

FEBRUARY HALF TERM ACTIVITY SHEET

Get creative!

Design and create your own bookmark. Have a look at the below website to get some ideas. Be as creative as you like!
<https://www.messylittlemonster.com/2023/07/diy-bookmark-ideas-for-kids.html>

Value: 1 credit

National Year of Reading!

2026 is the National Year of Reading: a campaign by the government and supported by the National Literacy Trust. Many of our activities this half term are about reading and writing to encourage a love of reading!

Take part in one of the Story Quest trails if you live in or around Stoke-on-Trent.

Story Quest invites you to read an exciting story whilst exploring a local area. Can you find the answers to certain questions in the story as you explore?

You can find your closest story trail here:

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/communities/stoke/story-quest-locations/>



Value: 2 credits

Get writing!

Think about your favourite book or film character. Can you write a letter to them? You might like to ask them questions, give them advice on something from the story or tell them why you liked the story/film.

Value: 1 credit

Story Jar

On the below page there are three characters, three settings and three objects. Put these in three different jars or bags and have children pick one from each. Can they write a short story using these for inspiration or describe them?

Value: 1 credit

Story Log

Set yourself a challenge to read a little bit every day for half term. You could either write or draw what you've read each day, or keep a note of your favourite word or sentence. Take a look back at the end of the week to see how much you've read!

Value: 1 credit

Design a front cover

Can you design an alternative front cover for your favourite book? Or if you've written your own story you could design a front cover for this!

Think about an image that represents the story and would make someone want to read the book.

Value: 1 credit

Create a reading corner!

Use cushions, blankets, chairs and/or tables to create a cosy reading corner or den! You could even choose to decorate this space with some of your own arts and crafts. Choose to read independently, with siblings or with parents/carers in this space.

Value: 1 credit

Collect extra Children's University credits during the half term 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 7 activities, you will get **TWO BONUS CREDITS**.

Get creative, earn some credits and ENJOY! We'd love to feature some of your creations on the Staffordshire Children's University Facebook page! Ask your grown-up to either send pictures to cu@staffs.ac.uk or post them to our FB page [@StaffsUniCu](https://www.facebook.com/StaffsUniCu)

Characters, settings and objects for the story jar.



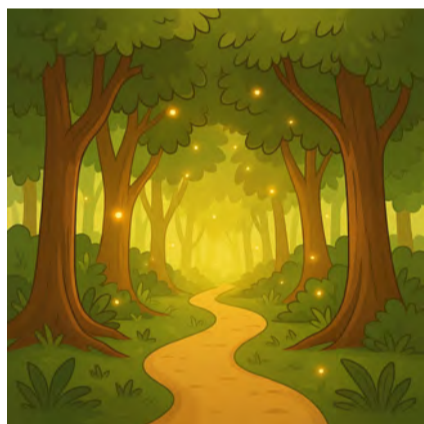
A Curious Child



A Friendly Dragon



A Wise Owl



Enchanted Forest



Town Library



Sunny Beach



Mysterious Key



Talking Book



Magic Torch

Children should pick one character, one setting and one object to create a short story or comic strip. Children can either choose which ones they want or you can put them into jars/bags and children can pick random ones.

Children could also write a short description about each of the images. We'd love to read stories and descriptions. Send them to us at cu@staffs.ac.uk or tag us on Facebook @staffsunicu