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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 1 – you are doing so well with your home learning – I’m so proud of all of you! Your ‘minibeast hotels’ and ‘healthy eating caterpillars’ are fantastic. I hope that everyone will enjoy their VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Celebrations too.

Here is some work for your child to do whilst our school is closed (11<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.) *Remember, do as much or as little home learning as you can. These are just ideas to help and to give you a focus covering the things we would have done in school. As long as you do something every day, no matter how small it will help.*

I have added new activities to Education City, Active Learn and Code.org.

This week I thought we would start a new topic based around the Children’s picture book, **‘We’re going on a bear hunt!’** by Michael Rosen.

Activities to have a go at this week:

### English

- Practice reading all phase 2-5 phonemes. This week we are focusing on the phonemes ear, air, are - like in bear, hair, care. There are some real and alien words to read on the Phonics Activity Sheet ear/air/are in the Year 1 folder on the school website. You can also watch alphablocks.
- Practice tricky words using the activities on Education City.
- Read or share **‘We’re going on a bear hunt!’** by Michael Rosen. You can watch the author read the story at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogyI6yKDwds>
- Go on your own bear hunt – hide teddies in the garden to find. Give clues using words like on, next to, near, behind etc.
- You can find out about Michael Rosen and watch him perform some of his other stories and poems at <https://www.michaelrosen.co.uk> (One of my favourites is Chocolate cake <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BxQLJITdOOC>)

- Create a drawing or collage story map of 'We're going on a bear hunt,' e.g.,



- Practise forming 'zig-zag monster letters.' (There is a video on the school you tube page with some fun ways to practise handwriting at home.)



### Maths:

This week in **Maths** we would be **working on position and direction.**

- Share the Position and Direction Twinkl Power Point in the Year 1 folder for this week. This introduces left, right, clockwise, anti-clockwise, forward and backward – all the words you need for this topic.
- Complete the Position and Direction homework on Education City or the work sheets in the Year 1 folder.
- Play direction games, e.g. give directions to find something in a room or in the garden or try 'The Robot Game.' (video soon to be on school youtube page.)
- Make up a dance routine moving up, down, left, right, forward, back etc.

## Other activities for this week

### Science:

- Be a 'Plant Detective' and go on a 'plant' hunt in your garden or when you are out doing some exercise. Look at which plants are 'garden plants' (plants people choose to grow in their gardens) and which are 'wild,' (the seed grows where it falls.) See which plants you can name / find on the Science Plants Knowledge Organiser in the folder for this week.
- Look closely at a plant... can you see the roots, stem, leaf, flower, seeds?
- Plant some seeds.

### Computing:

- Have a go on [code.org](http://code.org) – this is all about directions.

### Art:

- Create a 'natural picture' using leaves, twigs, flowers, stones.

### This Week's Challenge:

- Read somewhere different! (maybe under your bed, in the bath, on the trampoline, in a tent or even on the toilet!) Send your pictures in so I can see what reading fun you are having.

Good luck, keep sending in your work to [homelearning@new-swann.leics.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@new-swann.leics.sch.uk) if you want to see it on the facebook page or [Year1@new-swann.leics.sch.uk](mailto:Year1@new-swann.leics.sch.uk) if you just want to show me.

If you have any questions you can email me at [Year1@new-swann.leics.sch.uk](mailto:Year1@new-swann.leics.sch.uk)

Missing you all, keep smiling!

*Mrs Mitchell*