

# Summer Activity Sheet

<p><b>Have a Playday</b></p> <p>National Playday is on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Playdays are about children having fun in any way they like. So get creative and plan an activity you find fun. Write a short plan for what you are going to do to have fun, then add how this went and how it made you feel.</p> <p><b>Value: 2 Credits</b></p>	<p><b>Take Part in the RSPB Big Butterfly count.</b></p> <p>Spend 15 minutes in a sunny spot in the garden or outdoors using the identification key below to help identify as many butterflies as you can. You could add your count to the Big Butterfly count on the RSPB website.</p> <p><b>Value: 2 Credits</b></p>	<p><b>World Photo Day is in August</b></p> <p>Can you take a photograph or find your favourite photograph that features nature or wildlife – plants, animals, insects, streams etc. Then either write about why you choose this image or have a go at drawing the image yourself.</p> <p><b>Value: 2 Credits</b></p>
<p><b>Find out about Insects</b></p> <p>National Mosquito day is in August. Did you know that Mosquito's are attracted to smelly feet, Butterflies eat with their feet and Grasshoppers existed before dinosaurs? Find out 5 more fun but true facts about insects.</p> <p><b>Value: 1 credit</b></p>	<p><b>Words</b></p> <p>How many four letter words can you make from Summer Holiday Activity at Childrens University.</p> <p><b>Value: 1 credit</b></p>	<p><b>Organise and run a Sports Day at Home</b></p> <p>Can you plan a sports day. Choose some activities – for example an egg and spoon race, hurdles with cushions, use a skipping rope, hula hoop, football etc Then run the day, time the events and you could even find prizes for the winners.</p> <p><b>Value: 2 Credits</b></p>
<p><b>Create an Animal Boardgame</b></p> <p>Playing boardgames is a great way to spend time with your family. Can you create and make your own boardgame that is based on animals – you might think about looking at where they live, what they eat and include these in the boardgame.</p> <p><b>Value: 2 Credits</b></p>	<p><b>Flying Ants!</b></p> <p>In July or August each year there is one day when you may notice the ground covered in winged ants. What causes them to swarm? Find out this and two other facts about flying's ants.</p> <p><b>Value: 2 credit</b></p>	<p><b>Can you write with the wrong hand?</b></p> <p>August 13<sup>th</sup> is international left handers day. Can you make up a short poem or story about anything you like. Then try and write it down using the hand you don't usually write with. How hard do you find this?</p> <p><b>Value: 2 credits</b></p>

<p><b>Do some baking</b></p> <p>You could bake some small cakes, chocolate rice krispie cakes or cookies. Then become a food critic and write a few sentences on the taste, texture, smell of the baking and whether you would recommend these.</p> <p><b>Value: 2 Credits</b></p>	<p><b>Discover Minibeasts in your Garden</b></p> <p>You could make a Pitfall Trap – this is a simple container to trap insects and invertebrates.</p> <p>You will need:</p> <p>A clean Yoghurt Pot</p> <p>A Trowel</p> <p>A Tray</p>	<p><b>Make Toilet Roll Animals</b></p> <p>Use cardboard, paint and glue to turn ordinary toilet rolls into colourful animal and insects. Cut out wings or antennae of animals to stick to the toilet rolls and transform them.</p> <p><b>Value: 1 Credit</b></p>
<p><b>Make a Wordsearch</b></p> <p>Think of a topic – it might be a favourite book or television programme. Then see if you can create your own word search or cross word using words from your topic.</p> <p><b>Value: 1 Credit</b></p>	<p>Chose a place on flat ground near to vegetation. Use a trowel to dig a small hole then put the yoghurt pot in the hole. Make sure the top of the pot is level with the ground. Leave overnight or in the day and check in the morning or if in the day every couple of hours. Don't leave it if it may rain and you could add leaves to the bottom of your pot. Check the Trap and empty into a Tray. See if you can identify any of the insects – you may need a magnifying glass and ID card. You could take a photo or draw them. Remember to empty them back carefully into the vegetation and remove your yoghurt pot and fill in the hole afterwards.</p> <p><b>Value: 2 Credits</b></p>	<p><b>Make a Movie</b></p> <p>Think about what kind of film you would like to make.</p> <p>Who are the main characters, what is the story, how does the film end.</p> <p>Then write a script for the film. You might be able to get some help and film your movie. Or could you draw pictures with captions of what the characters are saying.</p> <p><b>Value: 2 Credits</b></p>
<p><b>Carry out some research</b></p> <p>Pick a topic – it might be looking at stars or finding out about a famous person. Then find out more about this topic and write a short report – a few sentences about what you have find out and you could draw a picture too for an extra credit.</p> <p><b>Value: 1 Credit</b></p>		

Collect extra Children’s University credits during the Summer holidays by completing this challenge. You’ll earn credits when you take evidence to your teacher. This could be a photograph, video, worksheet, report etc. If you complete all activities, you will get **FOUR BONUS CREDITS**. Get creative, earn some credits and ENJOY!

We’d love to feature some of your creations on the Staffordshire University CU page! Ask your grown-up to either send pictures to [cu@staffs.ac.uk](mailto:cu@staffs.ac.uk) or post them to our Facebook page.



# BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT

Spend 15 minutes in a sunny spot. Use this chart to note how many of each species you see. Then submit your sightings at [www.bigbutterflycount.org](http://www.bigbutterflycount.org) or download our free app

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<p>Large White <input type="checkbox"/></p>  	<p>Small White <input type="checkbox"/></p>  	<p>Green Veined White <input type="checkbox"/></p>  	<p>Brimstone <input type="checkbox"/></p>  	<p>Marbled White <input type="checkbox"/></p>  
<p>Small Copper <input type="checkbox"/></p>  	<p>Speckled Wood <input type="checkbox"/></p>  	<p>Meadow Brown <input type="checkbox"/></p>  	<p>Ringlet <input type="checkbox"/></p>  	<p>Gatekeeper <input type="checkbox"/></p>  
<p>Comma <input type="checkbox"/></p>  	<p>Painted Lady <input type="checkbox"/></p>  	<p>Peacock <input type="checkbox"/></p>  	<p>Red Admiral <input type="checkbox"/></p>  	<p>Small Tortoiseshell <input type="checkbox"/></p>  
<p>Common Blue <input type="checkbox"/></p>  	<p>Holly Blue <input type="checkbox"/></p>  	<p>Silver Y <input type="checkbox"/></p>  	<p>Six-spot Burnet <input type="checkbox"/></p>  	<p>Don't forget to join us online with <b>#ButterflyCount</b></p>   