

Christmas Orienteering Challenges



Objective

To enjoy orienteering activities with a Christmas theme



Equipment

- Enrich School Orienteering Map
- Orienteering Control Markers



Preparation

- Children could do these activities in pairs or small groups.
- Give each pair an orienteering map, an Activity Sheet and a pen/pencil.
- For 'Christmas Orienteering Challenges' 1 and 2, children should have been introduced to the carol 'Twelve Days of Christmas' before doing the activities.
- Challenge 2 is a more challenging version of Challenge 1. Teachers can select which one they use according to the age/ability of children.



Instructions

Christmas Orienteering Challenges (1 and 2)

- Children use their Enrich School Orienteering Map to find the control points listed on their Activity Sheet.
- They select the numbers from each control marker as indicated on their Activity Sheet and complete the simple sum (e.g. '1st + 3rd number' etc). They record the answer on their Activity Sheet.
- They then use the number they get as the answer to begin one of the lines in the 'Twelve Days of Christmas' poem on their Activity Sheet.
- They have completed the challenge when they have collected a number (2 – 12) from each of the control points listed on their Activity Sheet and used each number at the beginning of a line from the 'Twelve Days of Christmas' poem on their Activity Sheet.

Christmas Orienteering Word Search

- Children use their Enrich School Orienteering Map to find the control points listed on their Activity Sheet.
- Each control point is linked to a 'Christmas' word which has some letters missing. The missing letters are included in the sequence of four letters on the control marker at that control point.
- Children use one or more of the letters from the control marker to complete the word. (Letters can be used more than once.)
- Children continue until they have completed each of the eight Christmas words on their Activity Sheet.



Other information

- Children could try to include each of the 'Christmas words' that they make from their word search within a Christmas story or poem.

