negative and are often described using adjectives.

Positive character traits, words such as loyal, honest, ambitious, or friendly.

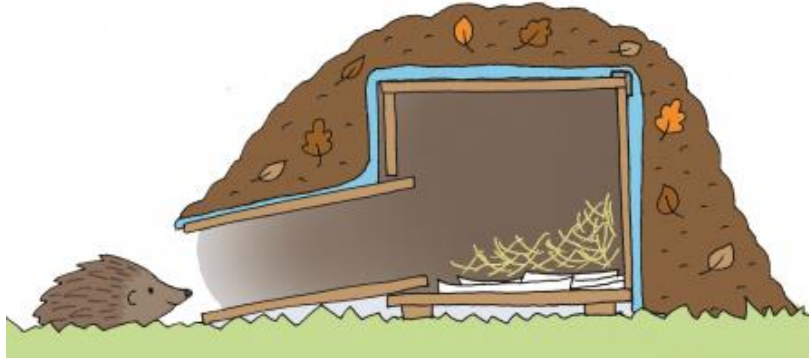
Negative character traits, words such as rude, selfish, arrogant.

1. Make a colourful paper chain and on each link of the chain, write down your positive character traits.
2. Write a list of all the positive character traits that you can think of.

3. Ask your friends or your family whether they can think of other positive character traits that you have.
4. Make a list of the positive character traits that you think your family and friends have.
5. Now think about negative character traits.
6. Write a list of all the negative character traits that you can think of.

Build a Hedgehog Home – Essex Wildlife Trust

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This is such a great way to help the decline in the number of hedgehogs in the UK. The numbers have gone down quickly in recent years. In 1995 there were estimated to be 1.5 million, today there are believed to be less than 500,000.

Hedgehogs need homes, just like humans, and this activity, from the Essex Wildlife Trust, is a great way to encourage them into your garden.

You can read all about it and find everything you need to know [on this link](#).

Weave a Spider Web and then Build a Spider Forestry Commission

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For this challenge we would like you to weave your own spider web. You'll need some wool/string and some twigs. All of the instructions are on the Forestry Commission website, [just follow this link](#).



Once you have your web, design then build your own spider. Let your creative imagination run wild. Will it be a big spider, a funky spider, a happy spider ... the decision is yours.

Pawprint Family – Howard Carter

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In my assembly visits I meet lots of children who have ambitions to become an Archaeologist.

“Archaeology is the study of things that people made, used, and left behind. The goal of archaeology is to understand what people of the past were like and how they lived.

Scientists who study archaeology are called archaeologists. Some archaeological sites, such as ancient cities, are visible on the surface.

Archaeologists find clues about the past. They use a variety of extraction or digging techniques. Equipment like trowels, pickaxes, and even bulldozers help archaeologists coordinate and participate in fieldwork to attempt to unearth artifacts, such as pottery, ancient tools, seeds, or animal bones.” Credit: Twinkl

For this challenge we would like you to complete the Pawprint Family Challenge.



An English archaeologist and an incredible discovery! Famous for his discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings, Howard Carter made history in 1922. His find was ground-breaking.

[You will find all the details on this link](#)